

**WILSON HARBOR YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
2012 TUESDAY EVENING RACING
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

RULES

Boats shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 'The Racing Rules Of Sailing' (RRS).

ENTRIES

All monohull keelboats racing with no flying sails (i.e. main and jib only) are eligible to race.

To register for racing, each boat shall either:

1. Submit a current PHRF-Lake Ontario Handicap Certificate to the handicapper before the first race in which that boat races, or
2. Contact the handicapper to obtain a provisional rating before the first race in which that boat races.

All boats shall race as a single class.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the WHYRA web site (www.whyra.org).

RACE COMMITTEE

Races will be sailed without a Race Committee. The lowest PHRF (fastest) boat (or other boat by general agreement) will serve as signal boat and perform the following duties:

1. Place orange sphere (if available) to mark inshore end of starting line
2. Choose course and communicate course to all other competitors
3. Perform start sequence as described below
4. Retrieve orange sphere after race

SAFETY

All participants who are not below decks must wear approved PFDs when starting. This modifies RRS 40.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at or near the TYC gas dock.

When a race has been postponed by a signal made ashore, a warning signal will be made not less than twenty minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing will take place on each Tuesday prior to a Thursday for which there is a regularly scheduled WHYRA race. The WHYRA schedule is posted at www.whyra.org, The first start time (ST) for all regularly scheduled races is 7:00pm.

RACING AREA

The WHYRA race area shall be as per the diagram available on the WHYRA web site (www.whyra.org).

COURSES AND MARKS

All courses shall be three leg triangles. Course diagrams are posted on the WHYRA web site (www.whyra.org).

All marks shall be white, orange or green spars topped by an inverted bucket. The inshore end of the start line shall be an orange sphere (if available).

STARTING AND FINISHING

A staggered start will be used. The signal boat shall signal a three minute start sequence as below. Boats shall start at a time interval after the start signal as indicated on the scratch sheet posted on the WHYRA web site (www.whyra.org). This modifies RRS 26.

Starting Sequence
Example times are for a 7:00pm start time (ST)

<i>Nominal Time</i>	<i>Example Time</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before start</i>
ST-3 min.	6:57pm	WARNING	3 sounds	3
ST-2 min.	6:58pm	PREPARATORY	2 sounds	2
ST-1 min.	6:59pm	One minute	1 sound	1
ST	7:00pm	START (each boat may start after the time interval indicated on the scratch sheet has elapsed from this point in time)	1 long sound	0

If no signal boat is available, starts will be based on GPS time.

The scratch sheet times are intended to correct fully for each boat's handicap. They shall be computed using the PHRF-Lake Ontario (and provisional) ratings using the time-on-distance method. No other correction to time or finish order will be computed.

The starting and finishing lines shall be between the orange sphere (if available) and the top center of the starting/finishing mark, or, if no orange sphere is available, as near the starting/finishing mark as reasonably possible.

ABANDONMENT

Abandoned races shall not be restarted, nor made up.

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MISSING MARKS

If the signal boat is not aware of a missing mark before the start, and it becomes apparent during the race that a mark is missing, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies RRS 34.

TIME LIMIT

The first boat must finish within two (2) hours of the start time or the race is abandoned.

The first boat must round the first mark within one (1) hour of the start time or the race is abandoned.

PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF RRS PART 2

The Two Turns Penalty specified in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is modified to be one turn, including one tack and one gybe.

PROTESTS

Boats intending to protest shall inform the signal boat of the sail numbers and/or boat names of the boats to be protested via hail or VHF channel 68 before leaving the course area, or if that is impossible, insure that the signal boat is informed after it arrives ashore.

SCORING

Each race shall be scored separately. Boats shall be scored by finish order. Each boat is responsible for recording its own finish. Boats should also, if possible, note the identity of those boats finishing immediately before and after her.