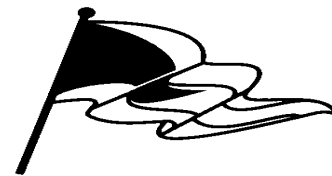




NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
SAILING CLUB  
YOUNGSTOWN  
YACHT CLUB



The organizing authority is the  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club (NOLSC)

**2020 River Race Sailing Instructions**  
**For the Furlined Series, Seven Year Series and October Cup Series**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of [Sail Canada](#) will apply.
- 1.3 When racing PHRF, a boat shall follow the PHRF-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) rules.
- 1.4 When racing one-design, a boat shall follow the rules of her class.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted at the **2020 Amendments and Official Notice Board** link on *Racing at the Club* page of the NOLSC website <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/#racing>.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 4.1 Dates of Racing (all are Sundays):
  - (a) Furlined Series; April 5, 12, 19 and 26
  - (b) Seven Year Series; May 3, 10, 17 and 24
  - (c) October Cup Series; October 4, 11, 18 and 25
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 1330.
- 4.3 One race is scheduled to be run each day.
- 4.4 If less than 3 boats are in the starting area at the time of the warning signal the race will be abandoned.

**5 CLASS FLAGS**

- 5.1 The class flag will be Numeral Pennant 1.

**6 THE COURSES**

- 6.1 The start, each rounding mark and the finish will be indicated on the course board.
- 6.2 Rounding marks shall be left to the port side unless otherwise indicated on the course board.
- 6.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course.

**7 MARKS**

- 7.1 Mark C at the centre of the Olympic circle is located approximately 1.1 miles at a bearing of 67° mag. from the Niagara Light and Bell Buoy G3. The approximate position of C is N43°17.052', W079°03.175'.
- 7.2 The relative locations of marks C and 1 through 8 are illustrated in Attachment C.
- 7.3 Marks C and 1 through 8 are vertical cylinders.
- 7.4 G3 is the Niagara light and bell buoy at approximately N43°16'24.3", W079° 04'30.8".
- 7.5 R2 is the Niagara Bar light buoy at approximately N43°19'02.4", W079° 04'14.1".
- 7.6 b is the middle NOLSC mooring ball.
- 7.7 Inflatable tetrahedrons and floating balls as indicated.

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### 8 COURSE BOARD ABBREVIATIONS

The course board will use either written descriptions of the marks or the following abbreviations:

Mark, Start or Finish	Abbreviation
Start	S
Indication that the mark is to be left to starboard	Green background behind the mark designation
C or Olympic Circle marks 1 to 8	C, or 1 to 8
G3	g
R2	R
middle NOLSC mooring ball	b
Red ball	P
White ball	U
Orange inflatable tetrahedron	o
Yellow inflatable tetrahedron	y
Red inflatable tetrahedron	r
Finish under instruction 11.2	F

### 9 THE START

- 9.1** The starting line will be a staff displaying an orange flag at NOLSC and the US Border Protection surveillance tower (ST) located approximately at N43°15.57' W79°03.45.
- 9.2** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. At its sole discretion the race committee may extend this 4 minute period.

### 10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1** A course change will be verbally announced on VHF 69. This changes RRS 33.

### 11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line will be a staff displaying an orange flag at NOLSC and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2** If no finishing mark has been designated or if the last mark indicated on the course board is "F", the finishing line will be a staff displaying an orange flag at NOLSC and the course side of ST.

### 12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1** The time limit for the first boat in a class is 2 hours from the class starting signal.
- 12.2** Boats failing to finish within 2 hours and 30 minutes after their class starting signal will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available at the main office of NOLSC or YYC during business hours or may be downloaded from:
- (a) [Sail Canada Protest Form \(pdf\)](#)
  - (b) [US Sailing Protest Form \(pdf\)](#)
- 13.2** The protest time limit is 1200 on the day following the race to which the protest pertains.
- 13.3** Protests shall be hand-delivered to the protest chair of the host club or shall be filed by e-mail to [nbehring@sympatico.ca](mailto:nbehring@sympatico.ca) with the word "PROTEST" in capital letters in the subject line.
- 13.4** Notices will be posted no later than 1200 on the day following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the boardroom located at the southeast corner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the NOLSC clubhouse.
- 13.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

### 14 SCORING

- 14.1** For each river race series:
- (a) when fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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(b) when 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**14.2** PHRF corrected times will be calculated using the "PHRF-LO Time-on-Time" method.

### **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

### **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Except for devices communicating from one part of the boat to another, this restriction also applies to any wireless communications device. [DP]

The race committee may communicate information on VHF 69. Failure to make these communications or the sequence in which they are made shall not be ground for redress.

### **17 PRIZES**

A prize will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each class.

### **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

### **19 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third-party liability insurance.

