

Grand Bend Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

February 28, 2009

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 will apply.

1.3 The prescriptions of the CYA will apply.

1.4 Class rules will apply except as altered by these instructions.

1.5 These sailing instructions replace any previous or undated versions.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Club sanctioned racing is open to all Full and Associate Members in good standing of the Grand Bend Yacht Club.

2.2 Class is PHRF.

2.3 All boats must provide a valid and current measurement class certificate to the Race Committee or be registered in good standing with the LHYA for the current race year. If a valid certificate has not been provided, the race committee will assign an estimated rating and impose an additional 10 second penalty.

Certificates will not be accepted once the first race of a regatta or series has been started and the rating currently assigned will be used to score that series or regatta.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Grand Bend Yacht Club clubhouse. The Official Notice Board is attached to the East railing of the deck surrounding the clubhouse facing Easterly and able to be read from the main dock. Notices may also be posted on the GBYC website, but in case of a discrepancy the official notice board will be considered correct.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Grand Bend Yacht Club clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in race signal AP.'

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled as indicated in Appendix 1 (attached), which also indicates the number of races in each series.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 13:00.

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

Classes, divisions and flags will be:

Class Flag Class Definition

Division I 1 Yachts with valid LHYA PHRF (180 or under)

Division II 2 Yachts with valid LHYA PHRF (181 and over)

Division III 3 Yachts with valid LHYA PHRF (195 or under)

not using a spinnaker

Division IV 4 Yachts with valid LHYA PHRF (196 and over)

not using a spinnaker

8 RACING AREAS

Appendix 2 (attached) shows the layout of the racing course and marks. The middle mark “M” is located approximately 1.2 miles from the Grand Bend Harbour entrance on a bearing of 323 Magnetic.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 Appendix 3 (attached) show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the approximate length. This may be overruled by a hand out.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the corresponding code flag displayed by the committee boat. Course changes will be signaled no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal.

9.3 For Pier starts, the code flag “L” will be displayed ashore together with the code flag corresponding to the course to be sailed or as instructed at the Skippers Meeting at least 45 minutes prior to the next warning signal.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be orange, plastic spar buoys painted with letter code identification corresponding to the diagram in Appendix 2.

10.2 Missing marks will be replaced by a yellow inflatable pyramid mark, or such other temporary mark as designated by the Race Committee at a Skipper’s Meeting or on the Official Notice Board.

10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the committee boat and the mark “M”. Alternatively, for Pier start and finishes, the marks will be the mark “P” and the starter flag pole on the south pier of the Grand Bend Harbour entrance.

11 THE START

11.1 Starting sounds on VHF channel 06 will be given in combination with visual signals for pier starts, and may be given for mark “M” starts.

11.2 The starting line will be between mark “M” at the port end and the RC flag on the committee boat at the starboard end. Alternatively, for Pier starts the starting line will be between the mark “P” and the starter flag on the south pier of the Grand Bend Harbour entrance.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as one half the length of the start line to either side and one length of the start line to leeward. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

A boat that crosses the start line or is above the start line before the starting signal will be notified by the individual recall or X flag. The race committee may when feasible notify the boats involved by hailing on the identified VHF channel but responsibility remains with the crew to identify themselves when the flag is raised and remedy their situation.

In the event of a General Recall the First Substitute flag shall be displayed and the race shall be abandoned. The remaining fleets shall continue in their proper sequence and the general recalled fleet will be restarted following all other starts.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mark “P” and the “RC” flag on the south pier of the Grand Bend Harbour entrance. If the committee boat is on station at any mark on the course and displaying the “RC” flag, then the finish line is between the committee boat and that mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

13.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

The time limit is 2 hours; all other races have a time limit of 1-1/2 hours.

14.2 For round the buoy races, boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

This changes rules 35 and A4.1. For long distance races, boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF unless they record their finishing time and report it to the official starter.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Grand Bend Yacht Club clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2 but in no way alters the requirements of 61.1.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b). A list of boats that, under instruction 13.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit. For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the ‘authority responsible’ is the measurer appointed by the CYA.

Breaches of instructions 11.3, 13.1 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

If after rule A8.1 a tie still remains between two or more boats, both receive that placing and the next position will be omitted. **Note: This changes rule A8.2**

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

VHF channel 06 may be used by the race committee during the course of a race for hailing or communications. In the event an alternate channel will be used all boats shall be advised at the pre race meeting or by hailing all racing fleets on Channel 06 and advising of the alternate channel.

20 PRIZES

Prizes for each series and class champions will be awarded at the Fall Banquet. Division champions will be determined by counting all of the following 4 series:

Victoria Regatta

Spring Series

Labour Day Regatta

Fall Series

The Offshore Series consists of 3 races out of the following 4 and a winner will be a determined in each class for all 4 races. **Note: there will be a throw out in this series.**

Port Franks #1 and #2

Grand Bend 30

Givens Race, Bayfield to Goderich. (these rules do not apply to Grand Bend 30 and the Givens) They will, count however in the offshore series.

20.1 An overall Boat of The Year will be determined by counting all 5 series across all classes using the Cox-Sprague scoring system.

Awards will be given as follows:

3 flags for a fleet with 4 or more boats.

2 flags for a fleet with 3 boats.

1 flag for a fleet with 2 boats.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

Appendix 1: