



# **DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB**

## **CONVOY CUP OCEAN RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sept 8, 9, 10, 2017

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, and the Notice of Race except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. Dartmouth Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) and Jury will have final authority on all matters.

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

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Club House prior to start.

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

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the Skipper's Meeting.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**Schedule:** Races will commence on Saturday

1800 - 2000	Friday	Registration and check in & Skipper's Discussion
0830 - 0930	Saturday	Late Registration and check in
1100	Saturday	Warning signal for ocean race (at the HMS Sackville)
1200	Saturday	Skippers meeting DYC Basin Race (at DYC)
1300	Saturday	Warning signal DYC Basin race
1200	Sunday	Sailpast captains meeting (at DYC)
1430	Sunday	Sailpast assembly - Halifax Harbour
1500	Sunday	Sailpast off HMCS Sackville with Veterans onboard
1530	Sunday	Wreath Laying - Sackville Landing for Canada & Norway
1700	Sunday	Reception for Veterans , and guests at DYC followed by Awards for Ocean and Basin Racers Award presentation Ocean Race, Basin Race and Sailpast participates.

### **5. MARKS to Honour**

5.1. Navigation marks Pleasant Shoal (H19), Ives Knoll West (H22) and Ives Knoll North (HT2) shall be honoured in a customary manner both when leaving and entering Halifax Harbour.

5.2. The area known as the Sambro Ledges as defined by the lines on a chart connecting navigation aids Ketch Harbour (HE19), Sisters (HD3), Sambro Harbour (HS), Smithson Rock (HE2), Thrumcap Rock (HE3) shall be considered out of bounds. Any yacht found to have entered this area shall be disqualified from the race.

## 6. THE COURSE

- 6.1. The course shall be posted at the skippers meeting.  
Start at HMS Sackville  
HB (Halifax Bravo) Starboard  
HE2 Starboard  
AP 50 (Off Betty Island) Starboard  
AT (Castle Dover) Starboard  
Turning mark Port around E 50 (Cross Island) Port

E50 (Cross Island) (*NOVA SCOTIA, SOUTHEAST COASTS 434 Cross Island light and whistle buoy E50 Lat 44 17 28.9 Long 64 11 01.3 Fl R 4s ..... Red, marked "Cross Island E50". Year round. Chart:4328*)

HN6 (Thrumcap light) Port  
Finish with HK5 (SE Middle Ground buoy) on Starboard

\*\*Note a shortened course could be announced via radio/cell phone (text) at any of the above marks during the race.

- 6.2. Shortened Finish Line (take times) : In the event of a shortened finish line, The finish line could be shortened at either location boats are instructed to record finish times via cell phone at the following locations and submit to RC via text or email after arrival.

- HB (Halifax Bravo light and whistle buoy LL #509.5, Lat. 44°26'37" N., Lon. 63°27'33" W) or
- HN6 (Thrumcap light and bell buoy LL#520, Lat. 44°33'49.3" N., Lon. 63°30'11.6" W)

## 7. THE START

- 7.1. Race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 1 minute before the 5 minute starting signal.
- 7.2. The Start line will be between the RC Flag staff on the Stern of the HMCS Sackville and a floating mark.
- 7.3. All classes will start together under code flag Alpha.
- 7.4. Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule will be in effect.

## 8. POSITION REPORT PRIOR TO FINISHING

- 8.1 For the accurate recording of finishing times, yachts are required to call the Race Committee by cellular phone, to report when rounding HN6 (Thrumcap light and bell buoy LL#520, Lat. 44°33'49.3" N., Lon. 63°30'11.6" W).

