

# **REEF BOAT CLUB**

## **2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

1.1 Races shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, and these sailing instructions.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 The notice of race will be posted on the notice board inside the clubhouse and/or circulated by email.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be communicated at the race skippers meetings prior to the race.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the lookout on the north break wall.

4.2 The Race committee will communicate with the racing fleet using VHF radio channel 06 and will continue to monitor this channel throughout the race.

4.3 All transmissions between the race committee and competitors will be accomplished at one watt transmission levels

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The racing schedule will be posted on the club notice board and at the club website.

5.2 Make-up days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

5.4 Skippers meetings will take place at the clubhouse at 1145 on the day of the race. The warning signal will be at 1300 unless otherwise directed at the skippers meeting by the race committee.

5.5 If a boat does not have a valid PHRF-LO handicap certificate, the race committee will assign a temporary handicap at its discretion. However, a boat will not be eligible for a prize without a valid certificate.

### **6. THE COURSE**

6.1 The courses will be communicated to the race skippers at the pre-race skippers meeting.

6.2 If a course change becomes necessary after the skippers meeting the race committee will communicate the changes to all racers using the VHF radio on the prescribed channel.

## 7. MARKS

7.1 Marks will be announced at the skippers meeting.

## 8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started using a 5 minute start sequence using the following signals:

### **Signal Visual signal and sound Minutes before start**

- Warning - RBC Flag + 1 sound, 5 min.
- Preparatory - Preparatory flag + 1 sound, 4 min.
- One Minute - Preparatory flag removed + 1, sound 1 min.
- Start - RBC flag removed + 1 sound

8.2 The starting line will be communicated to the race skippers at the pre-race skippers meeting.

8.3 Sound signals may be broadcast over the VHF communication channel.

8.4 The race committee, at their discretion, may choose not to display visual signals.

8.5 The around the end rule (RRS 30.1) will apply to all RBC race starts i.e. no dip starts will be permitted.

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be communicated at the skippers meeting.

9.2 Racers may be asked to record their own finish times and to report them to the race committee chair.

9.3 The last boat to finish may be asked to pick up the finish mark.

## 10. TIME LIMITS

10.1 Generally a time limit of 3 hours will be in effect for all RBC races.

10.2 The race committee reserves the right to change these limits in the interests of safety, fair racing or general satisfaction of the RBC racing fleet.

10.3 Boats failing to finish within time limits will be scored as “Did Not Finish”.

## 11. DIVISIONS

11.1 There shall be two divisions – Non Flying Sails and Flying Sails.

11.2 At least three boats must indicate at the beginning of the season that they wish to enter a given division for it to be constituted.

## 12. SCORING

12.1 Boats will be scored separately by division for each race using the club handicap with time-on-time correction factors.

## 13. PROTESTS

13.1 Protests will be heard by the race committee chair and two other RBC members immediately following the race in question.

## 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 Skippers will register their boats for the race at the pre-race skippers meeting.

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14.3 Every boat shall carry at least the minimum safety equipment as described in the Canadian Coast Guard's Safe Boating Guide. The appropriate equipment shall be on board, in working order, and ready to use at all times.

14.4 All persons on board a racing boat shall wear life jackets at the start of the race. Afterwards, life jackets shall be worn at the discretion of the skipper.

## 15. PRIZES

15.1 Position flags will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for single races. If there are fewer than 4 boats entered in a division during the series, only a 1st place flag will be awarded.

15.2 Only boats with valid PHRF-LO certificates will be eligible for prizes.

15.3 The winner of the club series will be determined by the boat having the lowest score in 7 out of 10 races when both divisions are scored together.

15.4 Winners of races designated as cup races will be awarded the trophy at the Annual General Meeting.

## 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 17. INSURANCE

17.1 All boats competing in RBC races will carry minimum third party liability insurance as per Meaford Harbour docking regulations.