

Tiddly Cove Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Last Chance Regatta

Saturday October 19, 2013.

Start of race: 11:00am

All boats with a valid PHRF certificate and proof of insurance, that meet other requirements as stated in the Sailing Instructions below, are invited to participate in the Tiddly Cove Yacht Club Series races.

To Register:

The race entry fee is \$10 for TCYC boats, \$15 for all other boats. Registration and payment can be completed through the Tiddly Cove web site at www.tiddlycove.bc.ca. Payment can also be made by cash or cheque (please contact the fleet captain to arrange). Contact the fleet captain at:

Telephone: 604-617-4439 or info@johnleeimages.com

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACE INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1.1. Races will be conducted in accordance with ISAF/CSA Rules 2013-2016, subject to alterations by PHRF, TCYC General Race Instructions, these Sailing Instructions, or by notification from race committee.

1.2. **Ratings:** Racers must hold a valid **2013** PHRF certificate.

1.2.1. For those without ratings, a temporary rating may be assigned by the race committee for the series. Such ratings will not be open to challenge.

1.3. Sail Numbers. PIYA or fleet sail numbers must be displayed.

1.4. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be given verbally, or by written handout from the committee boat. If this is required, code flag L will be displayed.

1.5. Yachts must have on board a valid insurance certificate, available for inspection by the race committee, or other TCYC authorities.

1.6. **Non-TCYC Boats:**

1.6.1 Non-TCYC boats wishing to race must have PHRF ratings between those of the fastest and the slowest TCYC boats. Exceptions may be allowed at the discretion of the race committee.

1.6.2 All Non-TCYC boats wishing to compete must complete and return a Race Waiver Form (downloadable from www.tiddlycove.bc.ca) along with proof of adequate insurance, to the Race Committee by 6:00 p.m. the day before race day.

1.6.3 The race committee has the right to refuse boats from any TCYC-organized event without explanation.

2. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

2.1. **Safety Equipment:** Yachts must be equipped to conform to PIYA Safety Category III for all races.

2.2. **TCYC Responsibility:** At no time will TCYC, its Directors, Flag Officers, Sailing Committee or Race Committee(s) accept responsibility for accidents or misadventures.

2.3. **Skipper's Responsibility:** The decision to start or continue a race is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper of a participating yacht. Responsibility for safety the safety of a yacht and her crew is the inescapable responsibility of the owner and skipper.

2.4. If **Code Flag "Y"** is displayed, skipper and crew are required to wear safety flotation gear.

2.5. **Inspection:** Any yacht participating in a TCYC race may be subject to a safety equipment inspection by the Race Committee.

3. SIGNALS

3.1. Races will be started according to ISAF rules, i.e.:

5-min warning: Division flag 1, or 2 or both (1 horn)

4-min warning: Code flag P, I, or Black Flag (1 horn)

1-min warning: Removal of P, I, or Black Flag (1 horn)

Start: Removal of Division flag (1 horn — or 2 horns if one or more boats are OCS)

3.2. (*) A flag for the next division may be hoisted **at or after**, the previous start.

3.3. Communications: Radio communications with the Race Committee will be conducted on **VHF Channel 68**

4. DIVISIONS AND SPECIAL SIGNALS

4.1. **Divisions:** Yachts will be divided into *Racing Division* (Division 1), and *Cruising division* (Division 2), based on the *Performance Value "PV"* ($PV=(60-LOA)^* 5.4$). If your yacht has a PHRF faster than her PV, she is in Racing Division; otherwise she is in Cruising Division. A Cal20 or Melges 24 division and individual start may be added by the Race Committee dependent on registration.

4.2. **Start:** The start will likely be a windward start for all races.

4.3. The committee will endeavor to have the first leg of the course to windward. A **red flag** on the committee boat means "leave all marks to port."

4.4. A **green flag** on the committee boat means "leave all marks to starboard."

4.5. A **blue flag** on the committee boat means that the committee boat is on station to take finishes.

4.6. **Kiss of the Frog rule:** If it becomes obvious that one yacht will be last, with no opportunity of improving her position, the race committee may give a yacht a last place finish without requiring her to complete the course.

