

BDYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025 (rev. 20251001)

1 RULES. All races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 and the Sail Canada prescriptions also [available online](#), except where modified by these BDYC Sailing Instructions SI's. Class rules on equipment, allowable modifications, etc. shall apply. When in doubt the BDYC SIs or those SIs issued in a Notice of Race will prevail.

2 ELIGIBILITY. Entries for Evening Series, Inter-Club competitions, and Fall series shall be limited to BDYC, IPYC and guests who are members of a PSA and have paid the appropriate BDYC racing fees. Entries for all other events shall be limited to BDYC members' boats unless otherwise specified in a Notice of Race (NOR) when issued. All boats shall have a valid SLVYRA handicap listing (see Para 18 below).

2.1 SKIPPER. The skipper shall be a member in good standing of either BDYC or IPYC. In the absence of the skipper any substitute shall be a regular member of the crew.

2.2 CREW. Non-members are permitted as guest crew for a maximum of three races per season.

3 NOTICES OF RACE (NOR) OR NOTICES TO COMPETITORS will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to BDYC as needed. For the racing schedule see 6 of these Sailing instructions and the BDYC website.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be signed by the Sailing Master and posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the scheduled first warning signal.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE will be displayed on the BDYC flagstaff or the committee boat in harbour. Flag AP means "The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after AP is lowered".

6 SCHEDULE. The racing schedule is available on the BDYC website as well as on the notice board in the member's lounge. The starting times are posted on the schedule, in general the first Warning Signal will be 18:45 for evening races (18:00 for any series run on September evenings), 13:55 for Saturday races, and 10:00 for Saturday events with more than one race. (These are indicated in the calendar). Saturday Dinghy races will also start at 10:00.

7 RACE AREA. The race area will be Lac St Louis.

8 COURSE SIGNALS will be displayed on the Committee Boat by showing a whiteboard with the course number and a graphical illustration or the numbers or symbols of the buoys in order on the board on the stern of the Committee Boat. Numbers displayed on a green background are to be rounded to starboard; those on a red background are to be rounded to port. A placard "2X" displayed after a set of numbers means that part of the course must be sailed twice around; a "3X" means three times around etc.

8.1 MARKS will be the Saint Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association (SLVYRA) racing marks as shown on its chart or drop marks. Drop marks will be symbolised by an X or a coloured dot ● on the course board on the committee board. Clarifications may be given by the RCO to explain the positioning of drop marks as needed.

8.2 PRESET COURSES. The RCO may also choose from the following pre-set courses that have been established and will be signalled by their lettering in addition to the course buoy sequence or whiteboard chart being posted on the back of the committee boat as outlined under 8.

9 START AND FINISH LINES will be set as follows

9.1 'CONVENTIONAL' START RACES will have the start and finish line between the mast of the Committee Boat and a marker buoy (Pin), which may be any SLVYRA buoy, a drop mark or a pin boat. Unless otherwise signalled the starting mark (Pin) will be to port of the committee boat. Start and finish lines may differ.

9.2 ELAPSED TIME RACES (Staggered Start) will start from a Start line between the mast bearing the anemometer on the east side of the BDYC harbour mouth and SLVYRA buoy 19 (to starboard/green), with the finish line being again between the mast bearing the anemometer on the east side of the BDYC harbour mouth and SLVYRA buoy 19 (port/red).

9.3 THE START. All Races except the 'Elapsed Time Races' (see 9.2) and 'Pursuit Races' (see 9.6) will be started in accordance with the recommended system under ISAF RRS 26 & 27.

See BDYC Racing Starts & Conduct Guide on the BDYC website in the Members section for details of RRS 26 & 27. This includes

- Signalling sequence for a normal start
- Race postponement signalling (AP flag)

Following the start of a race there will be a minimum one-minute interval before the Warning Signal of the next race is hoist (no 'rolling starts'). Where there is one start for all fleets #1 through #6 (all fleets sailing together), the Warning Signal shall be Numeral Pennant #5. Where two or three fleets are started together, the Committee Boat shall hoist all corresponding Numeral Pennants.

9.4 BOATS AWAITING WARNING SIGNAL: Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.

9.5 STAGGERED STARTS FOR ELAPSED TIME RACES. Starts for elapsed time races will be based on an honour system whereby skipper or crew of the participating boats takes a start time upon passing the start line and a finish time upon passing the finish time after correctly sailing the course outlined at the skippers meeting. This elapsed time is to be communicated to the

RCO within 1 hour of returning into harbour but no later than 1730 on the same day. Starts must occur within 15 minutes of the start time.

9.6 STARTS FOR PURSUIT RACES. Starting sequence and starting times for pursuit races will be calculated according to handicaps and communicated at the skippers meeting. The normal start sequence will be run through for the first boat to start the pursuit race, thereafter the committee boat will show time cards at every full minute for orientation purposes. It is the skipper's or crew's responsibility to time the start correctly using the allotted starting time.

9.7 FINISH. The finish shall be between the RC flag on the committee boat and the nearest racing mark unless otherwise specified.

10 SHORTENING OF RACE. A race can be shortened at the RCO's discretion using the flag and sound signals as outlined in the ISAF RRS 32.2 (display of S Flag with two short sound signals). If at the discretion of the race committee a course is shorted on the leg where boats are already sailing a large yellow pennant will be hoisted in addition and the finish line will be between the committee boat and a yellow drop mark.

11 FLEET DEFINITIONS For evening races each fleet is scored separately. Following fleets are currently defined at BDYC:

- Fleet 1 - dinghies
- Fleet 2 - keelboats with spinnaker TCF ≤ 0.970
- Fleet 3 - keelboats with spinnaker TCF > 0.970
- Fleet 4 - keelboats white sail TCF ≤ 0.970
- Fleet 5 - keelboats white sail TCF > 0.970

12 GENERAL RECALLS. In the case of a general recall the offending fleet(s) will be started after the other fleets, in normal sequence. This amends ISAF RRS rule 29.3

13 TIME LIMITS.

13.1 For evening races during May and August, if the overall leading keelboat across all keelboat fleets has not crossed the finish line by 20:30, the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

13.2 For evening races during June and July, if the overall leading keelboat across all keelboat fleets has not crossed the finish line by 21:00, the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

13.3 For weekend races if the leading boat has not crossed the finish line within 2 hours of the start the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish within 1 hour of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

14 SCORING. The Low Point scoring system, rule A4.1 ISAF RRS will apply, whereby the rule is modified to score the boat finishing first with 0.75 points.

14.1 SERIES SCORING:

For the Evening Series as well as the Saturday morning dinghy series, the combined BDYC/IPYC results will disregard whether a boat is from BDYC or IPYC while for the BDYC only results finishing positions will disregard IPYC boats.

14.2 RACE: A race shall only count for series scoring purposes if at least two boats from the respective fleet start and at least one sails the course and finishes.

14.3 MULTI RACE EVENTS: For multi-race weekend events the final result shall be based on the total points for all races in the event. Boats that do not compete in all races will be excluded from the calculation of the result. This does not apply to races run concurrently which will be treated as separate races for scoring purposes.

14.4 DISCARDS: For the evening series and Saturday series, a boat that has started:

- at least 5 races may discard up to 1 result;
- at least 7 races may discard up to 2 results;
- At least 8 races may discard up to 3 results;

15 PROTESTS shall be written on Sail Canada protest forms available from the office & be lodged with the RCO within the Protest Time which will commence at the time of arrival of the Committee Boat alongside in the BDYC harbour and last for 1 hour. The start of Protest Time will be advised by posting a notice on the BDYC Results notice board and by telephone to IPYC within 15 minutes of the start of the Protest Time.

15.1 PROTEST HEARINGS involving boats from both clubs (BDYC and IPYC) will be organised by BDYC for the May & July & September Evening Series and by IPYC for the June & August Evening Series. All other protest hearings will be organised by BDYC. Whenever possible the hearing will be heard the same day as the appropriate race or event.

16 RESULTS (provisional) of races and any protests will be posted in the Clubhouse by the RCO immediately after each race. A running record of the results of series will be maintained and displayed on the results board in the Clubhouse. The posting on the club's website will be for informational purposes only.

17 CLUB CHAMPION/TROPHIES/PENNANTS. Only BDYC members are eligible to receive awards.

17.1 CLUB CHAMPION is awarded to the lowest scored keelboat using combined results from the Club Championship Regatta (3 races no discards) and the scores of the 'Heritage Series Races' which include the Commodore's Cup race, the Founders day races, the Charity Pursuit Race and the Tour du Lac race as follows: Final points result = The score of the Heritage Series races with one discard will count as two races, added to the score of the Club Championship races with no discards. Dinghies and catamarans can participate in both the Heritage series and

the Club Championship. A Heritage Series plaque will be awarded to the winning dinghy/catamaran.

17.2 FLEET CHAMPIONS will be determined by computing the results of Evening Series 1,2,3,4 for each fleet.

17.3 WHITE SAIL SERIES TROPHY. Boats electing to sail with a Whitesail (WS) handicap in the Fall series will have their finishing points in each race aggregated to determine their score for this trophy. (Best 3 of 5 in each.)

17.4 CLASS CHAMPIONS. Trophies will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat in each class by computation of the season's Evening Series results, provided there are at least 3 starters in the fleet.

The Dinghy Class champion will be determined as the highest scorer in the Saturday morning dinghy races cumulative across the three series.

17.5 PENNANTS will be awarded for each fleet in each series or event on the following basis: 1st Place - at least 2 starters in the fleet; 2nd Place - at least 5 starters in the fleet; 3rd Place - at least 8 starters in the fleet. Green participation pennants will be handed out to recognise participation at the sailing master's discretion.

18 HANDICAPS. The TT (Time) handicap published by SLVYRA will be used as the default handicap. See paragraph 8.2 of the Members Handbook for the handicap policy. Any boat not on the list shall be measured within two months of the first race in which it participates. An interim handicap assigned by the sailing master will be used for the purposes of computing provisional results but not for a final standing. Please contact the Sailing Master for any help needed regarding the handicapping system.

19 LIABILITY. The BDYC, the organizing authority or the Race Committee (RC) are not responsible for any damage or injury either ashore or afloat, either to persons or yachts, which might result from participating in any race. Reference is made to ISAF Rule 4 – Decision to Race.

Have fun