



Sailing Instructions
2018 Senior Fleet Racing
June 3 to October 6, 2018

Organizing Authority: St Margaret Sailing Club

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1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
 - 1.1.1. The following racing rules will be changed by these Sailing Instructions: 26, 32, 33, 35, 62.1(a), A5, and Race Signals
- 1.2 PHRF NS ratings will be used for the purposes of calculating corrected times, on a time-on-time basis, except for pursuit ('Bermuda start') races, which will use PHRF NS ratings on a time-on-distance basis.
- 1.2.1 The PHRF NS rules are changed to allow a boat whose PHRF NS inventory includes a spinnaker, to sail without a spinnaker using a no-spinnaker handicap on a race-by-race basis, without having to submit an application for a handicap change to PHRF NS.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be sent by email to the SMSC Senior Fleet members at SMSC Racing List <smsc-racing@smsc.ca> and additionally may be posted on the SMSC web site: <http://smsc.ca> (navigate to club racing page).

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 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

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located in front of the SMSC clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 There will normally be no pre-race competitors' meetings. A competitors' meeting for races with unusual requirements or courses (such as Bermuda start races or the Island Race) may be held in the SMSC Clubhouse one hour before the scheduled first warning if the meeting has been previously announced by email to the SMSC Senior Fleet at SMSC Racing List smsc-racing@smsc.ca.
- 5.2 The first warning signal will be as it appears in the schedule table, below.

Race Date	Event	Start Location	First Warning
Sun June 3	Club Opener	Mark F or G	1300
Wed June 6	June Series, Race 1	Mark F or G	1805
Wed June 13	June Series, Race 2	Mark F or G	1805
Sat June 16	Father's Day Race	Mark F or G	1300
Wed June 20	June Series, Race 3	Mark F or G	1805
Wed June 27	June Series, Race 4	Mark F or G	1805
Wed July 4	July Series, Race 1	Mark F or G	1805
Wed July 11	July Series, Race 2	Mark F or G	1805
Sat July 14	Ladies Cup (The person at the helm for most of the race, but necessarily including the start and all mark roundings, must be a female.)	Mark F or G	1300
Wed July 18	July Series, Race 3	tba	1805
Wed July 25	July Series, Race 4	Mark F or G	1805
Sat 28 July	Ocean Race (course to include at least one mark, usually a navigation buoy, lying south of lines bearing 090 and 270 degrees True from the southern extremity of Southwest Island)	Mark F or G	1300
Wed Aug 1	August Series, Race 1	Mark F or G	1805
Wed Aug 8	August Series, Race 2	Mark F or G	1805
Wed Aug 15	August Series, Race 3	Mark F or G	1805
Wed Aug 22	August Series, Race 4	Mark F or G	1805
Sat Aug 25	Island Race (course including islands within St. Margaret's Bay as rounding marks, in addition to any specified Club or navigational marks. Navigational marks not specified as rounding marks must be passed on their required side. At the discretion of the Race Officer a Bermuda start may be offered)	Mark F or G	1300
Wed Aug 29	August Series, Race 5	Mark F or G	1805
Sun Sept 2	NO RACE		
Sun Sept 9	September Series, Race 2	Mark F or G	1300
Sun Sept 16	September Series, Race 2	Mark F or G	1300
Sun Sept 23	September Series, Race 3	Mark F or G	1300
Sun Sept 30	September Series, Race 4	Mark F or G	1300
Sat Oct 6	Turkey Trot	Mark F or G	1300

6. Class Flags

6.1 The class flags are described in the following table:

Class	Class Flag
A Handicap	Code Flag 'A'
B Handicap	Code Flag 'B'

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course to be sailed as a course number from the SMSC course card or as a list of rounding marks together with the side on which they are to be left, on a whiteboard on the side of the race committee signal boat. As a courtesy to competitors, courses may also be announced on VHF Channel 71. In the event that the weather or sea conditions do not permit use the whiteboard, the course shall only be announced on VHF Channel 71.
- 7.2 All marks will be as described on the SMSC Course card, typically small plastic cans, spar buoys (sometimes with flags), floating posts (with flags) or navigational marks.

8. Check-in Before Starting

- 8.1 Eligible boats (see the Notice of Race) shall check-in with the Race Committee before the first warning signal of a race, either by VHF Channel 71 or by hailing, giving the boat name and whether it is sailing 'with spinnaker' or 'white sails' so that the appropriate rating can be applied.
- 8.2 For Bermuda start races, boats intending to race, or contemplating racing, should announce their intention by an email to the SMSC Senior Fleet members at SMSC Racing List <sm-sc-racing@sm-sc.ca>, or otherwise inform senior fleet at seniorfleet@sm-sc.ca so that preparations can be made for announcing starting times for individual entries. Check-in on the race course is still required, per 8.1.

