

**Royal Hamilton Yacht Club**  
**Bill Cheek Memorial Regatta 2016**

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016; the PHRF Rules or the Class Rules of any one design classes; the Notice of Race; and by the Sailing Instructions, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The regatta is designated Category "C" under RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.3.2(b).

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Evergreen Patio at RHYC.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race committee signal boat at the dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

One race is scheduled.

**6 SKIPPERS' MEETING**

There will be a skippers' meeting at 1200 on Saturday, October 8th, 2016 in the Evergreen Lounge at RHYC.

**7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Hamilton Harbour. Attachment I shows the location and identification number of the fixed marks in the racing area, as well as areas designated out of bounds.
- 7.2 All mooring areas in the racing area are out of bounds while racing and are obstructions.

**8 THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be announced at the Skippers' meeting.

**9 MARKS**

Fixed marks have yellow buckets on top except marks # 5 and # 12, which are navigational marks. The identification number of the fixed mark is displayed on the bucket.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal is 1325. The class flag will be numeral pennant 1. The first boat(s) will be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The starting times for other boats will be as stated in Attachment II, which will be distributed at the skippers' meeting.

10.2 In the unlikely event of a Postponement being signaled by the RC Signal boat, the published start times will be delayed 5 minutes, and any subsequent postponements will be in increments of 5 minutes. The RC Signal boat will advise on Channel 72 in such an event.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee signal boat and mark #1.

10.4 Boats shall avoid the starting area until 3 minutes before their starting time.

10.5 Rule 29.2 is changed so that when flag X is displayed, it will be displayed for 30 seconds after the starting time of boats that must comply with rule 29.1 or 30.1.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

11.2 The finishing mark will be a yellow drop mark.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish by 1730 will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms are available at RHYC. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

13.3 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.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

13.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3 and 15 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.

13.6: Requests for redress shall be made in writing within the protest time limit or within 20 minutes of the relevant incident, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.

13.7: A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

## **14 SCORING**

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

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 The race committee may make broadcasts of interest to competitors on VHF channel 72. These courtesy broadcasts may include countdowns to starting times. The failure of a boat to hear such broadcasts will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **17 PRIZES**

Turkeys will be awarded to the first 3 boats in each fleet to sail the course and finish. Chickens will be awarded to all other boats sailing the course and finishing.

## **18 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.

## **19 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT I

HAMILTON HARBOUR RACING MARKS 2016

