

2024 SLSC Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions

1.1. The Wednesday Night Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.

1.2. Every boat shall display on the port and starboard side of her bow an approved two-digit bow number. This changes rule 77.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level entrance to the Marina Bay Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flag staff.

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board and on the club website.

5.2. The intent of the Race Committee is to complete a race of about one hours duration every Wednesday when conditions permit. This does not prohibit a second race if conditions permit.

5.3. The scheduled time of the start signal for the first race of each day is 1900 hours.

5.4. At the conclusion of the first race, the AP flag will be displayed.

One minute after the drop of the AP the warning signal will be made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Numeral pennants will be used as class flags to designate fleets for the purpose of starting, shortening course and any other fleet dependent signals.

6.2. When no pennants are displayed the signals will apply to all divisions.

6.3. Numeral pennants will identify fleets as:

Pennant 1: Division 1 - PHRF 174 & less;

Pennant 2: Division 2 - PHRF 175 & greater;

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted in the south-east area of Sylvan Lake.

8. THE COURSES

See the diagrams below in "Appendix A: Courses" for course definitions/options. The course number displayed by the committee boat pertains to Division 1 and 2.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2. Division 1 boats will round Mark 1A as their windward mark, Divisions 2 and 3 will round Mark 1B as their windward mark.

9.3. Change Mark will be as provided in instruction 12.0. The new mark will apply to both Mark 1A and Mark 1B.

9.4. The starting and finishing marks will be an orange buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 All roped off swim areas, docks, shorelines, and shallow areas are obstructions.

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11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The starting line will be between an orange staff on the signal boat at the starboard end of the start line and an orange buoy on the port end of the start line; the start line is not an obstruction.

11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing and shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. This changes Rule A5.1.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE and SHORTENING COURSE or ABANDONING RACE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 If a change mark is required for the weather marks, it shall be a single change mark for both 1A and 1B and will be a red buoy. All fleets will round this change mark.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between an orange staff on the signal boat at the port end of the finish line and an orange buoy on the starboard end of the finish line.

13.2. On Course Finish (OCF). After approximately 85% of the boats have finished a race, the Race Committee may award a finishing place to boats that may be unduly delaying the next start and notify them on VHF 09. Boats so finished will not be scored ahead of boats sailing the full course. This will not be grounds for redress, however scoring inquiries will be considered. Affected boats are asked to return to the start area without impeding starting fleets.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes Rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMIT & TARGET TIMES

15.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 (A or B) within the Mark 1 (A or B) time limit the race will be abandoned.

Time limits and target times are as follows:

Fleet: All Divisions

Time Limit: 120 minutes

Mark 1A & 1B Time Limit: 30 minutes (for first rounding)

Target Time for race completion: 45 - 60 minutes

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. A protest flag must be flown by the protesting boat for the protest to be valid.

16.2. Protest forms can be obtained from the Club Race Officer.

16.3. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee in writing within 30 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

16.4. Competitors and witnesses will be informed verbally or by notice where and when the hearing, if any, will be held.

16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.6. Breaches of instructions 10, 17, 19 and 27 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.

16.7. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

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17. SCORING

17.1. Scoring is calculated using the rules of PHRF as adopted by the SLSC (PHRF-SL).

17.2. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. The 'low point' scoring system using *RRS Appendix A* will apply.

17.4. Each Wednesday Night Series will be scored individually as per the racing schedule.

17.5. The Overall Wednesday Night Racing scores will consist of the scores from all four (4)

Wednesday Night Series and the Friday Night Weather Race, if applicable, scored jointly for the series.

17.5. (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

17.5. (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed within a series, a boats score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

17.5. (c) When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores; one (1) additional score will be discarded for every five (5) races completed.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Boats are required to sail past the stern of the signal boat on a starboard tack and verbally check-in with the Race Committee prior to the starting sequence of the first race.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the Fleet Captain, or designate, for compliance with: class rules, Transport Canada regulations, and sailing instructions.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash must be stored on board until such time as environmentally responsible disposal methods are available; trash must not be discarded in the waters of Sylvan Lake.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1. Radio communications will be carried out on VHF Channel 09. Skippers are recommended to bring their own VHF marine band hand held radio.

21.2. Except in an emergency, no boat shall instigate radio communication with the Race Committee unless previously authorized by the Committee.

21.3 Boats awarded on course finish (OCF) will be notified by the Race Committee via radio communication; where another race is scheduled OCF boats shall immediately return to the starting area to prepare for the next race.

22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each class in each series as follows:

2-3 yachts 1st place;

4-5 yachts 1st & 2nd places;

6 or more yachts 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1. Competitors participate in Wednesday Night Racing 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 racing.

23.2. The Sylvan Lake Sailing Club and its affiliates may collect, use and disclose an individual's personal image and information in the form of photographs, audio and video recordings for the purposes of promotional and information print, reproduction and electronic publications. By participating in the event, an individual implies consent for the use of this recorded information and waives any right to inspect, approve or receive compensation for recorded information. Information will be protected in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) of Alberta. If you have any questions about the use of this personal information, please contact the Sylvan Lake Sailing Club by email.

