

# **Erieau Yacht Club**

## **Sailing Instructions 2009**

### **1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*. (See: <http://www.sailing.org/20348.php> ).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the *Canadian Yachting Association 2009-2012* (see: [http://www.sailing.ca/racing/rules\\_and\\_regatta\\_management/racing\\_rules\\_of\\_sailing/](http://www.sailing.ca/racing/rules_and_regatta_management/racing_rules_of_sailing/)) apply, except:
- (a) a \$5.00 protest fee shall be filed with any protest. This fee will be refunded if the protest is allowed.
  - (b) the Identification on Sails provided in the Rule 77 and Appendix G shall not apply.

### **2.0 Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the notice board located at the yacht club.

### **3.0 Schedule of Races**

- 3.1 The dates of racing are set out in the Schedule, as may be modified by a Notice to Competitors.
- 3.2 A race may be postponed or cancelled as may be determined by the Chairman of the Race and Rules Committee, the Commodore and the Vice-commodore, and posted at the yacht club as a notice to competitors.

### **4.0 Eligibility for racing**

- 4.1 To be eligible for racing, a boat must be entered and dues paid as required by the rules of the Erieau Yacht Club.
- 4.2 **Lakeside Race**  
To be eligible for the Lakeside trophy, a boat shall have competed in at least 2 races before the Lakeside Race.
- 4.3 **Brown Jugge Race**  
No competitor who has won a trophy during the sailing season shall be eligible for the Brown Jugge Trophy.

### **4.4 Personal flotation devices**

If the barge displays a signal or otherwise advises, all competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

## 5.0 Starting sequence

5.1 The starting sequence will be as follows (this modifies Rule 26):

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and sound</b>	<b>Minutes before class start</b>
C-Scow preparatory	Blue flag up; 1 sound	3
C-Scow one-minute	Blue flag down; 1 sound	1
C-Scow starting	Red flag up; 1 sound	0
Lark preparatory	Red flag up; 1 sound (from the C-scow start)	3
Lark one-minute	Red flag down; 1 sound	1
Lark starting	Green flag up; 1 sound	0
Laser preparatory	Green flag up; 1 sound (from the Lark start)	3
Laser one-minute	Green flag down; 1 sound	1
Laser start	Blue flag up	0

5.2 Depending on the number of competitors, the Laser fleet may start with the Larks. See the Notice to Competitors posted on race day.

## 6.0 The Course

6.1 The course shall be determined by the Chairman of the Race and Rules Committee, the Commodore and the Vice-commodore, and posted at the yacht club as a Notice to Competitors.

6.2.1 Once the course has been determined, the race shall be run by the Barge Captain or his designate.

6.2.2 The Barge Captain has the authority to abandon a race, change or shorten the course as provided by in the Rules.

### 6.3.0 The Start

6.3.1 **Avoid starting area:** Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

6.3.2 **Starting line:** The starting line will be between the start mark and a mark placed by the barge. If no mark is placed, then the starting line will be between the starting mark and the signal flag on the barge.

6.3.3 **No-dip starts:** No part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be on the course side of the starting line during the last minute before her starting signal. If this rule is broken, then the boat shall thereafter sail from the course side around one end of the start line before starting. This modifies Rule 30.1, and an I-flag shall not be required to be displayed.

6.3.4 **Boats over at the start:** The Barge Captain may designate a Judge for the purpose of determining if a boat is over at the start. The designated Judge has authority to determine if a boat is over at the start and to so advise that boat. The authority of the designated Judge is in addition to that of the Barge Captain.

6.3.0 **The Finish**

6.3.1 **Finishing line:** The finishing line will be between the finish mark and a mark placed by the barge. If no mark is placed, then the finishing line shall be between the finishing mark and the signal flag on the barge.

6.3.2 The Barge Captain shall have sole authority to determine the order in which boats finish.

7.0 **Race Time Limits and Class Wind Limits**

7.1 **The race time limit:** For a race to count for a class of boats, the first boat must finish within 2 hours of the start time of the class.

7.2 **Wind limit for Larks:** The maximum wind limit for Larks is an average wind speed of 13 knots as determined by the Chairman of the Race and Rules Committee, the Commodore and the Vice-commodore.

7.3 **Wind limit for C-scows and Lasers:** The maximum wind limit for C-Scows and Lasers is an average wind speed of 18 knots as determined by the Chairman of the Race and Rules Committee, the Commodore and the Vice-commodore.

8.0 **Scoring**

8.1 The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A of the Rules using the Low Point System

8.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when 5 or more races are completed.

8.3 A boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score when 10 or more races are completed. If less than 10 but more than 5 races are completed the overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.0 **Protests**

9.1 Protests shall be filed with the race committee there within the protest time limit.

9.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day in that class.

10. **Disclaimer of Liability**

- 10.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, and the Erieau Yacht Club, it's officers, employees, officials and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, either ashore or on the water. By deciding to enter a race, and continuing to compete, every boat and competitor expressly waives and agrees to hold harmless, the organizing authority, and the Erieau Yacht Club, it's officers, employees, officials and volunteers from any and all liability.