

RACING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

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This year we are looking forward to another exciting year of racing. We are going to continue to build on the foundation created by previous Sailing Commodores and encourage participation from all members. We are also looking at a few modifications to the racing calendar. We will continue to combine a social element into racing events, and wherever possible work closely with Cruising and Clubhouse teams.

All members are encouraged to offer any ideas to make our club experience as fun and rewarding as possible.

We encourage all members to participate in the racing program. It's a great opportunity to improve sailing skills, meet other members and have fun.

Even if you decide not to race your own boat, you can always participate as crew, as there are always boats looking for crew. And hopefully after a few races you will be itching to race your own boat.

The club website will again be used to post all race results as quickly as possible after each race. It is also the source of NBYC Sailing Instructions, PHRF handicaps, course instructions and the starter list.

Members are encouraged to download the latest **Sailing Instructions** from the NBYC website for details concerning the racing program.

Good sportsmanship and camaraderie is a key part of sailboat racing.

Competitors must at all times behave with common courtesy and civility.

Protests are encouraged if a competitor feels that an infraction of the rules has occurred. This should be viewed as a learning experience for all involved.

Safety is also a priority. All competitors are required to be familiar and comply with **The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Safe Boating Guide** and the **ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020**. The Racing Committee will be pleased to help members obtain copies of these. It is further recommended that boats carry a marine VHF radio to facilitate receipt of course changes, delays, and over early violations. The race committee will use CH 69.

The Race Committee for each race will be chosen by random draw. A list of boats and dates for starter duties will be made available on the website. If you are unavailable on the date of your Race Committee, it is your responsibility to arrange to switch with another member.

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Race Registration - May 9

Registration for racing will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 19:00. Names will be drawn for race committee at this time. Members unable to register at this time may contact the Racing Commodore anytime before the first race and register. All fees must be paid before the first race.

Bay Races

Races will be scheduled every Tuesday evening from May 23 to September 5. The race schedule is printed in the calendar at the beginning of this booklet. Racing results will be based on: Overall (all boats), Flying Sail (A Series) and White Sail (B Series).

Racing will start at 18:30. Starting times will be based on GPS time whenever possible. Refer to the sailing instructions for more details.

Weekend Races

These races were previously moved from the main lake to Callander Bay which has had a positive influence on participation. In hopes to continue this, a series of 4 weekend races are scheduled this summer beginning after the Opening Party. The races will take place in Callander Bay and have a similar format to the Tuesday series. These races tend to be less serious events, with smaller numbers than the Tuesday series. They are a great opportunity for anyone new to racing to come out and have some fun. Race dates can be found in the club booklet.

Special Events

Wayfarer Canadian Championships

This year we are proud to be hosting the 2017 Wayfarer Canadian Championships on July 8 and 9. Members are encouraged to help out for this event, or if you have a Wayfarer, come out and race.

Lake Races

Canada Day Race – July 1

This is an open race. The start will take place at the North Bay waterfront. Registration details will follow as we get closer to the event. A skippers meeting will be held at the gazebo adjacent to the North Bay marina at 12:00. The actual race start time will be finalized at the skippers meeting, but we usually aim to start at around 13:10, with the 10 minute warning at 13:00. There will be 3 fleets: Flying Sail, White Sail and Dinghy. Awards for the top three in each category will be presented at the clubhouse after the race. The regatta will be followed by a dinner and evening entertainment.

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1st Annual Pursuit Race – July 29

This is a long distance race hosted by Mogens Christensen. The boats will have a staggered start based on their rating, with the intent for everyone to finish at the same time. The course will be determined based on conditions at the skippers meeting, but the plan is to start at the club and sail around the Manitous, finishing back at the club. Details and race instructions will be posted as we finalize the event. Awards will be presented after the race.

Fall Regatta

September 9-10

This is an open regatta. It will consist of 4 races total, of which the best 3 will count. Awards will be given to winners in each fleet. As with all of our races, dinghies are welcome and fleets will be decided depending on registration. Awards will be presented after racing on Sunday.

Frostbite Race

September 16

This race will be the last race of the sailing season. Details and race instructions will be posted as the race is finalized. Awards will be presented at the closing party.