

Earl Smith Night Race
Saturday, August 19th 2017
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Updated 8/16/17



WARNING SIGNAL @ 1755 RC VHF Channel 69

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 Individual class rules accepted and on file with the Race Chairman prior to May 1st will apply.
- 1.4 The minimum number of crew per boat is two (2).
- 1.5 The Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws will apply and each boat shall have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating certificate.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Yacht Scoring website for this event is the official notice board (www.yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2 PHYC and SYC club notice boards, as well as online at www.phyc.org and www.SarniaYachtClub.CA will be used to post reference information for skippers.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1400 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at SYC Race Committee Building (Race Shack) and the PHYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is **1755**.

6 CLASS SPLITS

- 6.1 Final splits will be posted one week prior to the first race of the Special Series.

7 RACE DAY CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

- 7.1 No earlier than 0001 (12:01 A.M) and no later than the first warning signal on a given day, all participating yachts shall check in with RC by one of the following methods:
 - TEXT: Text your boat name, sail number and class to (810) 294-0473.
 - PHYSICALLY: Pass the stern of the RC boat and check in by hailing their boat name, sail number and class. They shall continue to do so until they are verbally acknowledged by the race committee.
 - No check-in after the first warning will be accepted
- 7.2 Any participant retiring from or revising their racing status shall notify RC with their PN as soon as practicable but not later than one (1) hour after so doing by one of the following methods:
 - TEXT: Text your boat name, sail number and class with the notation "retiring" to: (810) 294-0473
 - Contact the SYC race shack at (519) 332-6779 ext. 6.
 - Contact RC on VHF 69
- 7.3 Failure to comply with 7.1 and/or 7.2 will result in a 30% scoring penalty for the day. This modifies RRS.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Mark F is a 4' diameter yellow ball marked with a black letter. R-8, R-12 & Ahb are red navigation bouys. G-7 and G-11 are green navigation bouys.
- 8.2 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks. Marks that are missing or substantially off-station may be replaced by marks that meet one of the following conditions (Modifies RRS 34):
 - (a) 4' diameter white or yellow (or other color) inflatable with no letter identification.



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- (b) A buoy or stake-boat displaying an M Code Flag.
- (c) An orange inflatable (or other color).



9 THE COURSE

9.1 Long Course

- 1st Leg – 342°T to red channel buoy #12, rounded to Port.
- 2nd Leg – 270°T to green channel buoy #11, rounded to Port.
- Final Leg – South to the Finish Line.

9.2 Short Course

- 1st Leg – 323°T to red channel bouy #8, rounded to Port.
- 2nd Leg – 270°T to green channel marker #7 (Horn), rounded to Port.
- Final Leg – South to the Finish Line.

9.3 The approximate course length will be 11.1 NM (7.1 NM Short Course).

9.4 The course may be shortened before the start of a race by displaying Code Flag S. (Modifies RRS 32)

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the F mark at the port end.

10.3 The starting order will be;

Start #	Warning Flag	Class
Start 1	Number #1	JAM 2
Start 2	Number #2	JAM 1
Start 3	Number #3	SPIN 4
Start 4	Number #4	SPIN 3
Start 5	Number #5	ASM
Start 6	Number #6	SPIN 2
Start 7	Number #7	SPIN 1

10.4 After the starting sequence has initiated, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid:

- The starting area extending 300' behind the starting line.
- The area extending from both ends of the starting line to the first mark forming a triangle.

Boats in violation of this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee under RRS 24.1.

10.5 When a general recall for a class has been signalled, the start for the recalled class will be moved to the bottom of the starting order. This will retain the starting order for the other classes. (Modifies RRS 29.2)

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The Finish line will be in the St. Clair River between the red channel marker (Abh) to port and the Race Committee on shore, north of the entrance to the Black River. Boats should finish within 200 feet of the RC flags if at all possible in a safe manner and **must** illuminate their sails at night, so that the sail numbers can be read from shore.

11.2 After finishing, boats shall not obscure the Race Committee's vision of the finish line and stay clear of boats still racing. Boats should not re-cross the finish line with sails up after finishing.

11.3 **Boats MUST record their finish times, and the boat immediately ahead and astern. Times and boats ahead and behind must be reported to the Race Chairman or their designate upon docking.**

11.4 The US Coast Guard has advised PHYC that some commercial traffic may be under escort through the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shipping channel out to #11 & #12 buoys. Skippers are reminded that all larger commercial vessels have the right-of-way in these areas and must use caution when approaching or crossing the channel when a freighter is present.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 There will be no time limit.

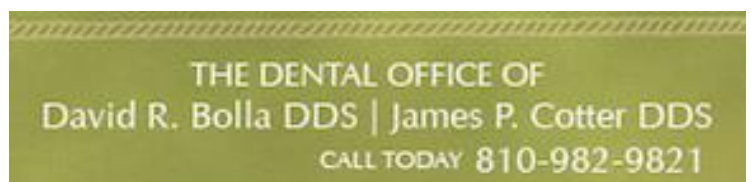
12.2 Race Committee will be on station until 2200. Finish times must be reported to the Race Chairman or their designate after this time.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available online at YachtScoring.com, at the SYC Race Shack and the PHYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Chairman or their designate within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13.3 Notices of protests filed will be posted on the PHYC website (www.phyc.org) by 1800 the day after the race. Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman as to the time and location of the protest hearings.



14 SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 Class rules that modify these SIs section 15.1 are the responsibility of the class to administrate.
- 14.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her 3 best race scores.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible per these SIs section 8.3.
- 15.3 Every effort **MUST** be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes Shipping.
- 15.4 If a yacht is in the river or seaway channel and is in danger, propulsion other than sail may be used without penalty to move the yacht out of danger, provided that its race position is not improved. Any alternate propulsion that is used **MUST** be reported to the Race Chairman or their designate with location, time, discription of action, & the nearest witness boat in the vicinity. (Modifies RRS 42) (RRS - Appendix P – Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42)



16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee may monitor and use VHF 69 to hail sail numbers of infringing yachts. RC failure to hail sailnumbers will not be grounds for redress.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Earl Smith Night Race Trophies will be awarded to the top finishing boat in each class.
- 18.2 A King Trophy for each club (PHYC/SYC) will be awarded to the best finishing boat with the best performance that completes all five Special Series races.
- 18.3 Flags will be given as follows:
 - a. To the top three finishers in each class for this race..
 - b. To the top three overall finishers for the Special Series.



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