

Tiddly Cove Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TCYC *Summer Shorts* Series 2014

1. START & COURSE

1.1 Start / Finish

1.1.2 First start: 1800.

1.1.3 The start will be in Area C, West of Kits Barge Can.

1.1.4 The start/finish line shall be the line between (a) *an orange flag on the Committee Boat* and (b) *the Starting Pin* (a floating staff bearing an orange flag).

1.2 Generally the race course will be 1-2-1-Finish where:

1.2.1 **Mark 1** will be *either* an orange inflatable TCYC mark *or* a freighter or similar fixed mark identified by the race committee.

1.2.2 **Mark 2** will be an orange inflatable in the vicinity of the start/finish line. In the absence of an orange inflatable mark, the start pin will serve as mark 2.

1.2.3 All Marks will be rounded to *port*.

1.3 In the event of a change of course the committee boat will announce the change over Channel **68** and or fly the come within hail flag and give verbal instructions to passing boats prior to the start of the race.

1.4 The time limit for any division shall be 2-1/2 hours from the start of that division. If one or more yachts in a division finish within the time limit, the time limit for that division will be extended 30 minutes.

1.5 Races will be started according to ISAF rules, i.e.

5-minute warning	Division flag 1, or 2 or both	1 horn
4-minute	Code flag P, I, or Black Flag	1 horn
1-minute	Removal of P, I, or Black Flag	1 horn
Start	Removal of Division flag	1 horn or 2 horns if OCS

1.6 A flag for the next division may be hoisted **at or after**, the previous start.

2.0 RACE INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Races will be conducted in accordance with ISAF/CSA Rules 2013-2016, subject to alterations by PHRF, TCYC General Race Instructions, and these Sailing Instructions or by notification from race committee.

2.1.1 Scoring. The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2013 will apply. Individual races will be scored in accordance with the Low Point Scoring system. One throw-out is allowed after four (4) races.

2.2 Ratings. Racers must hold valid 2014 PHRF certificates. For those without ratings, a temporary rating may be assigned by the race committee for the series. Such ratings will not be open to challenge.

2.3 Sail Numbers PIYA or fleet sail numbers must be displayed.

2.4 Any **changes in the Sailing Instructions** will be given verbally, or by written handout from the committee boat. If this is required, code flag L will be displayed.

2.5 Yachts must have on board a valid **insurance** certificate, available for inspection by the race committee, or other TCYC authorities.

2.6 Non-TCYC Boats. Non-TCYC boats wishing to race must have PHRF ratings between those of the fastest and the slowest TCYC boats. Exceptions may be allowed at the discretion of the race committee. All Non-TCYC boats wishing to compete must complete and return a Race Waiver Form along with proof of adequate insurance, to the Race Committee by 6:00 pm on the day before race day. The race committee has the right to refuse boats from any TCYC event, without explanation.

3. DIVISIONS AND SIGNALS

3.1 VHF Channel 68: The TCYC Committee boat monitors VHF Channel 68.

3.2 Check-in. Each participating yacht shall hail the committee boat, either on VHF Channel 68 or by coming within hailing distance, giving sail number, boat name, rating and division at least 10 minutes before the warning signal for the first start of the day.

3.2.1 The committee is under no obligation to score yachts that fail to report in time.

3.2.2 The committee will endeavor to have the first leg of the course to windward.

3.4 Roundings

3.4.1 A **red flag** on the committee boat means “leave all marks to port.”

3.4.2 A **green flag** on the committee boat means “leave all marks to starboard.”

A blue flag on the committee boat means that the committee boat is on station to take finishes.

3.6 Divisions: Yachts will be divided into Racing Division (Division 1), and Cruising division (Division 2) , based on the Performance Value (PV) $PV=(60-LOA) * 5.4$. If your yacht has a PHRF faster than her PV, she is in Racing Division; otherwise she is in Cruising Division.

3.7 No-Flying-Sails. Boats that are rated for spinnaker or cruising spinnaker, but wish to race “no flying sails” must hail the Race Committee to this effect, when checking in.

3.7.1 Any boat declaring “no flying sails” shall be scored in the division appropriate to its usual PHRF rating.

3.7.2 The “no flying sails” allowance for Tiddly Cove races shall be 12 sec. unless there is a valid PHRF certificate that a different allowance is appropriate. (See PHRF manual from BC Sailing for definition of flying sails and more

information on the “NFS” allowance).

3.7.3 If you fail to notify the committee you are NFS before the start you will be considered Flying Sails whether you use them or not.

3.8 There will be separate starts for the divisions, however the race committee may at its discretion start both divisions together, signaled by the hoisting of code flags “1” and “2” hoisted together.

3.9 Kiss of the frog rule. If it becomes obvious that one yacht will be last, with no opportunity of improving her position, the race committee may give a yacht a last place finish without requiring her to complete the course.

3.9.1 The committee will endeavor to notify the yacht by (1) calling her in on channel 68, (2) raising the kiss-of-the-frog flag (green frog on white flag), and (3) sounding 3 horns.

3.9.2 If it is apparent that the boat is trying to motor back to the start area, the committee may, at its discretion, wait for the boat to motor back or start the race in the absence of the boat.

3.10 All yachts retiring from a race shall inform the Race committee via Channel 68 or by hail, as soon as possible.

3.11 Recalls: Individual recalls will be signaled by the use of Code flag “X” and an “extra horn.”, and may hail on channel 68. The committee will try to notify early starter(s), but assumes no responsibility for doing so.

3.12 In case of a general recall, boats should return to the start area immediately and watch flags for new indications.

4. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

4.1 Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF rules

4.2 Protests must be announced to the race committee before the boat leaves the race area (if possible) and must be delivered to the fleet captain (or Race Committee in the absence of the Fleet Captain) by 11:00pm of the race day.

4.3 Boats may be exonerated for hitting a mark by taking a one turn penalty (previously a 360 degree turn) or other right-of-way violations by taking a two-turns penalty, (previously a 720 degree turn)

4.4 Filing a protest. In protesting another yacht, all ISAF procedures must be followed, and the protest in writing and containing all the required information must be in the hands of the Fleet Captain (or Race Committee in the absence of the Fleet Captain) by 11:00 pm of the race day.

5. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 Safety Equipment. Yachts must be equipped to conform to PIYA Safety Category III for all races.

5.2 TCYC Responsibility. At no time will TCYC, its Directors, Flag Officers, Sailing Committee or Race Committee(s) accepts responsibility for accidents or misadventures.

5.3 Skipper’s Responsibility.

5.3.1 The decision to start or continue a race is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper of a participating yacht.

5.3.2 Responsibility for safety the safety of a yacht and her crew is the inescapable responsibility of the owner and skipper.

5.4 If Code Flag “Y” is displayed, skipper and crew are required to wear safety flotation gear.

5.5 Inspection: Any yacht participating in a TCYC race may be subject to a safety equipment inspection by the Race Committee.

6. RESULTS AND AWARDS

TCYC will endeavour to post results to the TCYC web site each week as soon as practicable.

Racers are encouraged to meet after racing at the False Creek Yacht Club where we'll announce results if available.

Final results will be announced and prizes presented to the top three boats in each division at FCYC after the last race of the series on July 21.