

2010 Liftco Hydraulics Kirby Invitational Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES: The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.1 All races will be Category "C"

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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: Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff

4.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP

5 RACE SCHEDULE: Seven races are scheduled, of which a max of 4 may be sailed on one day. The warning signal for the first race each day will be at 11:00 hrs.

6 RACING AREA: Approximately 1 NM northwest of Port Dalhousie harbour entrance

7 THE COURSE: Illustration '1' describes the course and the order in which marks are to be passed. Mark W, Mark O and Mark S are to be left to Port. The Finish line shall be between Mark S and the RC boat. Mark O will be approximately 50 m. from Mark W. The windward leg will be between $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles in length.

8 MARKS: Yellow inflatable buoys.

9 CHECKING IN: Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10 THE START: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Signal Boat and the starting mark

10.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

11 RECALLS / BLACK FLAG: If a boat has been identified as OCS under rule 29.1 or disqualified under rule 30.3, the Race Committee will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail numbers of each recalled boat on the VHF channel 71. BFD numbers will not be posted on the Signal Boat. This changes rule 30.3.

11.1 The following will not be cause for redress:

11.1.1 Failure of boat to receive the recall broadcast.

11.1.2 A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

12 TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the first boat to complete the first leg is forty minutes. The overall time limit is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

13 THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee Signal Boat and mark S.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM: The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2008-2012 shall be a one-turn penalty (1 tack/1 gybe). This modifies Rule 44.1 and 44.2.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within 45 minutes of the RC Boat entering the harbour. The end of Protest Time will be posted on the official notice board by the Race Committee. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This posting shall be considered the notice required in rules 61 and 63.2.

15.1 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the Protest Time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

16 MEDIATION: For Protests under a rule of Part 2 of the rules where there is no damage, and in which there are no more than two boats involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. Any Protest not resolved by this process will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.

16.1 After the Protest has been properly filed, as per **SI 15**, one designated representative from each boat shall testify before a mediator, no witnesses will be permitted. The mediator will decide on the validity of the Protest(s). This changes rule 63.5.

16.2 A boat that accepts the opinion of the mediator that she has broken a rule, and accepts fault, shall receive a scoring penalty as described in **SI 17.2**.

16.3 When one boat accepts a penalty following a mediation hearing, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the Protest, and the Protest shall not be referred to the Protest Committee. This changes rule 63.1.

ILLUSTRATION "1"

16.4 The mediator may also approve the withdrawal of a Protest. This changes rule 63.1.

16.5 The mediator may attend the full hearing.

17. SCORING: Seven races are scheduled, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series. All completed races shall count. This changes rule A 2

17.1 A boat, which fails to comply with all of the requirements of **SI 14**, shall receive a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). This changes rule A 2.

17.2 A boat that accepts the opinion of the mediator that she has broken a rule of Part 2 of the rules, and accepts fault, shall receive a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). This changes A 2.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the either the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS: All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hrs on the day racing begins and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the Protest Committee.

20 RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS:

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. The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF channel 71.

21 PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the top three finishers. Prizes will be given as soon as possible after racing on Sunday

22 INSPECTIONS: Inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.



