

**2020 Duck Island Race**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**August 22, 2020**

**1. RULES AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**

Races will be sailed under the management of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Regatta Committee. The organizing authority is not responsible for any damage, injury or disease, either ashore or at sea, either to persons or boats.

Races will be sailed under US Sailing Association "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Changes in the instructions and published starting times, protest meetings and other official information will be communicated to contestants at the Skippers' Meetings and by email or text messages, and will be posted on the HHYC web site, Duck Island Race page.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Participants will be expected to attend the Skippers' Meetings at Henderson and Crescent and take note of any changes to Sailing Instructions. Changes will also be posted on the HHYC web site, Duck Island Race page.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Will not be used

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

Separate Registration and Skippers Meetings will be held at CYC (Dan Machold) and HHYC (Jim King).

<b>August 24</b>	<b>8:00 Hrs</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting</b>
	<b>9:30 Hrs</b>	<b>Starting sequence</b>

**6. CLASS FLAGS:** Will not be used

**7. RACE AREA:**

The race area will be in Chaumont Bay, Henderson Bay and Lake Ontario waters in their vicinity.

The Course will be as follows, (see Appendix A) and, if conditions require, will be shortened by moving the Henderson start line to Lime Barrel and/or other changes made by the Race Committee.

**8. COURSE:**

There will be 2 start/finish lines, one in Henderson Bay and one in Chaumont Bay. CYC boats will start in Chaumont, and Henderson boats and those from clubs to the South will start in Henderson.

A course winding through the near waters of Lake Ontario will be retraced, making the course more equal for both starts and providing two crossings for all boats. See Appendix A.

**Starting in Henderson Bay:**

After the start sail to Lime Barrel Buoy G"2" leaving it to port, then

Sail to buoy G"3" by Point Peninsula leaving it to starboard, then

Sail to the gate between Johnson Shoal buoy G"1", turning around the inflatable mark to the east, leaving that mark to starboard, then

Sail to buoy G"3" by Point Peninsula leaving it to port, then

Sail to Lime Barrel buoy G"2" leaving it to starboard, then

Finish at the starting line.

### **Starting in Chaumont Bay:**

After the start sail southwest to buoy G"3" by Point Peninsula leaving it to port, then

Sail to Lime Barrel buoy G"2" leaving it to starboard, then \*

Sail through the gate between two inflatable marks north of the A mooring area in Henderson Harbor, rounding either mark, then

Sail to Lime Barrel Buoy G"2" leaving it to port, then

Sail to buoy G"3" by Point Peninsula leaving it to starboard, then

Sail to the finish between Johnson Shoal buoy G"1" and inflatable mark to the east.

\* In case of a Lime Barrel start for Henderson, round Lime Barrel buoy G"2", leaving it to starboard, then Point Peninsula G"3", etc.

In case of threatening weather the course may be shortened in coordination with the race committee. In addition to VHF channel 72, the RC will attempt to reach competitors via cell phone.

**9. MARKS:** See below

### **10. THE START:**

Henderson Bay:

The Start/Finish line will be between inflatable marks north of the A mooring area in Henderson Harbor (A short windward leg may be included to help with safety and separation of the fleet.)

OR

between Lime Barrel Buoy G"2" and an inflatable mark to the northeast if conditions favor a shorter course.

Chaumont Bay:

The Start/Finish line will be between Johnson Shoal buoy G"1" and an inflatable mark to the east.

For both starts:

**A.** The starting sequence will be a warning horn at approx. six minutes, followed by a horn at 5 min, 4 min, 1 min, and a horn at the start. R.C. may use the radio to count down times. Channel 72

**B. Individual Recalls:** Will be signaled by one sound signal and broadcast over the radio with sail number and or boat name. Failure of a boat to hear her call will not relieve the boat of her obligations to start correctly.

**C. General Recall:** Will be signaled by two sound signals (after the starting signal). A new start sequence will be started at the discretion of the RC. This modifies Rule 29.3

### **11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:**

**A.** Any course changes will be announced on VHF channel 72.

### **12. THE FINISH:**

Finish will be the Start/Finish lines described above. Competitors will take their own time per GPS. (If seconds are not available, please calibrate a watch against the minute updates on your GPS.)

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Penalties will be assessed in accordance with the RRS.

**14. TIME LIMITS:**

A. There is no time limit...it is up to you if you choose to finish the race. If you choose to retire please notify the race committee by hailing or on VHF channel 72.

**15. PROTESTS:**

Written forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee chairman within one (1) hour after the RC docks.

**16. SCORING:**

A. Scoring will be done in accordance with PHRF LO scoring system.

B. The recent change to NFS offsets by PHRF-LO may require a rating adjustment for any boat not having a valid 2020 certificate. Such adjustment will be made using PHRF-LO's NFS Delta 2020 document at [https://www.phrf-lo.org/images/Documents/NFS\\_Delta\\_2020.pdf](https://www.phrf-lo.org/images/Documents/NFS_Delta_2020.pdf).

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

All boats are required to check in before the first race. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:** Prior written notice is required

**19. SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKS:**

A. Safety equipment checks can be made at any time by the RC.

B. All boats participating in the regatta are required to carry all required safety equipment to be in accordance with NYS boater safety requirements and a VHF radio for communication from the race committee.

**20. OFFICIAL BOATS:**

Official boats will be the RC boats, which may also be racing.

**21. SUPPORT BOATS:**

Support boats are not allowed in the race area during the time the RC leaves the dock until the RC returns to the dock.

**22. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS:** None

**23. RADIO COMMUNICATION:**

All competitors should have VHF Radios for receiving information on a pre-determined channel from the race committee only. If a competitor receives any radio transmission from other than the race committee or receives any radio communication other than from the race committee or mobile phone communication after the start they shall retire from the race in progress.

**24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury, disease, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A signed Waiver and Release of Liability is required from all competitors.

Appendix A:

