

2023 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

June 7 – October 4, 2023 Bedford Basin Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race, 1. RULES

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Eligible boats are as defined in the Notice of Race 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the windows of the lower-level dining room.
- 3.2 For Wednesday night races, courses, number of starts and the location of the starting line will be posted in the BBYC wardroom in the vicinity of the registration sheets.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race hut windows located above the BBYC lower front deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 There will be no pre-race competitors' meetings for Wednesday racing.
- 5.2 The start flags are described in the following table. The assignment of Classes to their respective starts will be posted in the vicinity of the registration sheets.

Class	Class Flag at Spruce	Class 'Flag' at BBYC Race Hut
First Start	White Flag with Blue-Coloured "A"	Red Banner
Second Start, when used	White Flag with Blue-Coloured "B"	Yellow Banner



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Dinghy One-Design Starts	As Advised At Registration Desk	As Advised At Registration Desk
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5.3 The first warning signal will be at 18:30. The first Wednesday after Labour Day weekend the first warning signal will be at 18:00. Subsequent races, if scheduled, will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.

6. Racing Area

Keelboat racing will take place on the Bedford Basin and Bedford Bay; Dinghy racing will be limited to Bedford Bay (Inner Basin).

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1 Courses will be either pre-defined courses (defined by a course number) from the BBYC course card, courses designed by the Race Officer using marks from the BBYC course card, or courses (such as windward leeward courses) using laid marks, either exclusively or in combinations with marks from the BBYC course card.
- 7.2 Courses will normally be published as a list of rounding marks together with the side on which they are to be left, either in the vicinity of the registration sheets in the BBYC Wardroom or on a whiteboard on the side of the Race Committee signal boat if committee boat starts are offered.
- 7.3 All marks will be as described on the BBYC Course card, typically either small plastic cans of varying colours, or navigational marks. For courses using laid marks, yellow and/ or orange inflatable tetrahedrons will be used.

8. Starting and Finishing Lines

- 8.1 **The starting line** will either be the BBYC 'club line' or at a committee boat, as follows:
 - a) The club line will be an extension of the transit formed by the pink line on the BBYC Race Hut and BBYC Mark 3, with BBYC Mark 4 serving as the outer limit mark.
 - b) The committee boat line will be between the RC Flag staff on the race committee boat and the course side of near-by mark to the port side of the committee boat

The finishing line

a) Absent any specific notice, the finishing line will be the BBYC club line, an extension of the transit formed by the pink line on the BBYC Race Hut and BBYC Mark 3, with BBYC Mark 4 serving as the outer limit mark, but



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b) The race officer may specify a race committee boat finish as part of the posted course definition, in which case the finishing line will be between the RC Flag staff on the race committee boat and the course side of near-by mark.

9. Changing the Course

- 9.1 The race committee may change all legs of a course after a rounding mark by
- a) radio transmission on VHF Channel 71, or
- b) positioning a boat near that mark. The boat will display Code Flag 'C' while making repeated sound signals and will display a whiteboard with a list of rounding marks together with the side on which they are to be left for the remainder of the course.
- **10. Time Limit** Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat to finish in their class will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

11. Protests

Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the BBYC Office (or bar) within 60 minutes after the last boat to finish in the last race of the day. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing but may be held over to a later date.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 For Wednesday Night Race Series I, II and III and overall season series, when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When more than 15 races are completed a boat's score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst (N-15) scores, where N is the number of races in the series. Certain race scores cannot be excluded as stipulated in the RRS.
- 12.4 Fleets will be scored for each series and for the overall season according to the following classes for the purposes of awards:

A Class: PHRF of under 181 sec/nm

B Class: PHRF of 180 sec/nm and over

Dinghy: One Design for their respective boats

13. Communications The RC may broadcast courtesy announcements over VHF channel 71. Failure to accurately receive such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.