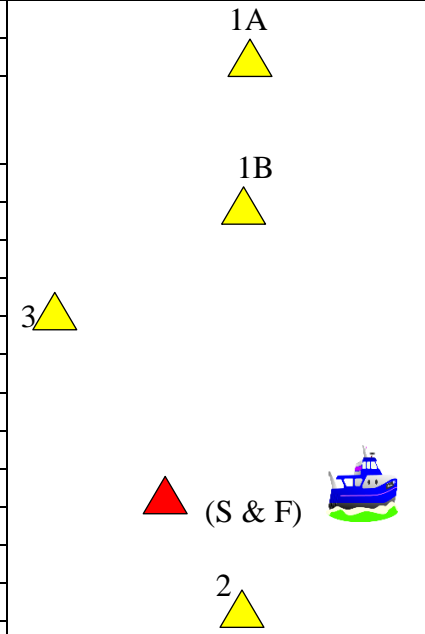
24.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of two million Canadian dollars (\$2,000,000 CDN) per incident or the equivalent, not to exclude racing. Evidence of proof of insurance must be provided to Sylvan Lake Sailing Club.

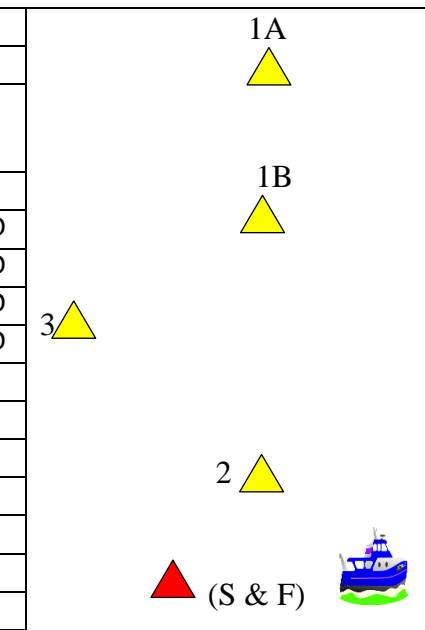
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APPENDIX A Course Diagrams

UPWIND FINISH COURSE ILLUSTRATION		
NB: 1A/B PERTAINS TO YOUR APPLICABLE DIVISION.		
(DIV 1: USES 1A, DIV 2 & 3 USE 1B)		
#	COURSE	FINISH
1	(S), 1 A/B, 2 (F)	UPWIND
2	(S), 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, 2, (F)	UPWIND
3	(S), 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, 2, (F)	UPWIND
4	S), 1 A/B, 3, 2, 1 A/B, 2, (F)	UPWIND
(S) = START		
1 A = DIV 1 WINDWARD MARK		
1 B = DIV 2 & 3 WINDWARD MARK		
2 = LEEWARD MARK (COULD BE A GATE)		
3 = GYBE MARK		
(F) = FINISH		



DOWNWIND FINISH COURSE ILLUSTRATION		
NB: 1A/B PERTAINS TO YOUR APPLICABLE DIVISION.		
(DIV 1: USES 1A, DIV 2 & 3 USE 1B)		
#	COURSE	FINISH
1A	(S), 1 A/B, (F)	DOWNWIND
2A	(S), 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, (F)	DOWNWIND
3A	(S), 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, 2, 1 A/B, (F)	DOWNWIND
4A	S), 1 A/B, 3, 2, 1 A/B, (F)	DOWNWIND
(S) = START		
1 A = DIV 1 WINDWARD MARK		
1 B = DIV 2 & 3 WINDWARD MARK		
2 = LEEWARD MARK (COULD BE A GATE)		
3 = GYBE MARK		
(F) = FINISH		



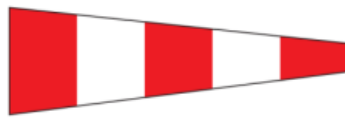
**All Marks shall be left to Port with the Exception of a Gate.
When there is a Gate, Boats shall sail between Gate Marks from
the direction of previous Mark AND round either Gate Mark**

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Postponement Signals



AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



AP over H Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

AP over a Numeral Pennant 1-9

Postponement of 1-9 hours from the scheduled starting time.



Pennant 1 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 2 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 3 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 4 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 5 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 6 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 7 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 8 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 9 ↑•• ↓•

Abandonment Signals



N All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.



N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.



N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

Safety



V Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

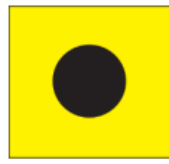
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Preparatory Signals



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P Preparatory signal.



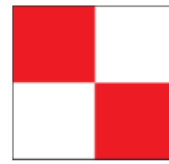
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I Rule 30.1 is in effect.



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Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.



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U Rule 30.3 is in effect.



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Black flag. Rule 30.4 is in effect.

Recall Signals



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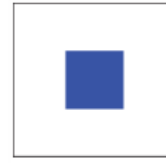
X Individual recall.



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First Substitute General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course



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S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg



C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals



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L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



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Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)

Orange flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.



(no sound)

Blue flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.