



false creek yacht club

THURSDAY NIGHT RACING 2017 Spring SERIES: May 4 – June 15 (7 RACES) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1. Rules

- 1.2. The 2017 FCYC Thursday Night **SPRING SERIES** will be governed by (i) the ISAFRRS for 2017-2020, and (ii) the rules of the PHRF of BC, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions. For the Martin 242 one-design fleet the M242 Class Rules apply. The series is designated as Category C.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Sailboats may be entered by completing the prescribed registration with the False Creek Yacht Club.
2.2. Boats competing must have a valid PHRF of BC certificate, and must submit a copy of the certificate with their registration. Boats wishing to race without a valid PHRF rating may only do so for a maximum of three (3) races, after which a formal PHRF rating must be obtained from BC Sailing in order to be eligible for official standing.
2.3. All boats must carry on board, while racing, or have filed at the FCYC office, a copy of a valid Certificate of Insurance indicating public liability coverage of not less than \$2,000,000.

3. Notices To Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors will not be posted, except on the FCYC website www.fcyc.com

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions.

- 4.1. Competitors shall be notified of changes in the Sailing Instructions as posted on the website, or by the Race Committee prior to displaying the first Warning Signal. Code flag "L" (come within hail) will be displayed on the RC boat.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. There will be no signals made ashore.

6. Check-in Before the Start

- 6.1. Boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal of each race by VHF radio on Channel 68, or by hailing the Race Committee boat at the start line. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF ch. 68.

7. The Start

- 7.1. The first warning signal shall be displayed at 1755 hours unless the race is postponed.
7.2. Races will be started according to ISAFRRS Rule 26.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>MINUTES BEFORE START</u>
Warning	Division Pennant Up	1 sound	5:00
Preparatory	"P" Flag Up	1 sound	4:00
One-Minute	"P" Flag removed	1 sound	1:00
Start	Division Pennant removed	1 sound	0:00

- 7.3. The Warning Signal for each succeeding division will be made 1 minute after the starting signal of the preceding division.



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7.4. Divisions are scheduled to start in the following order, but division starts may be combined or changed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

First start: Division 4
 Second start: Division 3
 Third start: Division 2 (M242), if 3 boats or more)
 Fourth start: Division 1

7.5. Start Line

- 7.5.1. The Start Line and Racing Area shall be in the waters of English Bay between Stanley Park and Jericho Beach.
 7.5.2. The Start Line shall be between an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat on the Starboard end, and a nearby floating pin with orange flag on the Portside end.
 7.5.3. The Race Committee may lay a clearance mark between the starting mark and the Race Committee boat. When approaching the line to start, no boat shall pass between the clearance mark and the Race Committee boat.

7.6. Starting Area

- 7.6.1. Boats whose Preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory signal has been made. The starting area is 75 meters (250 ft) from the start line in any direction.
 7.6.2. A boat shall not start later than 20 minutes after her starting signal.

8. Recalls

- 8.1. The race committee will endeavour to announce sail numbers and/or names of boats recalled for OCS by hailing and/or on VHF Ch.68.

9. The Course

- 9.1. The course will be a Windward-Leeward course, leaving the marks to Port. Divisions 1,2 and 3 sail twice (2x) around the full course. Division 4 sails one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times around, i.e. -Start Line to WW mark, -to LW mark, -to Gate Marks formed by the Orange Pin Flag and the RC boat, -to LW mark, -to Finish Line. (Div.4 boats have the option of leaving the Orange Pin to Port or the RC boat to Starboard after passing through the gate).
 9.2. The WW mark will be an upright inflatable orange mark, and the LW mark will be an upright inflatable yellow mark. If necessary, the RC may designate a freighter at anchor in English Bay, or a permanently anchored buoy or navigational aid as alternate marks.
 9.3. Depending on wind conditions, the Race Committee may shorten course for any or all divisions.
 9.4. **Boats must cross the start/finish line on all designated windward legs. Boats must not cross the start/finish line at any other time. This changes the RRS 28.2. A boat that sails through the Start/Finish line on any leg other than a designated windward leg will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.**
 9.5. Times will be taken for all boats crossing the start/finish line when starting their second windward leg. If no boat in a division finishes the complete course within the time limit, places will be awarded for all boats in that division based on times taken at the crossing of the start/finish line on completion of the first round.

10. The Finish

- 10.1. The Finish Line will be between an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and a nearby floating pin with orange flag or shape at the port end.

11. Time Limit.

- 11.1 The time limit will be sunset, as described in the weather almanac of the Vancouver Sun on the day of racing, or 2030 hours, whichever is earlier. Boats not finishing within the time limit are scored "DNF". This changes rule 35.
 11.2 If a boat retires or otherwise does not finish a race, the boat must report her retirement to the Race Committee either by VHF radio Ch.68 or by hailing the RC boat on station.

12. Protests

- 12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the RC and at any Yacht Club, including the FCYC lounge, and submitted to the CRO (Club Race Officer) within the protest time, which will be no later than 2 hours after the last boat has finished the race.



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- 12.2 The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible. Protest notices will be posted to detail the time and place of the protest hearing.
- 12.3 The protest committee will make best efforts to notify the parties to the time and place of the hearing as per ISAFRRS 63.2.

13 Scoring

- 13.1 Races will be scored using the Low Point System, ISAFRRS App. A.. Boats that are OCS, DNF, DNS, RET, DSQ will be scored one more point than the number of boats in their division that started in the race. All other registered boats not starting a race (DNC) will be scored one more point than the number of all boats entered in the series' division that are eligible for standings in the series.
- 13.2 Elapsed time will be corrected as per the PHRF time-on-time system.
- 13.2.1 Scores for all races shall be included to determine the final standings for the series. A minimum of four (4) races must be started in order to be eligible for overall standings. One throw-out is allowed after four races.
- 13.2.2 Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8.
- 13.3 A boat that is registered in the series and acts as a committee boat shall, in lieu of "DNC" be given a finishing score of the average of her scores at the end of the series.

14 Results and Prizes

- 14.1 Results for each race will be announced in the FCYC lounge, immediately following the race. Weekly prizes provided by **Evolution Sails, Central City Brewers & Distillers, and Karen Weiner of TAC Real Estate Corp**, and by the **False Creek Yacht Club** will be awarded to the top two or three boats in each division. At least one crew member of a winning boat must be present in the FCYC clubhouse to accept the prize. At the final event following the last race of the series, trophies and additional prizes will be awarded to the overall winner in each division.

