**Calgary Yacht Club**

**2017 CYC Club Championship Sailing Instructions**

**August 12, 2017**

**1. RULES**

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

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the exterior west side of the change room building.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted 15 minutes prior to the Competitors Meeting.

**4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 A Competitors Meeting will be held at 9:15 AM.

4.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal is 9:57 AM.

**5. CLASS FLAGS**

5.1 Pennants will be used to designate fleets for the purposes of starting, shortening course, and any other fleet dependent signals. When no pennants are displayed the signals apply to all fleets. Pennants will be assigned and posted on the official notice board on the exterior west side of the change room building by 09:15 hours on Saturday, August 12.

**6. THE COURSES**

6.1 The course will be displayed on the Signal Boat before the first preparation signal of a race.

6.2 The “A” course will consist of windward/leeward sausages or triangles with a finish line outside the course on the starboard side of the Signal Boat.

6.3 The “B” course will consist of windward/leeward sausages or triangles with the start/finish line in the inside of the course**. The start/finish line will be considered an obstruction, unless starting or finishing, if the signal boat is anchored and flying an RC flag.**

6.4 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Signal Boat with either an “A” or “B” followed by sausage or triangle symbols, with each symbol representing once around the sausage or triangle in the order displayed**. In instances where multiple sausages or triangles are to be sailed in succession, numbers 2-6 will follow the sausage or triangle symbol to indicate the number of times around.**



**7. MARKS**

7.1 Marks of the course will be cylindrical yellow marks. The Opti Windward and Leeward marks will be smaller spherical yellow marks (‘bouncy balls’).

7.2 The start mark will be the orange pin in the vicinity of the Signal Boat.

7.3 The finish mark will be the yellow spar in the vicinity of the Signal Boat when the “A” course is sailed.

7.4 The finish mark will be the orange pin in the vicinity of the Signal Boat when the “B” course is sailed (finish mark same as start mark).

**8. THE START**

8.1 The races will be started by using rule 26 but the warning signal shall be made **3 minutes** before the starting signal, the preparatory signal shall be made **2 minutes** before the starting signal.

8.2 The start line shall be between the orange flag on the Signal Boat and the start mark (orange pin) at the port end of the starting line.

8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of boats that are starting.

**9. SHORTENED COURSE**

9.1 The course may be shortened at any mark.

**10. TIME LIMITS**

10.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes the race will be abandoned.

10.2 When it is in the best interest of the fleet and its competitors, the race committee may award finishing places to boats which are delaying the finish of the race (on course finish). The scoring abbreviation for an on course finish will be OCF.

**11. THE FINISH**

11.1 The finish line shall be between the yellow flag on the Signal Boat and the finish mark.

**12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 Protests shall be delivered to the club office within the protest time limit.

12.2 The protest time shall commence when the Signal Boat docks on shore and will last 15 minutes.

**13. SCORING**

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

14.1 All competitors are required to wear a DOT approved PFD at all times while on the water. Competitors may temporarily remove their PFD only while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes Rule 40.

14.2 Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be displayed with fist closed.

14.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its agents and the Calgary Yacht Club 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.

**16. OUTSIDE HELP**

16.1 All Green Fleet, Junior and Optimist sailors may be coached at any time.