

Homecomers Regatta
September 26 & 27, 2020
Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club
Melville Street, Box 1007
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Canada

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat and for which a protest committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 COVID-19

- 2.1 Best practices to avoid the spread of COVID-19, as outlined by the *Ontario Government* and the *Niagara Region Public Health Department*, shall be followed prior to, during and after the races.
- 2.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.[DP]
- 2.3 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 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>.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors posted after 1200 on Friday, September 25 will be posted on the notice board at the A-Frame clubhouse.

4 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SATURDAY ONLY)

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole nearest to the A-Frame clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in the race signal AP:

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Race Date</i>	<i>Scheduled 1st Warning Signal</i>	<i>No Warning After</i>
Saturday, September 26	1000	
Sunday, September 27	1000	1500

6.2 Number of races:

- (a) A maximum of four course races will be sailed on Saturday.
- (b) A distance race will be sailed on Sunday.

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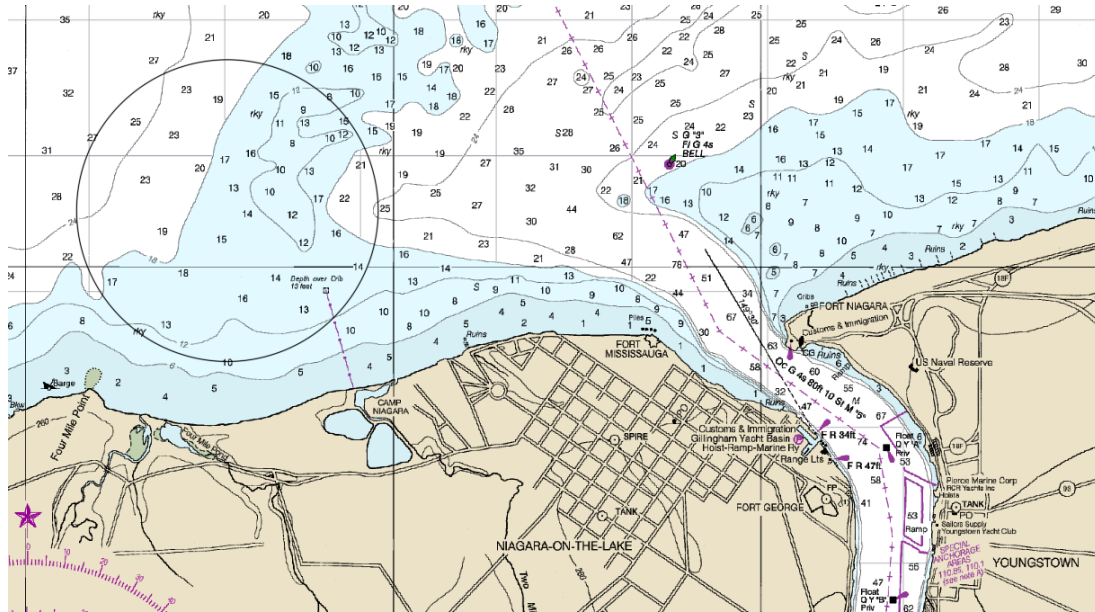
6.3 Prize Giving: Sunday 1700 or 10 minutes after flag 'E' is displayed with 2 sound signals, whichever is earlier.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be Numeral Pennant 1

8 RACING AREAS

The Saturday course racing area is approximately in the circle shown in the diagram below (not to be used for navigation).



8.1 The Sunday distance race will start near the NOLSC harbour entrance and the course will generally be west-northwest of Fort Niagara.

8.2 If conditions prevent holding a race on the lake, the race committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to hold races in the Niagara River in which case the courses, marks, start and finish for the Sunday distance race will be used (see SI 9.2, 10.2, 11.2 and 13.2 below).

9 THE COURSES

9.1 Saturday course races:

- 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.
- No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course signal as indicated on Attachment A.

9.2 Sunday distance race:

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

10 MARKS

10.1 Saturday course races:

- Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- The race committee vessel is planned to be *Empress of Patagonia*.

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(c) The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee vessel and a red inflatable tetrahedron.

10.2 Sunday distance race:

(a) G3 is the Niagara light and bell buoy at approximately N43°16'24.3", W079° 04'30.8".

(b) R2 is the Niagara Bar light buoy at approximately N43°19'02.4", W079° 04'14.1".

