

# 2021 Tax Refund Regatta

## Sailing Instructions

### 1.0 Rules

1.1 Racing shall be conducted under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix E, the current Victoria Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof, announced by the Race Committee in writing or orally in accordance with RRS 88.2(c).

1.2 The Notice of Race, and in particular the Event Schedule, is considered a part of these Sailing Instructions.

### 2.0 Course

2.1 The Race Director (RD) shall designate the courses, as well as the starting and finishing lines in accordance with rule E3.3.

2.2 The control and launching area(s), if restricted, will be clearly described by the Race Director to all competitors before the start of the first race of each day. An attempt will be made to provide markings for the control and launching area(s).

### 3.0 Conduct of a Race

3.1 A two-minute starting sequence shall be used to signal the starting of a race in accordance with RRS

3.2 A boat with any part of her hull or equipment, on the course side of the starting line during the 1 minute period before the starting signal, shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line, around either end before starting. IE: No dip starts are permitted per Rules 29.1 & 30.1. Only voice hails, required by Rule E3.8., for individual recalls, will be used

3.3 At least 5 races must be completed to constitute an event.

3.4 All penalty turns shall be a 360 degree turn comprising of a gybe and tack, order of the tack/jib is up to the skipper, except as modified by RRS E4.3 which requires an additional turn where significant advantage is gained, and retirement (self DSQ) if the other boat is damaged or disabled.

3.5 One (1) skipper requested 5 minute hold may be granted, per skipper, for the regatta, but only if requested prior to the 1 minute starting signal. The RD has sole discretion in granting holds.

3.6 Except when authorized by the RD, boats shall not sail during the racing time unless scheduled to race. A boat failing to comply with this rule may be penalized.

3.7 Boats shall keep clear of the course and finish line after finishing. A boat that has finished and interferes with a boat that is racing may be scored a DSQ for the heat, by the RD, without a hearing or appeal. (This modifies Rules 63.1 and 64.1(d).)

3.8 A boat that has sustained damage, while having the right of way, shall be given a maximum of 30 minutes to effect repairs, unless she has been disqualified under Rule 14 or Appendix E4.3.

#### **4.0 Scoring**

4.1 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A will apply except that Promotion Relegation Race Management may be used, at the discretion of the RD, if more than 20 boats are entered and starting, or if course limitations dictate, then HMS 2007 will be used for heat management with the following modifications: - The maximum number of boats starting a heat is limited to 20. - Four boats will be promoted/relegated. - Fleet splits will be made after odd/even scoring of the first two races. - All races will be scored and Race #1 can be used for tie breaking or redress. - Redress may be granted for incidents occurring on any leg of the course. A boat may request redress for entanglement or damage sustained while having the right of way. A boat awarded redress shall be given an average of her previous, or nearest, five scores, modifying Rule 64.2.

4.2 There will be one throw out allowed for every six races sailed. DSQ's are not subject to throw out.

4.3 A boat hitting a finishing mark will not be scored until the boat has returned to the course side of the line, has completed her penalty turn and then properly finishes per Rules 31, 44.1, & 44.2.

4.4 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.

4.5 The time limit for each heat shall be 10 minutes after the finish of the first boat. All boats that have not finished after the time limit expires shall be recorded as Did Not Finish (DNF). However, when it is possible to determine finish positions, the RD may, at his discretion, request that any boat be sailed off the course so as to allow the next race/heat to commence. Such boat(s) will be given credit for its finish position at this time as determined by the RD. The RD at his discretion may terminate a heat due to the lack of wind. If done, any previously completed heat results for that race shall also be voided.

4.6 The RD will monitor competitive behavior. Offensive behavior will be grounds for scoring the competitor(s) a DSQ for the heat or that competitor(s) may be eliminated from further racing. The RD has sole discretion in this matter and appeals will not be allowed.

## **5.0 Protests & Appeals**

5.1 The formal method for a skipper protesting another boat shall be to twice hail "Protest" and the other boat's sail number per Appendix E2.1. Informal protests will also be allowed if clearly communicated. Make sure that the other boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she acknowledges the protest immediately. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of other boats and complete the appropriate number of penalty turns as described in 3.4 above, as soon after the incident as possible. Otherwise, notify the protesting skipper that you intend to go to a hearing. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after completion of the given heat/race.

5.2 The protest committee shall be made up of a minimum of three people, who may be drawn from the competitors.

5.3 RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.

5.5 The RD may protest, or file a protest, against any boat for any observed rules violation.