

2015 Bluffer Basin DOUBLE HANDED SERIES

NOTICE TO RACERS #1

June 01, 2015

These notices and instructions supplement those given in the BPYC/CBYC/HYC Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions booklet, 05-May-2015 Edition, available on the CBYC website under the Racing section.

CALENDAR

These races will be held as follows:

Race #1	June 08, 2015
Race #2	June 22, 2015
Race #3	July 06, 2015
Race #4	July 20, 2015
Race #5	Aug 10, 2015

NOTE:

Races will be approximately 7 miles in length and, if appropriate, make use of all marks on the course including marks 9 and 10.

ELIGIBILITY

The Series is open to Single-Handed (Skipper) or Double-Handed (Skipper and one additional crew) crewed yachts. The skipper of each sailboat must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Children under the age of 12 do not count as crew.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The racing committee of the Bluffers Basin Race Management Committee is the organizing authority for all races.

CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Additions, changes, and exceptions to these Sailing Instructions may be made in writing (i.e. as a *Notice to Racers*) at any time throughout the season, provided that these Notices are posted on the Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club website a minimum of 24 hours before they take effect.

COMMITTEE BOAT BACKUP

The committee boat and any required backups will be provided by the Bluffers Basin Race Management Committee.

RACE START TIME

The committee boat will leave the dock at approximately 18:05 hours.
The "R" flag will be taken down at approximately 18:39 hours.
The first start will be at approximately 18:45 hours.

SCORING CLASSES AND DIVISIONAL STARTS

The fleet will be divided into 3 classes for the purpose of scoring and into 3 divisional starts as follows:

Start	Division	Description
1	1	Non-flying PHRF ASP over 200
2	2	Non-flying PHRF ASP 140 to 200
3	3	Non-flying PHRF ASP under 140

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

In an attempt to reduce traffic around the Race Committee boat in the pre-start, it is the intent of the Race Committee to radio broadcast on VHF channel 72 the course to be sailed for the upcoming race. This announcement shall be made seconds prior the lowering of the “R” Flag (on station flag). A second courtesy broadcast shall consist of a 10 second countdown for the raising of the Numeral 1 pennant. It remains each competitor’s responsibility to check-in with the RC boat, confirm the course posted, and in accordance with RRS 26, visual starting signals shall govern, and the failure of related sound signals and broadcasts shall be disregarded.

AUTOPILOTS

Use of mechanical powered autopilot equipment will be permitted in these races.

PROTESTS

RRS rules and Sailing Instructions will be used for settling protests. Protesting skippers are reminded that they must:

1. Immediately display a red protest flag.
2. Immediately advise the protested yacht(s) of the infraction.
3. Notify the Race Committee of the protest and the sail number of the protested yacht.
4. Completed Protest Form must be filed with the Committee Boat no later than 30 minutes after the return of the race committee to the dock to be valid.

The Race Officer will determine the make-up of the protest committee as follows:

1. The protest committee shall consist of three members from competitors from division(s) other than those of the parties to the protest.
2. A protest committee chairperson will be appointed by the BBRMC and to the degree possible will be independent of those involved in the protest.
3. The protestor(s) will be provided with a copy of the list, and assisted to contact the protest committee chair.

The protest committee may decide to hear the protest at that time, or defer the hearing to a later date that is agreed upon by all parties. Race results may be posted before protests are resolved with suitable notification of “Protest Pending”. Race results will be amended and reposted once protests have been resolved.

SCORING SYSTEM

In scoring the series, the number of races to be counted for each yacht is determined by the number of races its class completed, as follows:

<u># Races Completed by the class</u>	<u># Races Counted</u>
5 races	4
4 or fewer	All races

RESULTS

Results will be distributed to competitors electronically following the race and posted on the CBYC website the following day.