(c) b is the middle NOLSC mooring ball.

(d) Inflatable tetrahedrons and floating balls as indicated

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

Written Description	Abbreviation
Start	S
Indication that the mark is to be left to starboard	Green background behind the mark designation
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 13.2 (b) below	F

11 THE START

11.1 Saturday course races: the starting line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

11.2 Sunday Distance Race: 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.

11.3 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.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

13 THE FINISH

13.1 Saturday course races: the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13.2 Sunday distance race:

(a) The finishing line will be a staff displaying an orange flag at NOLSC and the course side of the finishing mark.

(b) 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.

13.3 If it is judged by the race committee that a boat, or a few boats, can finish within the finishing window (SSI 14.3 below) the race committee may award a finishing position to these boats. The awarding of such score will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 28.1

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14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1** For the Saturday course races, if no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2** The race time limit is:
- (a) Saturday course races: 2 hours
 - (b) Sunday distance race: 5 hours
- 14.3** The finishing window is:
- (a) Saturday course races: 45 minutes
 - (b) Sunday distance race: 90 minutes
- 14.4** Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.5** The target time is:
- (a) Saturday course races: 60 minutes
 - (b) Sunday distance race: 4 hours
- 14.6** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1** Protest forms are available at the A-Frame clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2** The protest time limit is:
- (a) Saturday: 45 minutes after the race committee vessel signals her return to her mooring.
 - (b) Sunday: 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the race or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location for the protest hearing.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16 SCORING

- 16.1** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1** 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. [DP] [NP]

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18.2 The race committee may be making announcements over the VHF. Failure to make a communication or the sequence in which the information is announced will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- (a) Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five captains and crews.
- (b) There will be lots of prizes for participation, because everyone deserves to get a prize!

20 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.

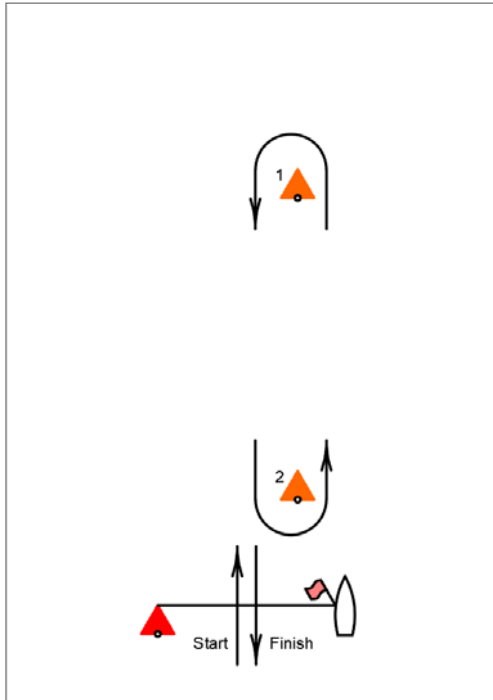
21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million dollars (Canadian currency) or the equivalent.

Homecomers 2020 Attachment A

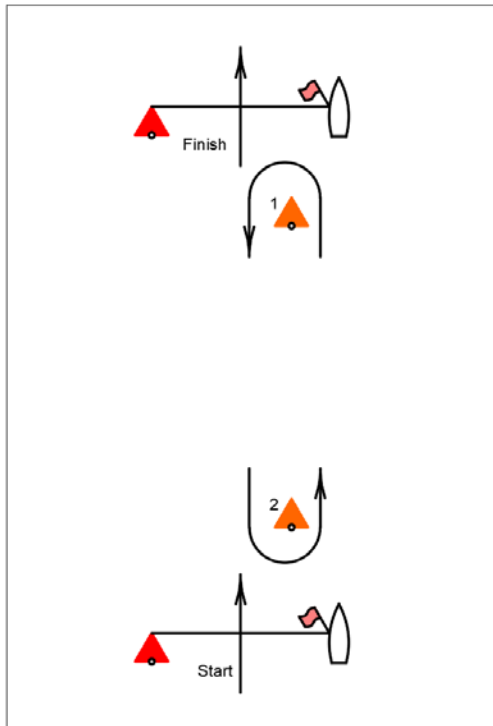
Course Diagrams

L



Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L2	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

W



Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
W2	Start - 1 - 2 - Finish
W3	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish
W4	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish