

Bluenose Regatta October 28-29, 2017 Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, as prescribed by Sail Canada, these Sailing Instructions and the rules of each class concerned (as applicable) except as any of those are altered by these Sailing Instructions. Safety equipment, as specified in the respective Class Rules, must be carried. All those taking part in the racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. The hosting organization is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted. Attention of the participants is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rule 4.

2 Entries

Eligible boats must be entered by completing registration before 1030 Saturday, October 28, at the KYC Office. Registration will also be available online. To be eligible to sail, all competitors must provide emergency contact information as part of the regatta safety plan and provide a signed waiver. The waiver can be accepted via the online registration system or provided in paper form at time of check-in. Competitors under age 19 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Any missing online registration information can be provided at check-in.

3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Kitsilano Yacht Club and online at www.kitsilanoyachtclub.com.

3.2 There will be a skippers meeting at 1100 on Saturday in the KYC Club House (and via phone bridge – see Section 6 below).

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 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.

5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the KYC clubhouse flag pole.

5.2 International Code Flag "L" (Lima) will indicate that a Notice to Competitors has been posted.

5.3 International Code Flag "Answering Pennant" (AP) will indicate that racing has been postponed. A Warning Signal will be made no sooner than 30 minutes after the "Answering Pennant" has been lowered.

5.4 International Code Flag "B" (Bravo) will be flown for the duration of the Protest Time. This will be from the time that the Race Committee Docks until one (1) hour later.

6 Schedule of Races

6.0 Skipper's meeting will be held at 1100 on Saturday.

-The skipper's meeting will be available off-site through a phone bridge. To access the phone bridge, **Call: 1-866-305-1460, Passcode 7599551.**

6.1 The Warning Signal for the start of the first race will be at:

1200 Saturday

1100 Sunday

6.2 No starting sequence will begin later than 1400 on Sunday.

7 Starting Order

7.1 For the First Start of each day, the Classes will start in the order in which they are listed on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 Subsequent starts will be indicated by the raising of Class Flag(s) at the Warning Signal. Subsequent starts will occur very shortly after all racers in a fleet have finished.

7.3 A fleet subject to a General Recall moves to the end of the starting sequence. This will be in effect for the first race of the day for each fleet.

7.4 The Race Committee may start classes together. The Class symbols of the classes that are to start together will be displayed together at the Warning Signal.

8 Racing

8.1 Races will be run in the South East corner of English Bay, to the North and West of Kitsilano Yacht Club.

8.2 The race course to be sailed will be indicated by a Number Pennant corresponding to a course described in the supplemental diagram, "Appendix A".

8.3 At least two (2) legs of a course must be sailed before it will be counted as a race in this Regatta.

9 The Courses

9.1 Two separate race courses are planned for this regatta:

- **Alpha course** for the 505, Laser Full Rig, Laser Radial and CAL20 fleets

- **Bravo course** for the 29'er, 420 and RS Feva fleets

9.2 The course diagrams shown in "Appendix A" of these Sailing Instructions are representative of both the Alpha and Bravo courses. The diagrams show the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which the marks are to be rounded. Courses shall be sailed marks to port.

9.3 The Race Committee will display a Number Pennant and Class Flag to indicate the course to be sailed for each race. X-Class will be started at the discretion of the PRO. Should an X-Class be started, the course designation (Alpha or Bravo) for this class will be provided at the skippers meeting.

9.4 The Race Committee **may** set an alternate weather mark for specific fleets in either or both of the Alpha and Bravo courses. This will be confirmed at the skippers meeting.

10 Marks and Lines

10.1 **Orange inflatable cone marks** will be used for the upwind and downwind marks of the **Alpha** course. This will be confirmed at the skippers meeting.

10.2 **Yellow inflatable cone marks** will be used for the upwind and downwind marks of the **Bravo** course. This will be confirmed at the skippers meeting.

10.3 Each course will have its own Committee Boat

10.4 The Start Line shall be between an Orange Flag at one end and the Blue RC Flag on the Committee Boat at the other end.

10.5 The Finish line shall be between a Blue Flag at one end and the Blue RC Flag on the Committee Boat at the other end.

11 The Start

11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.

11.2 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.

11.3 The starting area includes all waters within 50 meters of the Start Line.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after its Starting Signal.

11.5 When all boats in a fleet have finished or the time limit for that fleet has expired, the Race Committee may initiate a start sequence for that fleet.

