

Bronte Rocks

15th Annual Regatta

Labour Day Weekend

August 30th & August 31st 2014

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 In case of discrepancies between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules for one design classes will apply. Rules for handicap racing are PHRF-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) for PHRF and IRC Parts A, B and C respectively. IRC rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.

2 Entries

- 2.1 Monohull boats competing (except those in the "Cruising Fleet", or One Design Divisions) must hold a valid PHRF-LO certificate, or a valid IRC Certificate, or a temporary certificate issued by the Chief Measurer of the International IRC Owners Association, Lake Ontario Fleet.
- 2.2 Multihull boats are encouraged to obtain a PHRF rating from the Great Lakes Multihull Racing association (GLMRA - <http://www.lake-eriemultihull.com/GLMRA%20rating%20app.pdf>)
- 2.3 Multihull boats that do not have a GLMRA PHRF certificate and Cruising Fleet boats without a PHRF-LO certificate will be assigned ratings by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.4 All boats must have valid insurance with a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability coverage.
- 2.5 Boats will be provided a set of bow numbers which must be displayed throughout the regatta, at the bow as close to the stem as possible, below the shear line without interfering with license numbers and/or navigation lights.
- 2.6 Single-handed sailing is prohibited.
- 2.7 The organizing authority has the right to deny entry to any yacht or competitor.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board located outside the south-west corner of the Clubhouse.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000h on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100h. No more than three races per day will be sailed to a maximum of five races for the regatta.
- 6.2 The warning signal for any succeeding races each day will be made as soon as practicable following the completion of the preceding race. If a delay of more than five minutes between races is required, the postponement signal (AP) may be displayed.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500h on Saturday or 1430 on Sunday.

7 Competitors' Meeting

- 7.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday, August 30th, in the regatta tent south of the clubhouse.

8 Backstay Flags

- 8.1 Backstay flags will be:

Class	Flag
Non-flying sails 1	White
Non-flying sails 2	Blue
Non-flying sails 3	Yellow
IRC 1	White
IRC 2	Blue
Flying sails 1	Black
Flying sails 2	Green
Flying sails 3	Orange
One-Design/Level	not required
Cruising fleet	not required
Multihull fleet	not required

9 Racing Area

- 9.1 The racing will be held on two courses with the **Alpha course** approximately 1.5 nm south of the lighthouse and the **Bravo course** approximately 2 nm east of the lighthouse.

10 The Courses

- 10.1 Attachment "A" shows the course layouts including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 All races on Alpha course will be Course A with the bearing to mark 1a posted on the starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 10.3 IRC1, FS3 and Multihull boats may not pass between Mark 1a and Offset a, at any time.
- 10.4 On Bravo course, the course letter ('B' or 'C') and approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be displayed on the transom of the Committee Boat.
- 10.5 Boats in the Cruising Fleet will complete one lap of the course as per the instructions in Attachment A (Bravo Course)

11 Marks

- 11.1 Starting and finishing lines will be between the race committee boat staff displaying an orange flag and an orange tetrahedron.
- 11.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1 will be yellow or orange tetrahedrons encircled by a black band.

12 Checking In

- 12.1 Before the first warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the committee boat, hail her bow number, and be acknowledged by a member of the race committee. A boat failing to do so may be subject to protest by the RC.

The Start

- 12.2 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 12.3 The starting order will be as follows:

SUBJECT TO CHANGE – FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AT SKIPPERS' MEETING

Alpha Course

<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Class</i>
Code Flag 1	Start 1	Multihull
Code Flag 2	Start 2	IRC 1 & Flying Sails 3
Code Flag 3	Start 3	IRC 2 & C&C99
Code Flag 4	Start 4	S2 9.1 & C&C33 MKII
Code Flag 5	Start 5	Flying Sails 2

Bravo Course

<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Class</i>
Code Flag 1	Start 1	Non Flying Sails 1 & Flying Sails 1
Code Flag 2	Start 2	Non Flying Sails 2 & Non Flying Sails 3
Code Flag 3	Start 3	Sharks
Code Flag 4	Start 4	Cruising
Code Flag 5	Start 5	

- 12.4 The starting line will be between the race committee boat staff displaying an orange flag and an orange tetrahedron leaving the Committee Boat to starboard.
- 12.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the preparatory signal of another class.
- 12.6 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1 and A5.

13 Changing of the Position of the Next Mark

- 13.1 A change of position of a mark will be signaled in accordance with rule 33. If, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 13.2 On Course A, (Alpha Course) if the windward marks 1a & offset a are changed they will be replaced by a single mark, and if the windward marks 1b & offset b are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.
- 13.3 On Course B (Bravo Course), if the windward marks 1 & offset are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange tetrahedron.
- 14.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats will finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (elapsed time) after the first boat in its class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes of the first start, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Committee Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat for the course docks after the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, as directed at the Protest Committee Desk
- 16.4 Mediation - For protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31, a mediation hearing of not more than 10 minutes may be held prior to a protest hearing. A mediation hearing will not be held if there has been contact that could have caused serious damage or injury. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator. No witnesses will be permitted.

The mediator will decide whether:

(a) One or both boats broke a rule. The representative of a boat that broke a rule has the option of accepting a scoring penalty or having the protest heard by the protest committee. If the penalty is accepted, the mediator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.

or

(b) Neither boat broke a rule. If the representatives agree, the mediator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1. If either representative disagrees, the protest goes to the protest committee for a hearing.

or

(c) The protest should be referred to the protest committee for a hearing.

When a protest is withdrawn, it will not be reopened or made the subject of a request for redress.