The number at which the race committee can be contacted will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting. Primary number (RC cell number 902-xxx-xxxx ) secondary number if primary not available (902-xxx-xxxx)

8.2 In addition to the call, a position report sheet should be filled out with your GPS times and filed with the race committee before 13:00 Sunday :

8.2.1 **Ocean Race:**

- HN6 (Thrumcap light and bell buoy LL#520, Lat. 44°33'49.3" N., Lon. 63°30'11.6" W) (1<sup>st</sup> call to RC to notify of approach and time)
- HK5 (SE Middle Ground buoy LL# 525.2, Lat. 44°36'11.3 N., Lon. 63°32'33.6" W) (2<sup>nd</sup> call to RC to record finish time)

8.3 If the Race Committee is on station then upon crossing the finish line each yacht shall identify herself to the committee boat and should make every effort to illuminate distinguishing code flags and sail numbers.

8.4 If the Race Committee is on station and has recorded the finish time, the official time will be that taken by the Race Committee.

8.5 If the Race Committee is NOT ON STATION, each boat will record the time (as per GPS time and call time of finish to primary number (RC cell number 902- xxx-xxxx) secondary number if primary not available (902-xxx-xxxx))

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1 If the Race Committee is on station: The race shall finish at a line between HK5 (SE Middle Ground buoy) and the RC flag on the Race Committee boat. (KEEP HK5 to port when finishing)

9.2 If RC is not on station race: The finish will be as the boat nose is in line with HK5 (SE Middle Ground) and H16 Buoy (KEEP HK5 to port when finishing)– take your time via GPS time and call RC cell phone number.

## 10. TIME LIMITS

10.1. Time limits are as follows:

Ocean Race - Sunday, 1200 hours.

10.2. Race Committee displays N over A (racing done for the day.)

## 11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1. Protest forms are available at the office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

11.2. For each class, the protest time limit is (1 hour for Ocean Race and 30 min for Basin series) after the last race boats finish time. This alters RRS 61.3.

## 12. SCORING

12.1. The scoring system is as follows: Low point system.

## 13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

## **14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 14.1. All yachts shall be equipped as per Transport Canada small vessel regulations.
- 14.2. Equipment for Ocean Race: In Addition, the following shall be carried:
  1. Jacklines that meet the requirements of ORC Category 3,
  2. Safety harnesses available for all crew members on deck after dark,
  3. Parts to facilitate repairs to rigging and/or vessel if necessary,
  4. Sufficient stores of food and water for up to two days
  5. A primary (and if available secondary) cell phone number should be provided at the time of registration - that the skipper will have on board and will be monitored from time to time during the race.
  6. If a vessel is equipped with an “AIS” system they will be ask to provide that information at the time of registration.

**All boats entering the Ocean Race must be inspected to prior to the start.**

**For boat courtesy inspection contact:**

Mary at [ridgewm@eastlink.ca](mailto:ridgewm@eastlink.ca) or Brian Smith at [bsmith@smithevans.ns.ca](mailto:bsmith@smithevans.ns.ca)

Don't delay contact them earlier to arrange a courtesy inspection.

## **15. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 15.1. Official committee boat will be marked as follows: RC Flag.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. Prior to the start all yachts will check into the starting area using VHF channel 68. (Informing RC of Number of crew onboard)
- 16.2. During the start communications between the racing fleet and the race committee will be VHF channel 68. Neither failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast nor failure of the yacht to receive a broadcast will be grounds for redress.
- 16.3. Each yacht will maintain a continuous watch on VHF channel 16, 14 or 12, as required, from 10 minutes after her start until the end of the race.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1. 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.

## **18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

**POSITION REPORT:**

**Vessel:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mark #	Mark	Position	GPS Time
	HB (Halifax Bravo light and whistle buoy LL #509.5)	Lat. 44°26'37" N., Lon. 63°27'33" W	Not Required
1 Call & Record	HN6 (Thrumcap light and bell buoy LL#520)	Lat. 44°33'49.3" N., Lon. 63°30'11.6" W	
2 Call & Record	HK5( SE Middle Ground buoy LL# 525.2)	Lat. 44°36'11.3" N., Lon. 63°32'33.6" W	

