

Sailing Instructions for the George Coyles Tune-Up, Paul McDonald and Archie Walker Races

**(Races of the Offshore Series except the ABYC Open Coastal Race
and Donald D. Summerville Memorial Race)**

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the ABYC Open Coastal Race and the Donald D. Summerville Memorial Race will be posted at <https://www.abyc.ca/regattas-at-abyc>

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-28.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 The PHRF-LO rules shall apply. Boats which do not have a PHRF certificate will be assigned an appropriate rating by the PHRF handicapper. Family crews are encouraged to participate and special prizes may be awarded.

2 Communications with Competitors

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14261/event?name=abyc-club-racing-2026> or via the QR code in Addendum D.
- 2.2 The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 71. The channel may be changed on the water by repeated broadcasts on 71.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first scheduled start of the day on which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect. Changes to the Sailing Instructions announced at the Competitors Meeting will be posted as soon as possible after the meeting.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole southwest of the clubhouse beside the patio.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 Code flag 'AP' over 'A' with two sound signals means the races for the day have been abandoned.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The dates of racing are in the *Events* book calendar.
- 5.2 Boats are required to confirm that they are racing and whether they will be sailing with No Flying Sails or with Flying Sails at the Competitors' Meeting to be held at 1100. The first Warning Signal will be made at 1200.

6 Division splits, class flags, and starting order

- 6.1 Division splits, class flags, and starting order will be determined after registration has taken place and will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 24 hours before the George Coyles Tune-up Race.

7 The Course

- 7.1 From the start, the course will be around the headland to the west of the ABYC harbour entrance, leaving Eastern Gap Entrance Buoys (T1 and T2) to starboard. Boats will then round the Gibraltar Point Buoy (TE18) to port, and return by leaving the and Eastern Gap Entrance Buoys and ABYC Mark 3 all to port, then to the finish.
- 7.2 If the Race Committee signals a shortened course (Sierra flag) prior to the Warning Signal, the course will be from the start, leaving the Eastern Gap Entrance Buoy T2 to port, to ABYC Mark 3 to port, then to the finish.
- 7.3 The courses for the Offshore Races will be impacted by the Ashbridge's Bay Treatment Plant offshore work zone. An amendment to these Sailing Instructions will be published once the as-laid positions of the work zone are known.

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks 3 and 7 will be yellow spar buoys with black numbers. Mark 3 is located at N 43°38.935' W 079°16.098', Mark 7 is located at N 43°39.503' W 079°17.232'.
- 8.2 T1, T2 and T18 are Transport Canada Marine Navigation buoys.

9 The Start

- 9.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel (normally the Sarah Ashbridge) and Mark 7 of the fixed mark course. There will be at least one minute between the start of one class and the warning signal for the next class.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as a rectangle extending half of the length of the start line beyond each end of the start line and in front of and behind the line. [DP]
- 9.3 A boat that does not start within 9 (nine) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the blue flag on the signal boat and mark 7 of the fixed mark course.
- 10.2 A boat which withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity either by hail or by VHF radio on channel 71. A boat which fails to do so may be disqualified and/or be subject to disciplinary action by the club. [DP]

11 Time Limits

- 11.1 The Race Time Limit is 1645. A boat that fails to finish within 40 minutes after the first boat in its division sails the course and finishes or by the Race Time Limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12 Requests for Hearings

- 12.1 Hearing requests must be made by completing the form at racingrulesofsailing.org (see SI Addendum D for the QR code). Once submitted, if you do not receive immediate confirmation that it has been received, send an email to protest@abyc.ca. Alternatively, you may send a detailed email including all requirements of RRS 60.3 or 61.2 to protest@abyc.ca.
- 12.2 The Hearing Request time limit shall be 1800. The Protest Committee shall extend the deadline if there is reason to do so.
- 12.3 The Protest coordinator will schedule all hearings.

- 12.4 Per Appendix T, an arbitration hearing will take place prior to the protest hearing and may be immediately after the race if a certified judge is available.
- 12.5 Hearings will be scheduled at the first available date, normally on a Monday evening. Parties to hearings will be notified by email from racingrulesofsailing.org. All such emails will be from “Do Not Reply”.
- 12.6 Hearings will be rescheduled only at the discretion of the Protest Chair.
- 12.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 63.1(a)(1).

13 Safety Regulations

- 13.1 Boats shall not raise spinnakers prior to clearing the starting line. [DP]
- 13.2 Boats shall not race with anchors stowed such that they extend outside the deck edge of the boat. [DP]

14 Prizes

- 14.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Flags will be awarded to the top three boats in each division. A trophy will be awarded to the best No Flying Sails (NFS) boat and the best Flying Sails (FS) boat based on corrected time of all NFS and all FS boats respectively.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1 Competitors participate in Club racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. ABYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance according to ABYC or TH&SC policies.

Sailing Instructions for Dinghy Series 1 & 2 and the Hansen Dinghy Regatta

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-28*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply. Arbitration hearings will take place in the bar area after racing.

2 Notices To Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be announced in the dinghy area or by email.

3 Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be communicated via email or announced in the dinghy area. Additionally, the Race Officer may make verbal announcements on the water.

4 Schedule Of Races

- 4.1 Please refer to the dates in this *Events* book calendar. A maximum of four races is scheduled per evening. The first warning signal will be given at 1845.
- 4.2 Dinghy Series 1 races are scheduled on Wednesday evenings from June 3 to