- 16.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Scoring for boats in the PHRF and IRC fleets will be by finish times as corrected according to the “time on time multipliers” as provided by PHRF-LO and IRC.
- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply, modified so that each boat’s series score will be the total of her scores for each race, with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed. This changes rule A4.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the course before completing the final race of the day, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Haul-out Restrictions

- 19.1 A boat shall not be hauled out after the warning signal for its first race and before the completion of the regatta without the written permission of the race committee.

20 Prizes

- 20.1 Flags will be awarded to the winners of each class and to the overall winners of each division.
- 20.2 Flags and other prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1 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.

22 Insurance

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000.00 per event.

23 Radio Communication

- 23.1 Alpha Course VHF channel 71
Bravo Course VHF channel 72.

ATTACHMENT A

Course A : Alpha Course Only Windward-Leeward Course with Gate

ALL CLASSES EXCEPT IRC 1, FS 3 and Multihull

Start – 1a – offset a – 2s/2p – 1a – offset a – Finish

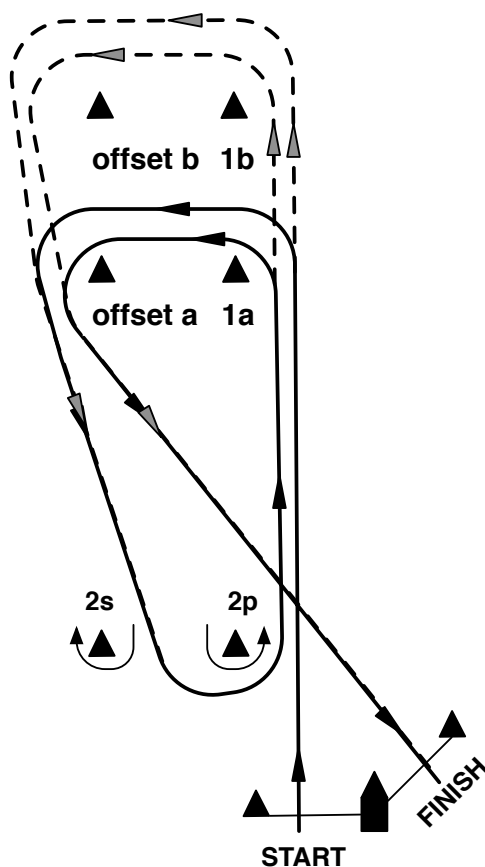
IRC 1, FS 3 and Multihull

Start – 1b – offset b – 2s/2p – 1b – offset b – Finish

NOTE 1: Mark 1a, offset a, 1b and offset b are to be left to port.

NOTE 2: Leeward marks are a gate. Pass between the marks 2p and 2s from the direction of the last mark. Marks 2s and 2p are not marks of the course on the first leg or the finishing leg.

NOTE 3: IRC 1, FS 3 and Multihull boats shall not pass between Mark 1a and offset a at any time.



Course B : Bravo Course Only Windward-Leeward Course

ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT CRUISING

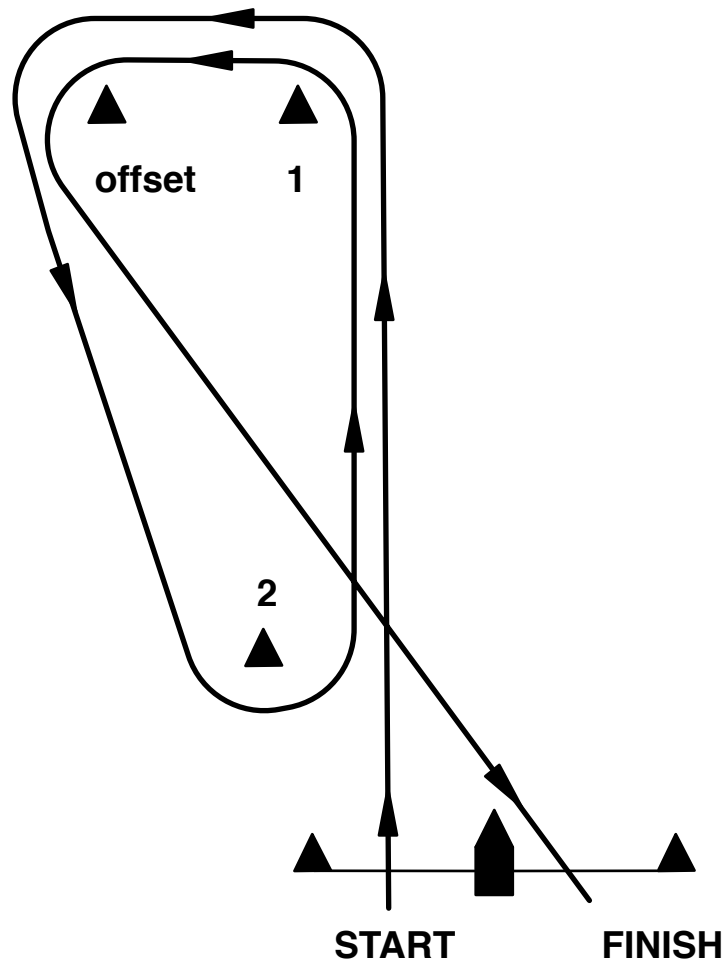
Start – 1 – offset – 2 – 1 – offset – Finish

CRUISING FLEET ONLY

Start – 1 – offset – Finish

Mark 2 is not a mark of the course for the final leg,

NOTE: All marks are to be left to port



Course C : Bravo Course Only Windward-Leeward-Triangle Course

ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT CRUISING

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish

CRUISING FLEET ONLY

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Mark 3 is not a mark of the course for the final leg,

NOTE: All marks are to be left to port

