

Alexandra Yacht Club 2018 Sailing Instructions

Authority

The Thursday night race series will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the current CYA prescriptions and these sailing instructions.

Eligibility

Members in good standing from Alexandra Yacht Club may enter by submitting a completed entry form prior to the first race entered by their yacht. The form is available from the notice boards and the AYC website. Submit as directed on the form. Late entries will be accepted but all races not contested will be scored as DNC

Divisions

There will be one division. Both club fleets will start together and be scored together. There will be one combined PHRF-LO NFS (non-flying sails) fleet and one combined PHRF-LO FS (flying sails) fleet within the division for AYC racers.

Schedule as Published⁸

Series 1: May 17th, 2018 to July 5, 2018

Series 2: July 12, 2018 to August 30, 2018

Make-up races, if necessary, will be published on notice board at AYC

Communication

The RC boat and racers will monitor Channel 72 while racing however all official communication shall be by flag. Communicate on this channel to report to the committee boat if you are dropping out of the race, or to report an emergency. Return to the committee boat and communicate directly if you are dropping out of the race and do not have radio contact.

Check In

All boats shall check in by passing astern of the signal vessel before the first warning signal of the day or during her own starting sequence and hail her sail number

until acknowledged by the race committee.

Change of Course

A change of course will be signified by the Code flag 'C' and the new course for the remainder of the race will be posted on the RC vessel.

Time Limit

If no yacht completes the first leg within one hour, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit will be Sunset. Any yacht not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF.

Protests

Protests between AYC boats shall be reported to the RC representative after finishing within one hour of the RC boat docking. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Race Committee by fully completing the published CYA Protest Form 2017-2020.

Protests will be heard the night of the race or immediately following the race the following week.

A pre-hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing. Conducted by a racer knowledgeable in the rules, a pre-hearing provides the opportunity to check the interpretation of a rule and will last no longer than 10 minutes. At the end of this time, one of the following three actions will occur:

- 1) Protestor will withdraw the protest (this amends Rule 63.1)
- 2) Protestee will withdraw from the race.
- 3) Protest hearing will be scheduled.

Scoring

The yachts best six finishes in the spring series, and the yachts best six finishes in the summer series will be scored for each series. The best ten finishes over both series will be used to score the overall year results.

Race committee volunteers are eligible for compensation points, awarded a maximum of once in each series. In order to qualify for these points, your boat must not race on the night you volunteer on the RC boat. The points will be equal to the average of the skipper's finishes, to the nearest tenth of a point, in that series. DNF Starters +1, RAF Starters +1, DSQ Starters +3, OCS Starters +2, DNC Registered +1- This changes Rule A.4.2

General Rules

Yachts retiring from a race shall report to the race committee before leaving the course area. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from that race.

Prizes

A boat must have a valid PHRF certificate to be eligible for prizes.

If three or more boats compete in a fleet, flags will be awarded to the top three finishers in each fleet in each series. If fewer than three boats compete in a fleet the fleets will be combined when flags are awarded. Season trophies will be awarded to the top three boats based on the best 10 finishes in the combined spring series and summer series.

Starting Times

Spring/Summer Series






Races will be run in accordance with Rule 26

18:25	Warning,	NYC div 1 raised,	one (1) sound
18:30	NYC div 1 start		
18:35	NYC div 2 start,	AYC fleet flag raised,	one
sound			
18:36	preparatory	preparatory raised	one
sound			
18:39	preparatory	preparatory lowered	one
sound			
18:40	start	AYC fleet flag lowered	one
sound			

Signals

If a race is postponed the AP flag will be flown along with two sounds. At the end of the postponement the AP will be lowered with one sound. The starting sequence will continue in one minute.

Flags

AP	
NYC Div 1	
NYC Div 2	
Preparatory	
AYC Fleet	

Courses and Marks

The course will be determined by the RC committee. A race will not be counted unless the first leg is completed.

The Start and Finish

The start and finish lines will be between the mast of the RC boat and the nearby mark. A yacht shall not start later than 20 minutes after her start signal.

If flag "Y" is flying, all racers must wear a life jacket during the race.

The finish line will be between the RC boat with a "blue" flag and the adjacent mark.

Recalls

Code flag 'X' will be used for signalling individual recalls. The RC will NOT attempt to hail sail numbers of premature starters.