

# MSC Sailing Instructions for 2023



## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Except as noted in these race instructions, all Club Races will be held in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021/2024 as amended by the Canadian Yachting Association.
- 1.2 All boats shall be adequately covered, by third party insurance, to a minimum value of \$1,000,000 for any one claim
- 1.3 To qualify for the overall results each MSC boat that sails in an MSC race must provide race officers for at least two club races.

## 2. SAFETY

- 2.1 The sign out & in sheet on clip board hanging on hall wall must be signed by a representative from all competing boats prior to leaving the dock and after returning. If a boat does not sign out and in they will at first be warned then next time get a score of DSQ. Each MSC competitor must check in with Committee Boat before start of race(s). If a boat has multiple skippers please notify the RC the name of the current skipper. A competitor should make every attempt to notify Committee Boat if retiring from race(s) or staying out to pleasure sail.
- 2.2 Lifejackets or PFD's must be worn during all club races. Canadian M.O.T. and/or Canadian Coast Guard regulations must be adhered to.
- 2.3 Each boat is required to carry all safety gear outlined by the Small Vessel Regulations including a PFD, paddle, bailer, heaving line, whistle and flashlight.
- 2.4 Failure to comply with the safety rules will result in disqualification
- 2.5 A competitor withdrawing from a race to aid a boat in distress will be awarded average points in those races.
- 2.6 Visiting Competitors: Any guest sailor participating in a regular club race should check in with the race officer of the day to be counted in each race.
- 2.7 A minimum of 2 race staff must be on the water to hold a race. Only club members are allowed to drive club boats. Members must be checked out on the boat they will be driving.

## CLUB RACING

- 3.1. Races Format: There will be 4 series of races:
  - Thursday Race series 1
  - Sunday Race series 1
  - Thursday Race series 2
  - Sunday Race series 2
- 3.2 A minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a series of races.
- 3.3 A minimum of 3 boats constitutes a race.
- 3.4 Starting Times.
  - 3.4.1 Thursdays 7pm
    - 3.4.1.1 Series 1 - May 25<sup>th</sup> until July 13<sup>th</sup>
    - 3.4.1.2 Series 2 – July 20<sup>st</sup> until Aug 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 3.4.2 Thursdays 6:30pm
    - 3.4.2.1 Series 2 – Aug 24<sup>th</sup> until Sept 7<sup>th</sup>
    - 3.4.2.2 Sundays 1pm
    - 3.4.2.3 Series 1 - May 28<sup>th</sup> until July 20<sup>th</sup>
    - 3.4.2.4 Series 2 – July 30<sup>st</sup> until Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

- 3.5 Race Time Limit  
The time limit will be 90 minutes from the start to the finish and 30 minutes to the first windward mark. The Race Committee may cancel the race prior to the time limit due to darkness, weather or safety reasons. If a race is cancelled as noted above, each competitor will be awarded average points and race will be counted.
- 3.6 Cancellation  
At the discretion of the Race Committee races may be cancelled for reasons of poor weather (including wind and waves) or lack of attendance at any time. **Races is not be permitted with winds of 20 knots or higher.**
- 3.7 Starts  
A 5 minute starting sequence will be used.  
There will be one start for all classes unless otherwise announced by the race committee.
- 3.8 General Recalls  
A general recall will be signaled by raising the First Substitute flag. This will remain until one minute before the next starting sequence.
- 3.9 Novice Starts  
A novice is defined as an MSC member who is skippering in their first year of the MSC race program. A novice may start at the preparatory signal (blue four minute flag). The race committee must be notified of novice status prior to the warning signal (red five minute flag).  
A skipper must relinquish novice status after competing in four races.

#### 4. SCORING

- 4.1. Upon completion of 4 or races or more you may drop your worst finish. Upon completion of 7 races you may drop your 2 worst finishes. Upon completion of 9 or more races you may drop your 3 worst finishes.
- 4.2 Boat Handicap will be done as per the Portsmouth Handicap System for one series of results.
- 4.3 Personal Handicapping will be used to calculate a second series of results
- 4.4. The low point scoring system as per Appendix A2 Section 2 of the CYA Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- 4.5. Race duty - a boat whose crew is on race duty will be awarded their average points for the race set.
- 4.6. Race Duty Officers: Failure to show up on time (or organise a replacement duty team) for attending race duty will score a DSQ on 2 best seasonal scores (cannot be dropped out).
- 4.7 Average points defined as the average of points taken after drop outs, as calculated by the racing computer program.
- 4.8. Overall is defined as position after boat handicapping.

#### 5. PROTEST PROCEDURES

- 5.1. The 720 Rule is in effect (CYA Rules 44.2) for monohulls. The 360 rule is in effect for multihulls.
- 5.2. Initiating a Protest: in addition to the CYA Rules  
The protesting boat must inform the race committee of the intention to protest within ½ hour of finishing the race. Written protests must be submitted to the race committee within ½ hour of the return to shore of the race committee.  
The race officer of the day will form a committee and arrange a hearing.

## 6. RACE COURSE







- 6.1 The recommended course is the A Triangle – Windward Leeward Course however at the Race officer’s discretion The B windward/leeward course may be used – see diagrams below. The windward/leeward course is recommend for races starting at 6:30pm. The Race Officer will display numeral flag 1 prior to the start of the start sequence if this course is to used
- 6.2. Shortened course will be signaled by 2 horn blasts plus the continuous display of the S code flag. Shorten courses see attached diagram.
- 6.3. Marks will be left to port.
- 6.4. Finish line will sighted between the pin end mark and the red flag on the committee boat.

## 7. STARTING SEQUENCE MSC Rule 3.7

Time	Description	Flag	Horn
5:00	Warning Signal	Red up	One Horn
4:00	Preparatory Signal	“P” flag Up	One Horn
1:00	Preparatory down	“P” flag Down	One Horn
0:00	START	Red Down	One Horn



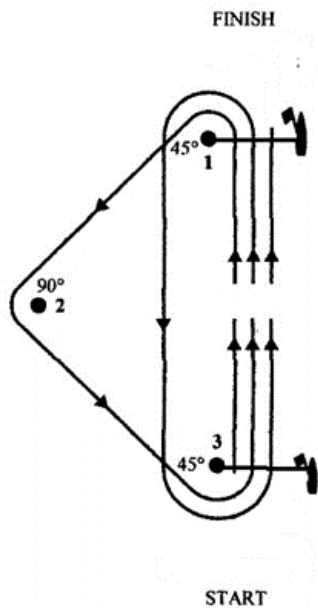
### SIGNAL FLAGS

DESCRIPTION	FLAG	HORN	
Individual Recall	X Code	1 Horn	
General Recall	First Substitute	2 Horns	
Abandonment	N Code	3 Horns	
Shorten Course	S Code	2 Horns	
Postponement	Answering Pennant	2 Horns	
Windward Leeward course	#1 pennant		

## 8. Personal handicaps will be allocated by the Sailing Committee

## A Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course

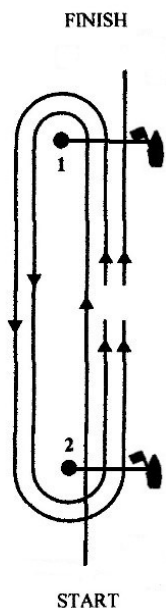
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish



*MSC uses the leeward and windward marks as starting and finishing marks.*

## B Windward-Leeward Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish



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**Fly a number 1 Pennant if using this course**

