

Ottawa Skiff Grand Prix

June 5 -6, 2010

Ottawa Skiff Racing Fleet

Nepean Sailing Club

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the East Room, NSC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole, NSC west lawn.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Skiff A, Skiff B, Catamaran A, Catamaran B</u>
June 5	racing
June 6	racing

5.2 Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>	<u>Maximum Races per day</u>
All	12	6

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Saturday is 1100. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Sunday is 1000.

5.4 When Code Flag R is displayed on the finish or the starting line signal boat, another race

is to follow. Competitors should expect the next start in their division immediately after the last boat in their division finishes. A series of short sound signals may be made to alert competitors to an upcoming Warning Signal.

- 5.5 On Saturday no warning signal will be made after 1600. On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 FLEET FLAGS

- 6.1 Fleet assignments will be determined and posted prior to the skippers meeting.

- 6.2 Fleet flags will be:

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Skiff A	Numeral 1
Skiff B	Numeral 2
Catamaran A	Numeral 3
Catamaran B	Numeral 4

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will be as close to the NSC harbour entrance as practicable.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 & 2 will be Yellow Tetrahedrons. Marks 3P & 3S will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a different colour &/or shape.
9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be red flags on staffs.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: Shoal areas to the south and east of buoy K1.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started as follows: the Warning flag will be displayed 3 minutes before the start, the Preparatory flag will be displayed 2 minutes before the start, and the Preparatory flag will be removed at 1 minute before the start. This changes rule 26.
11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a red flag on the starting mark and the mast with an orange triangle aboard the signal boat.
11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
11.4 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a red flag on the finishing mark and an orange flag on the signal boat.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Race Target Time</u>
All fleets	20 minutes	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the NSC racing notice board, ground floor NSC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the NSC East Room within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at NSC Sailing Room, beginning as soon as possible.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.3 Scoring inquiry forms are available at the NSC racing notice board, ground floor NSC clubhouse and may be submitted to the Race Officer.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Before the first warning signal of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack, and verbally check in by their assigned bow number. Each boat shall continue to do so until their bow number is verbally acknowledged by the race committee.
- 18.2 A boat failing to comply with 18.1 may be protested by the Race Committee and may receive a 20% penalty in the first race of the day on which she failed to comply with 18.1.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 A boat returning to the race course shall inform the race committee that they have returned.
- 18.5 Spacer balls will be positioned ahead of and astern of the RC signal boat. These marks and the space between are designated part of the signal boat.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with a yellow shape.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each Fleet.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