4.6.1. The committee will endeavor to notify the yacht by (a) calling her in on channel 68, (b) raising the Kiss-of-the-Frog flag (green frog on white flag), and (c) sounding 3 horns. *If you are at or near the back of the fleet, be sure to leave your radio on and listen for Kiss of the Frog horns/announcements.*

4.6.2. If it is apparent that the boat is trying to motor back to the start area, the committee may, at its discretion, wait for the boat to motor back or start the race in the absence of the boat.

4.7. **Before the start (Check in):** Each participating yacht shall hail the committee boat, on **VHF Channel 68** or by approaching to within hailing distance, giving sail number, boat name, rating and division at least 10 minutes before the warning signal for the first

start of the day. The committee is under no obligation to score yachts that fail to report in time.

4.8. **No Flying Sails:** Boats that are rated for spinnaker or cruising spinnaker, but wish to race “no flying sails” must hail the Race Committee to this effect, when checking in.

4.8.1. Any boat declaring “no flying sails” shall be scored in the division appropriate to its usual PHRF rating.

4.8.2. The “no flying sails” allowance for Tiddly Cove races shall be 18 sec. unless there is a valid PHRF certificate that a different allowance is appropriate. (See PHRF manual from *BC Sailing* for definition of flying sails and more information on the “NFS” allowance)

4.9. **Recalls:** Individual recalls will be signaled by the use of Code flag “X” and an “extra horn.” The committee will try to notify early starter(s), but assumes no responsibility for doing so. Boats should consider having their radios on channel 68 at the start.

4.10. All yachts retiring from a race shall inform the Race committee via Channel 68 or by hail, as soon as possible.

5. START AND COURSE

5.1. **Start and Finish:** The start shall be a line between the orange flag on the committee boat and a pin bearing an orange flag. The start will be in Area C, West of Kits Barge Can.

5.2. **The race course** will be determined by the race committee on the day of the race to take advantage of the prevailing conditions. However the course will most likely be either:

1-2-1-Finish (referred to as a “Two-lap” or “Twice-around” course)

OR

1-Finish (referred to as a “One-lap” or “Once-around” course)

Where **Mark 1** will be an orange inflatable TCYC mark (note: a local anchored object such as a freighter may be substituted for Mark 1 at Race Committee’s discretion) and **Mark 2** will be the starting pin. Note that in the case of both one-lap and two-lap races ***the finish is downwind straight through the finish line*** — you do ***not*** round the pin for the finish! This course is designed to maximize the number of races we can include in the regatta.

5.3. **In the event of a change of course** the committee boat will announce the change over Channel 68 and or fly the come within hail flag and give verbal instructions to passing boats. ***The committee may run a mix of one-lap and two lap races*** — monitor Channel 68 between races and watch for visual signals and hails from the committee boat.

5.4. **The time limit** for the regatta and any division shall be four hours from the start of the first race. If one or more yachts in a division finish within the time limit, the time limit for that division will be extended 30 minutes. (Amends ISAF). See also, “Kiss of the Frog” rule (section 4.7 above). It should not be assumed that the race committee will wait for all divisions to finish, before starting another race for a division that has finished. No warning signals will be sounded after 15:00 hrs.

5.5. In the event of a **general recall**, boats should return to the start area immediately and watch flags for new indications.

5.6 Depending on the wind conditions, race committee may provide racers a short 5-10 minute lunch break after the first or second race, prior to starting the next race. In this

case the AP flag will be shown.

6. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

6.1. Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF rules.

6.2. Protests must be announced to the race committee before the boat leaves the race area (if possible) and must be delivered to the fleet captain of TCYC by midnight of the race day.

6.3. Boats may be exonerated for hitting a mark by taking a one turn penalty (previously a 360-degree turn) or other right-of-way violations by taking a two-turns penalty (previously a 720-degree turn).

6.4. **Filing a protest.** In protesting another yacht, all ISAF procedures must be followed, and the protest in writing and containing all the required information must be in the hands of the Fleet Captain by midnight of the race day.

7. MAIN OBJECTIVE

Have fun!