



**CANADIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Beaver Fever
CRYA Western Regional Championship Regatta
March 17 – 18, 2018
Victoria, BC
Sponsored by VMSS**

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the RULES as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and as modified by RRS Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules), the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), Prescriptions of Sail Canada, IOM Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR) issued for the event, and these Sailing Instructions (SI).

1.2 The Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race.

1.3 After the first sentence of RRS 20.1 Hailing, add 'The competitor controlling the boat shall hail '(their own sail number) room to tack.'. (Note - Sail Canada has approved this as an experimental rule change under the Sail Canada Prescriptions.)

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be announced near the launching area. Every effort will be made to repeat as needed to ensure everyone is aware of changes.

3. Schedule of Races

	March 16/18	March 17/18	March 18/18
Practice	1:00 PM at Lake	9:00 AM at Lake	NA
Registration	5:00 PM see note	9:00 AM at Lake	NA
Skippers Meeting	NA	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
First Race/Heat	NA	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Last Race/Heat (No Later Than)	NA	4:30 PM	2:30 PM

NOTE: Registration and Check In will be held in the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Rd, Victoria. Detailed directions will be sent to all pre-registered entrants ahead of the event and be available at the Practice session held at Beaver Lake on March 16, 2018.

4. Scoring system

4.1 The RRS A4 Low Point System, as modified by the Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) and these SI's will apply.

4.2 The change over from the Qualifying Round to the Final Round will occur at approximately 70% of the predicted number races in the regatta. At this point the order of sailing races will be Silver Fleet heat first followed by the Gold Fleet Heat until the finish of the regatta.

4.3 With the exception of SCP and ZFP, the scoring abbreviations in RRS A 11 will apply.

4.4 There will be no maximum number of races. Six (6) races must be completed to constitute an event.

4.5 Withdrawn Boats: Withdrawn boats shall obtain permission from the RO before returning to race.

4.6 Fleet selection (seeding) for the first race shall be carried out in utilizing the latest available versions of the CRYA and AMYA IOM Ranking Systems. Non-ranked entrants shall be seeded in accordance with their most recent known performances.

4.7 Excluded Scores (Discards): Will be in accordance with SHRS.

When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:

After 4 races have been completed: One (1) discard

After 8 races have been completed: Two (2) discards

After 16 races have been completed: Three (3) discards

And so on for every eight (8) races.]

4.8 Breaking of Ties

When boats are tied at the finishing line, RRS A7 will apply. When the tie remains, it shall be decided in favour of the best score in the last race in which there was no tie and should the tie still remain, by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots. This changes RRS A8.

5. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

5.1 Any change to the S.I.'s will be announced and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made by the Race Officer (RO) to call attention to the change.

6. Courses

6.1 Course descriptions will be announced prior to the start of the start countdown sequence.

6.2 Courses can be changed only between heats. Any change to the course will be announced and before the next heat a sound signal and a verbal warning will be made to signal the change.

6.3 During a heat, the RO may shorten the course to the prearranged option. Shortening of the course will be signaled by two sound signals followed by the hail "shortened course" by the RO on the leg before the leading boat starts the leg in which she will finish because of shortening. This changes RRS E3.8(c) and RRS 32.2

7. Launching and Control Area

7.1 Skippers are to launch and retrieve their boats from the designated launch area. The control area will be designated by the RO. Details of the launch and control areas will be clearly marked and announced during the Skipper's Meeting.

8. Launch and Retrieval

8.1 A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be released to start after the first boat has finished.

8.2 Only an authorized boat crew, under the direction of the RO, is to operate the rescue boat. The order of rescue of boats or delay in rescuing/freeing a boat shall not of itself be grounds for redress.

9. Starting Procedure

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4.

9.2 The Race Officer may invoke RRS 30.1 (I Flag), RRS 30.3 (U Flag) or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag) for any heat by hailing such prior to the Warning (2 minute) signal of that heat.

10. Protests

10.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee no later than two minutes after the last boat finishes and prior to the Warning signal for the next heat, whichever is the lesser. This changes RRS E6.5.

10.2 Hearing of Protests. Protests and requests for redress will be held at a time and place determined by the race committee

10.3 The race committee may use IRSA SYRPH, a SYstem for Reducing Protest Hearings. This will apply after the heat and before the related protest hearing that may result from this procedure.

10.4 The protest committee will consist of three persons, which may include competitors, competent persons and Regional, National or International Judges. If a *party* to a hearing objects to a member of a protest committee as an *interested party*, they may object under rule RRS 63.4.

11. Identification on Sails

11.1 Sail numbering shall be in accordance with RRS E.8.

12. Race Observance

12.1 The Race Committee may appoint Race Observers, who may be competitors. The IRBOS system, as shown below, will be used. Any competitor asked to be an observer shall so do. Only in the event of requiring repairs to their boat will the competitor be excused for that heat.

13. Conduct

13.1 The CRYA recognizes that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny. In the event of any behaviour that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport into disrepute may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2. or for extreme breaches, in accordance with RRS 69.1 or as specified in SI 13.2.

13.2 The RO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid a protest hearing as in SI 13.1 however the RO is not obliged to make this offer nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed. The penalty may be directed to be taken after the start of the next heat in which the competitor is scheduled to race, and before starting.

13.3 Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question, the series, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction. The Race Officer and all race officials have been directed to record any incidents and they will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Committee.

14. Smoking

14.1 Smoking is prohibited within the control area or any enclosed spaces

Observance

Summary of IRBOS - INFRINGEMENT REPORT BY OBSERVER SYSTEM

1. Race observers will record all incidents involving contact between boats or between boats and a mark. They will also listen for hails of protest and note the sail number(s) of the boat(s) so hailed.
2. Race observers will report all unresolved incidents, and any failure to sail the course as required by RRS 28 to the race committee at the end of the heat.
3. If an observer sees an incident he/she will promptly hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) involved stating that the boats(s) have just been seen either:
 - a) in contact with a mark or
 - b) in contact with another boat(s).
4. Any boat breaking a rule of the RRS in an incident called by the observer shall be obliged to take a penalty turn as described in RRS R 44 or face a subsequent Protest Committee hearing.