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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES**

Bedford Basin Yacht Club

July 14 - September 29

**1. RULES**

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* and by Transport Canada Safety Regulations, TP 511. These instructions are available electronically at <https://bbyc.ca/page-668143>

**2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

Eligible boats (see Notice of Race available online at [bbyc.ca](http://bbyc.ca)) shall register in the Club's Wardroom prior to each race, noting the boat name, sail number, Person-In-Charge and rating, and other information as may be requested from time to time. In the event of mismatched sail numbers, the mainsail number shall be provided and will be used for scoring.

**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. A competitors' meeting for scheduled weekend races or BBYC regattas will be held on the front lower deck of BBYC one hour before the scheduled first warning signal.



- 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag at Spruce</b>	<b>Class 'Flag' at BBYC Race Hut</b>
First Start	White Flag with Blue-Coloured "A"	Red Banner
Second Start, when used	White Flag with Blue-Coloured "B"	Yellow Banner
Dinghy One-Design Starts	As Advised at Registration Desk	As Advised at Registration Desk

- 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:
- The club line will be an extension of the transit formed by the mast on the BBYC Race Hut and BBYC Mark 3, with BBYC Mark 4 serving as the outer limit mark.
  - The committee boat line will be between the RC Flag staff on the race committee boat and the course side of a near-by mark to the port side of the committee boat

### **The finishing line**

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

## **9. Change of Course**

9.1 The race committee may change all legs of a course after a rounding mark by either a radio transmission on VHF Channel 71 or 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**

The time limit for each Wednesday night race will be 2.5 hours and 4 hours for afternoon races for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes for Wednesday night races or 90 minutes for afternoon races, of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish 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 and Series II 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 180 and below  
B Class: PHRF of 181 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.