13 Time Limit

13.1 The time limit shall be 1 Hour for the first boat of each class to complete the course.

13.2 Boats of the same class will be scored DNF if they do not finish within one hour of the start or within 15 minutes of the first finisher, whichever is the later

13.3 To facilitate starting a subsequent race, the Race Committee may assign finishing positions to boats at the back of a fleet.

14 Protests

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the KYC Office and lodged within one hour of the docking of the Committee Boat.

14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15 Scoring

15.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point System.

15.2 There is no maximum limit on the total number of races sailed. Only one (1) race need be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.4 In the case where at least one (1) boat finishes within the allowable time, all other boats that started and that do not finish within the time limit and, that are not penalized in any other way, shall be scored points equal to the total number of finishers plus one (1), for that race. This changes Rule A4.2.

16 Safety

16.1 A boat that sails, or attempts to sail, between a tug and its tow will be disqualified for the entire regatta and may be subject to actions under RRS Part 5 Section C and criminal proceedings under that Canada Shipping Act.

16.2 The area to the East of KYC is a public swimming area. Many swimmers venture out as far as the orange floats 500 meters from the beach. Do not sail to the East or South of the line represented by these floats (if they are still there).

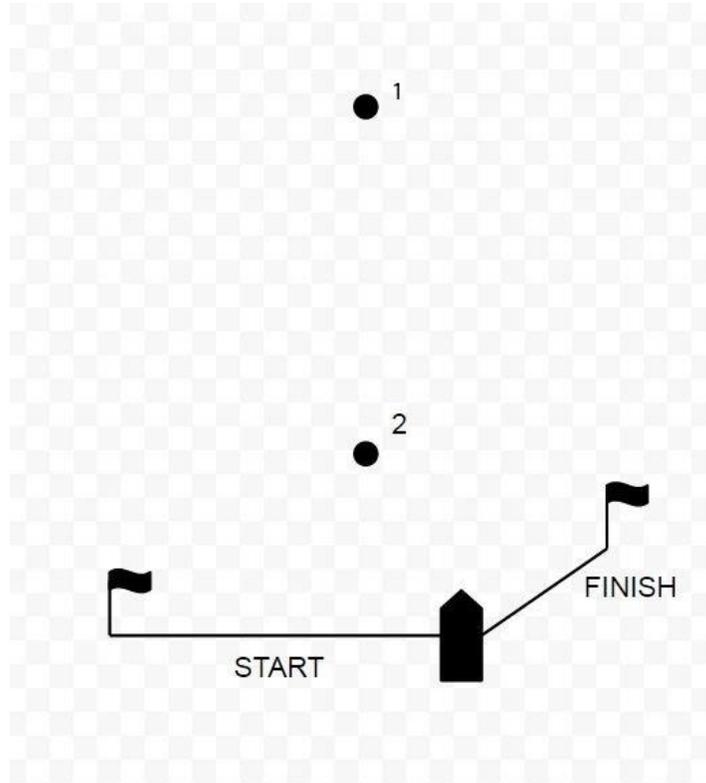
16.3 Competitors are reminded that the Port of Vancouver includes English Bay and our race venue. You may encounter commercial vessel traffic while sailing or racing in English Bay. While in the Port of Vancouver and its approaches, many of these commercial vessels are restricted in their ability to maneuver. While these vessels are restricted in their ability to maneuver, their rights override those of a sailing vessel that is underway and not restricted by water depths or shipping channels... **YOU MUST KEEP CLEAR OF LARGE VESSELS WHILE THEY ARE MOVING WITHIN THE HARBOUR AND/OR THE VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PORT OF VANCOUVER.** {see International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972, Rule 18 (b)(ii)... copy at page 106 of the Appendix P, CYA RRS 2013-2016}

17 Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crews placing first, second and third in Classes with 5 or more entries in this Regatta.

HAVE FUN!

Appendix A



Signal	Course
Pennant 1	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish
Pennant 2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish
Pennant 3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 (Finish at 1)

All Marks are to be left to Port.

Course **Alpha**: Orange inflatable marks (to be confirmed at skippers meeting)

Course **Bravo**: Yellow Inflatable marks (to be confirmed at skippers meeting)

Start flag sequence:

- 5:00 minutes – Class flag up. One Sound.
- 4:00 minutes – Preparatory Signal (P, I, Z,Z with I, or black flag) up. One Sound.
- 1:00 minutes – Preparatory Signal down. One Long Sound.
- 0:00 minutes – Class flag down – Start. One Sound.