9. The Start

- 9.1 The starting line will either be the SMSC 'club line' or at a committee boat, as follows:
 - 9.1.1 The club line will be between the breakwater SE light and the course-side extremity of the Club-F mark.
 - 9.1.2 The committee boat line will be between the RC Flag staff on the race committee boat and the course-side of the near-by mark.
- 9.2 Races will be started by using Rule 26.
 - 9.2.1 Classes will normally start separately, with B class normally starting first, but class flags will always govern starting order.
 - 9.2.2 For Bermuda start races, Rule 26 is changed as follows:
 - a. The race committee will publish a list of competitors together with their starting times, rounded to the nearest minute
 - b. The first starter will have a full starting sequence under Rule 26
 - c. One minute before any subsequent starting time, the race committee will display the class flag (Code Flag 'A' for Bermuda start races), together with one sound signal and a radio transmission of the boat or boats starting at this start
 - d. At any subsequent starting time the race committee will remove the class flag together with one sound signal
 - e. When two starts are one minute apart, the race committee will dip the class flag at the first of the two starts and only one sound signal will be made at that time

10. Shortening or Changing the Course

- 10.1 In addition to the procedures of Rule 32, the Race Committee may signal that a race will be shortened to finish at a designated mark by means of a radio transmission to the fleet before the first boat in a class reaches that mark. If no Race Committee boat is on station at the mark, competitors shall pass within one boat-length of the mark, take their own time (using GPS time) as they cross a line perpendicular to the rhumb line to the leg just completed, and immediately thereafter announce their boat name and finish time on VHF Channel 71. The Race Committee will endeavor to acknowledge the transmission. This changes Rules 32 and Race Signals.
- 10.2 In addition to the procedures of Rule 33, the Race Committee may signal a change in the course specified in SI 6.1 by means of a radio transmission on VHF Channel 71 to the fleet before the first boat in a fleet reaches the mark at which the change becomes effective. This changes Rules 33 and Race Signals.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 Absent any specific notice the finishing line will be the SMSC Club Line, between the SMSC breakwater SE light and the course-side extremity of the Club-F mark, but:
- 11.2 The race officer may specify a race committee boat finish as part of the posted course definition. The committee boat line will be between the RC Flag staff on the race committee boat and the course side of the near-by mark.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit for evening races will be the earlier of two hours and fifteen (2:15) minutes after the starting signal or 2045 hours, for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.
- 12.2 The time limit for weekend races will be four (4) hours for the first boat to finish, except for the Ocean race where this is increased to five (5) hours. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.
- 12.3 The first boat referred to in SI 12.1 and 12.2 shall not be a visiting boat referred to in the Notice of Race section 2.2.

13. Protests

- 13.1 Protests for races scheduled to start or finish on the Club line shall be delivered to the Race Officer, Officer of the Day or the SMSC Bar within 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 13.2 Protests for races not finishing at the club line may be filed electronically with seniorfleet@smc.ca within three (3) hours after the last boat finishes. The time of transmission will be taken as the time of receipt.
- 13.3 Hearings may be held as soon as possible after racing, or may be held over to a later date.

14. Scoring

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. At least three boats in a given class must start a race, otherwise the race is considered to have been abandoned for official scoring purposes. However, the race proceeds regardless and is scored for the enjoyment of competitors.
- 14.2 For June, July, August and September Series: When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.3 For the Class and White Sail Championship Series: Three Wednesday Night series of four races each (June, July, and August), and a Sunday Series of four races ('September') plus five individual races (Club Opener, Father's Day, Ocean Race, Island Race, and Turkey Trot). When fewer than 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores. When 14 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be:
- a) 14 races: total of race scores excluding worst score
 - b) 15 races: total of race scores excluding worst 2 scores
 - c) 16 races: total of race scores excluding worst 3 scores
 - d) 17 races: total of race scores excluding worst 4 scores
 - e) 18 races: total of race scores excluding worst 5 scores
 - f) 19 races: total of race scores excluding worst 6 scores
 - g) 20 races: total of race scores excluding worst 7 scores
 - h) 21 races: total of race scores excluding worst 8 scores
 - i) 22 races: total of race scores excluding worst 9 scores

In the case where races are abandoned as noted in 14.1, the list of the number of races in 14.3 is adjusted downward by the number of abandoned races.

- 14.4 Rule A.9 will apply.
- 14.5 Boats who have failed to file entry forms and insurance declarations as required by the Notice of Race will be scored DNC. This changes Rule A5.
- 14.6 In the event that the boat fails to obtain a PHRF NS rating before October 8, 2017 she shall be scored RET in all races in which she sailed. This changes Rule A5.

15. Radio Communication

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, to register her late entry, to ask for clarification of a transmission by the Race Committee, or to announce her finish time per SI 10.1, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing. Additionally, a boat shall not receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.2 Communication by VHF radio or mobile telephone is permitted between the Race officer, Senior Fleet Coordinators, and/or the designated Officer of the Day (who may be a competitor) before, after, or during a race with respect to the conduct of that race. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

16. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (SMSC) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the SMSC Senior Fleet races.

17. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000CDN per race or the equivalent.

