



**2015 Toronto Area Hospice Regatta
National Yacht Club
Toronto, Ontario
June 13-14, 2015**

Sailing Instructions



The Organizing Authority for this event is the Toronto Area Hospice Regatta Committee and the National Yacht Club (NYC).

[DP] denotes a rule for which a penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee (see SI 15)

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and a copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Chart Room.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NYC flagpole directly to the west of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Warning Signal for the first race each day is at 1030.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAGS / STARTING ORDER

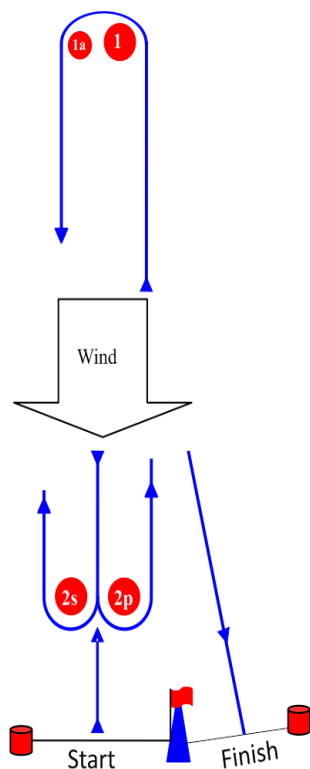
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Numeral #1	Melges 24
Numeral #2	Melges 20
Numeral #3	J80
Numeral #4	Beneteau 36.7

7. RACING AREA

The starting area will be located on a bearing of approximately 210 magnetic, 1.6nm from the entrance to NYC.

8. THE COURSE

The diagram shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course to be sailed will be as follows: Start – 1 - 1a – 2s/2p – 1- 1a – Finish. The Melges 20 & 24 will have a shorter course then the J80 and Beneteau 36.7.



9. MARKS

9.1 Except as provided in the SI 9.2 marks will be as follows:

Start Mark	All	Yellow inflatable
Windward & Offset Marks	Melges 20 & 24	Green Inflatables
Windward & Offset Marks	J80 & Beneteau36.7	Orange Inflatables
Gate Marks	All	Orange Inflatable
Finish Mark	All	Yellow inflatable

9.2 Change marks in accordance with SI 11.1 will be as follows:

Melges 20 & 24	Red inflatable
J80 & Beneteau 36.7	Yellow inflatables

10. THE START

- 10.1 At the starting line the Race Committee (R/C) may place a Distance Mark adjacent to the Committee Boat. Boats shall not pass between the Distance Mark and the Committee boat. The Distance Mark is not a mark of the course.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the Start Mark and the Staff displaying the orange flag on the R/C boat.
- 10.3 When the Code Flag “L” is displayed, boats are required to check in with the R/C.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the R/C will lay new marks and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 In the event of the next leg of the course mark 1a is not laid. All divisions shall round the new mark 1 leaving it to port.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the R/C boat and the finish mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply to this regatta with regards to penalties taken on the water.
- 13.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a scoring penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in 44.3(c) equal to 30% of the number of entries in her class or 40% of the difference between her finishing positions and the number of entries in her class, whichever is less. However, if she causes injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The mark 1 time limit will be 30 minutes. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the start of the race will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A5.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their division finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the TAHR protest desk in the chart room, located on the ground floor of the National Yacht Club. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 Protests shall be lodged in writing at the TAHR protest desk within one hour of: a) the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day on the protesting boat's course, or b) expiry of the time limit if that terminated the last race of the day, or c) abandonment of racing for the day on the protesting boat's course, whichever is applicable.
- 15.3 Notice will be posted no later than 30 minutes after 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 room, located in the boardroom of the National Yacht Club, immediately thereafter.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 60.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, and 20 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.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing request for reopening of a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day: (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.7 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.

16. SCORING

Each boat's total score will be the sum of score for all races. One (1) race will constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 17.1 Boats shall check in and receive acknowledgement from the race committee before the first race of the day, or before returning to the race area if the boat has left for repair or any other reason.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]

- 20.1 All boats must be in the water from 0900 Saturday June 13 until the conclusion of the regatta, unless specific prior permission, in writing, is obtained from the race committee.
- 20.2 Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

21. RADIO

The race committee will be monitoring VHF channel 72.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Daily prizes and series prizes will be awarded by class.
- 22.2 An award will be made to the boat that, in the opinion of the TAHR Organizing Authority, had the best overall performance during the 2015 Toronto Area Hospice Regatta.

23. 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.

24. INSURANCE [DP]

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid-third party liability insurance.