



Fanshawe Yacht Club WATER-BASED Regatta Sailing Instructions

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) (RRS)**; the prescriptions of Sail Canada 2021-2024 will apply. Copies of RRS are with the Race Committee (RC). Racing rules will be changed by class rules, and any other applicable rules, including amendments made by these sailing instructions, or verbally by the RC at the Skippers Meeting. Notices to Competitors will be posted before 0900 on race day on the Official Notice Board at the Club gate. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the front of the FYC Race Hut. When signal board AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.

SAFETY REGULATIONS: All boats must be equipped in accordance with the current Transport Canada *Safe Boating Guide*. When the panel or flag Y is displayed either ashore or at the start line, rule 40 applies. Personal Flotation Devices must be worn. Safety Boats are for the assistance of persons who are racing and the RC. A competitor not needing assistance should show a closed fist to the rescue boat. Towing of disabled boats will take place only if time and weather permits following a race. A buoy may be placed at a sunk boat to mark it for recovery after racing.

ROWING MARKS AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS: The RC will attempt to locate and identify at the Skippers Meeting any marks placed by the rowing clubs sharing the lake, and other obstruction in the proposed area of racing. These include red balls approximately 0.3 m foot in diameter, and other non-Club marks. These may be moored to FYC permanent marks; if so, they form part of the FYC marks announced at the Skippers Meeting. Rowing marks should be given a wide berth as the conditions of their mooring lines is unknown. The RC will not postpone races for competitors who become entangled in rowing marks or other obstructions.

ELIGIBILITY: Races will be open only to those boats that have registered, paid the required fee, signed the waiver form and met any regatta-specific criteria in the **Notice of Race**. Any sailboat owned by a FYC Member or the Club may be used in any regatta at FYC.

FLEETS & SCHEDULE: A class will comprise 2 or more boats of the same design. Multiple classes of boats may be combined into one start (sail the same course). Single boats of a class will be grouped into one or more OPEN fleets by Portsmouth Yardstick (PN). If a skipper believes the PN of their vessel differs from the published PN, they must notify the RC at registration. Starting order and class flags for starts will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. The scheduled start time for the first Warning on Saturday is 1100, and 0930 on Sunday. An attention signal (5 short horns) may be given from the RC boat no less than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first race. After a long postponement or when more than one race is run for each class, the warning signal for the first and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, with the interval between the start of one class and warning of the next as little as 1 minute. No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday.

COURSES: No later than the warning signal, the RC boat will display the course configuration and may display the approximate compass bearing to the windward mark. The course will be marked on a frame affixed to the leeward end of the RC boat. Panels, left to right, will indicate the marks to be rounded, by number or shape. If there is sufficient wind, faster fleets may be further designated before their preparatory signal to sail designated marks a second or third time after they have sailed the posted course. Marks to be re-sailed before proceeding to the finish line will be those from the left-most panel up to and including the mark designated by a "T" board after the panel. Two "T" panels will be used to indicate that the course is to be sailed three times before finishing. The "T" may be removed or added for subsequent starts. The last panel will be a solid colour designating which side the marks must be left on rounding (red for port; green for starboard). Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33. Courses will be laid to suit the capability of boats and sailors, at the sole discretion of the RC.

MARKS: Courses will be laid using a combination of FYC seasonal orange cylindrical buoys (1-6, A and B), 1 m diameter orange inflatable marks, or a 1 m tall white cylindrical buoy with three evenly spaced 10 cm black stripes, painted bright orange between the top two stripes. Refer to the map of Fanshawe Lake for locations of seasonal ("permanent") marks. An RC boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark. The last mark before the finish line will be a 1 m inflatable orange float.

SHORTENED COURSE: "S" flag will be flown at the RC barge with 2 horn blasts. The RC will then use the next mark of the course and a Safety Boat flying "S" as the finish line.

AREA OUT OF BOUNDS: Boats must race outside (generally east of) the FYC club moorings and moored boats located on the west side of the lake or be disqualified for that race and marked DSQ. The extent of the mooring field is determined by easternmost point of the part of the hull of the easternmost FYC boat on a permanent mooring, or the easternmost mooring ball if east of moored boat(s).

STARTS: Races will be started and finished at the RC barge, using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start. For clarity, the signals in sequence will be as follows (sound signals may or may not occur):

- Warning Signal** - Five minutes before start – Assigned start flag hoisted, with one horn
- Preparatory Signal** - Four Minutes before start - flag “I” hoisted, with one horn
- One Minute before Start** – flag “I” lowered, with one long horn
- Start** – Assigned start flag lowered, with one horn



Subsequent starts will use same sequence starting with a new Warning Signal.

START LINE: The start line will be between a white cylindrical buoy with black and orange stripes to port (facing windward) of the RC boat, and the portion of the hut frame of the RC boat flying an orange or red flag. One or more spacer marks, if used, may be placed close to and downwind of the RC boat to discourage contact with it. Boats crossing between the spacer(s) and the RC boat after the warning signal, and except in emergency, will be disqualified for that race and scored DSQ; the spacer buoys are part of the RC boat. The start line will also be the finish line. The start line is open and may be crossed at any point, including extensions, when sailing toward the leeward mark on the laid course, or when sailing windward on a second or later lap of the same course. Racers should keep well clear of the RC boat anchor lines.

Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall avoid the starting area. Boats starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal will be marked Did Not Start (DNS).

ONE MINUTE RULE (30.1): “I” Signal will be displayed if rule 30.1 is in force, and it will apply to all starts. Any boat On the Course Side (OCS) of the starting line or its extensions within one minute before the start must return to the pre-start area by rounding either end of the start line and keeping clear of all boats starting correctly.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS: “X” Flag and one sound will be used for all types of recalls. The RC will attempt to hail individual boats which are OCS by class and sail number; they shall return to the pre-start area and keep clear of all other boats that have started correctly. The onus is on the premature starter to start correctly or be marked OCS.

GENERAL RECALLS: Will be signalled by the First Substitute Flag and 2 sounds. The starting fleet involved will restart **immediately** (a new sequence will start no less than one minute after first substitute is lowered) and a Black Flag (Rule 30.3) may be displayed. If a fleet has two recalls in a row, the fleet involved will be moved to the **BACK** of the designated order of starts as announced at the Skippers Meeting.

POSTPONEMENTS: “AP” will be posted with 2 sounds. All races not already started are postponed. The end of a postponement will be signalled by one horn and lowering “AP,” with the warning signal for the next start following one minute later.

ABANDONMENT: “N” posted with 3 sounds. All boats return to starting line. With “N” over “H,” further signals ashore. Signals made ashore will continue to be displayed at the FYC Race Hut; “N” over “A” means no more racing that day.

TIME LIMIT: There is a two-hour time limit for the first boat of each class to finish, in order for the race to count. A boat in its class must finish within 30 minutes of the first place boat. Boats finishing later than this will be marked Did Not Finish (DNF).

ALTERNATE PENALTIES (Rule 44.2): Boats may take two-turn penalties if they have broken a rule of Part 2, or a one-turn penalty if they have broken rule 31 (hitting a mark). Each turn shall consist of one tack and one gybe. Multi-hulls are required to take only one turn in either case. Scoring penalties will not be used (this changes rule 44.3). When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

RETIREMENT: All boats retiring from a race are required to notify the RC (at the RC boat or on a safety boat) within 15 minutes of the end of the race, and will be marked Did Not Finish (DNF). Boats retiring after the race are marked Retired After Finishing (RAF).

SKIPPER/ CREW: There will be no Skipper or Crew changes during a race unless authorized by the RC. Skipper and crew may exchange places on the same vessel.

SUPPORT AND/OR COACH BOATS: Support and Coach boats are not allowed on the race course, defined as the area bounded by the windward and leeward marks, and the furthest east or western points sailed by any racing boat. Support and Coach boats shall limit their speed through the water to 10 kt, and avoid generating waves on the race course. Infringing this SI may result in the competitor(s) supported or coached by the infringing boat being scored DSQ for the race in which the infraction occurs. This DSQ is not subject to protest. Support and Coach boats shall not signal competitors in any manner while racing is underway.

EMERGENCIES: An emergency plan is in place. If required, Rule 37 will be enacted and all boats so equipped shall monitor Channel 71 on VHF, and attempt to follow directions from the RC boat or any Mark/Safety Boats.

PROTESTS and REDRESS (Rule 61): A protesting boat must inform the Race Committee at the RC boat as soon as it is practical upon finishing the race during which the alleged infraction occurred. Protest forms must be obtained from the RC within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat of the last race of the day, and completed no later than 30 minutes thereafter. All protests will be heard by the end of the day if practical.

SCORING: The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Systems (Appendix A, A4) (i.e. 1 point for first, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc.) In OPEN fleets, elapsed times will be adjusted using the Portsmouth Yardstick 2010.

RACE SCORES TO BE EXCLUDED: When fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 4 to 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 8 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. DSQ scores cannot be excluded.

SCORING EXCEPTIONS: Boats marked **DNS**, **DNF**, or **RAF** will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED in their class + 1; boats marked **OCS** will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED in their class + 1; boats marked **DSQ** will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED in their class + 2; if a boat is marked DSQ or RAF after a race, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

REDRESS: Boats receiving redress will be marked as in Redress Guidance (RDG) in Appendix A, A10 (a) of RRS.

TIES: Race ties are scored as in Appendix A, A7 of RRS. Series ties will be broken as in Appendix A, A8 by 1) listing the order of scores of the tied boats from best to worst, not to include excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference, favour to the boat with best score; if a tie still exists then 2) determining which was ahead in their last race; and if a tie still exists at that point then 3) determining which boat was ahead in their next to last race, and so on, until the tie is broken. Excluded races are included in 2) and 3).

Flags. Course panel as viewed from stern of RC Barge (T if used indicates marks to be resailed).



"S"
Blue on White
Shortened Course



"Y"
Red & Yellow
Lifejackets



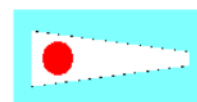
First Substitute
Blue & Yellow
General Recall



"AP"
Red & White
Postponement



"I"
Black on Yellow
Preparatory (display)
and One Minute
Rule (remove)



#1 Pennant
Red on White
Warning (display)
and Start (remove)



"N"
Blue and White

