



Boswell Trophy Race
September 23 - 24 2017
The Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Toronto, Ontario



Sailing Instructions

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC) is the organizing authority for this regatta.

1 Eligibility and Rules:

1.1 Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 CAD per event for Canadian boats and \$350,000 USD for US boats. A copy of the policy shall be kept on board the boat.

1.2 Eligible Entries:

All eligible skipper-entries shall submit an online entry via the RCYC website here;
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=4467>

2 Rally Rules

2.1 General Rules and Regulations:

It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure adherence to all Canadian regulations and safety requirements as defined under the Canadian Marine Safety Framework and its associated Acts and Regulations, including minimum safety equipment and adherence to Collision Regulations. Further information can be found at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/rsqa-omsf-3126.htm>

3 Fees

3.1 Entry Fees

Entry Fees are as defined on the Yachtscoring registration page.

4 Schedule

4.1 Weekend Rally Schedule

The Skipper's Meeting will be held outside the sailing office or in the event of rain on the RCYC verandah on Saturday Sep 23, 2017 at **09:30am**. First warning signal will be at **11.50am**.

5 Classes

5.1 Applicable Class - Standard:

The rally/race is open to sailboats, 20 ft. LOA or greater.

The standard classes for the rally/race are;

Single Handed (FS/NFS)

Double Handed (FS/NFS)

Fully Crewed (FS/NFS)

PHRF-LO is the standard Handicap/Measurement Authority. More information on PHRF-LO can be found by visiting <http://www.phrf-lo.org> or by contacting the RCYC Sailing Office.

If you do not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate, the RCYC Sailing Office will assign one to you.

Please notify the Sailing Office if you need a PHRF number.

5.2 Applicable Class – Special Circumstances:

As per the focus of this rally/race, additional people are allowed on the boat such as friends, family and children. However, only the people identified as crew, as per paragraph 1.3 above, may sail the boat at any time, including all sail handling requirements. Additional people on the boat are considered passengers and may not assist with boat handling. Passenger movement and positioning (as ballast) is allowed under this rally.

6 Divisions and Fleets

6.1 Division Splits

Divisions will include Flying Sails (FS) and No Flying Sails (NFS) either Singled Handed or Double Handed. Divisions may be sub-divided into fleets. These splits will be published at the Skippers Meeting. The Organizing committee may assign boats to divisions and fleets based on the number of boats registered.

7 Course

7.1 The race course

Start: RCYC

Mark 1: T2

Mark 2: (Y) Special Purpose Bouy 43 50.925N 78 49.520W (1.0nm 190° from entrance of Oshawa Creek)

Mark 3: (Y FL 4S) Burloak Cautionary Buoy 43 22.085N 79 42.370W (1.5nm 180° from entrance of Bronte Creek)

Mark 4: T1

Finish: RCYC

8 Start

8.1 The first warning signal shall be at 11:50am

8.2 Races will be started using Rule 26.

8.3 There will be an interval of at least one minute between a start and the warning signal of the next start.

8.4 There will be 3 starts as outlined below;

Start 1: Single Handle (FS/NFS)

Start 2: Double Handed (FS/NFS)

Start 3: Fully Crewed (FS/NFS)

9 Finish

9.1 Boats shall finish between the RCYC main dock and an Orange Mark to the north described the final mark of the course as described in 8.5

9.2 Boats must radio the RC on VHF 9 as they pass mark T1/T2 on the way to the finish

9.3 Once a Sailboat has crossed the finish line, it shall clear the finish area completely as quickly as possible. Avoid deck and sail changes until your sailboat has completely cleared the finish area.

10 VHF Communications

10.1 All participants must have, at a minimum, a handheld VHF radio.

10.2 The RCYC Rally committee when necessary will hail the participants using VHF channel 9.

10.3 Once the start sequence has been completed for all divisions, participants shall monitor VHF channel 9.

11 Requirements for Maintaining a Log

11.1 At a minimum participating sailboats are required to keep a log of their finish time using local GPS time. Additionally, participants shall record the name of the identifiable rally-sailboat that finishes direct before, and directly after them, once crossing the finish line.

12 Notification Requirements

12.1 Sailboats are encouraged to implement their own check-in process and schedule during the Rally with individuals ashore and on the water via phone, email, VHF radio, or other mechanism.

12.2 As they finish, Competitors shall radio the Race Committee to confirm their finish, and which class they raced in, specifying their boat name, sail number, and one of single handed, double handed or fully crewed, as well as "flying sails" or "no flying sails", and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

12.3 A sailboat withdrawing from the Rally shall wear her Ensign and keep clear of other competitors.

12.4 Any yacht in difficulty WHETHER WITHDRAWING OR NOT, shall immediately contact the Coast Guard, AND any other vessel in the vicinity and make them aware of her situation, notifying the Rally/Race Committee as appropriate.

12.5 The Rally/Race Committee shall be notified of a boat's withdrawal at the earliest possible opportunity either through via VHF radio or, at the following telephone number 416 934 4430, leaving a voice mail message if prompted, or at the email address of Jessica.mcgrath@rcyc.ca and provide the following information:

- Rally/Race Name: Boswell Cup
- Yacht name and sail number
- Location and status
- Harbour to which you are proceeding and estimated time of arrival

13 Notices to Competitors

13.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the RCYC Clubhouse Main Veranda

13.2 Any relevant notices to competitors will be posted before 9:30am on Saturday Sep 23, 2017

14 Protests

14.1 Protest forms are available in the sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 Boats intending to file a protest shall so advise the Race Committee upon flying their protest flag, and upon finishing.

14.3 Protests must be filed no later than 90 minutes after the boat finishes. Protests will be heard in the order filed, and a list of protests to be heard will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit expiring, to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing. This notice will serve as the notice required under Rule 63.2(a)

14.4 Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

14.5 Mediation:

a) Any written protest involving a rule of Part 2 may be reviewed by a mediation judge at the discretion of the jury chairman. If there is no damage, and no more than two boats are involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. Any protest not resolved by this procedure will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.

b) In such event, after the protest has been properly filed, one designated representative from each boat shall testify before a mediator; no witnesses will be permitted. The mediator will decide on the validity of the protest(s) and provide an opinion as to whether a rule(s) was broken. This changes RRS 63.5.

c) a boat that accepts the opinion of the mediator that she has broken a rule, and accepts fault, shall receive a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3

d) When one boat accepts a penalty following a mediator hearing, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the protest, and the protest shall not be referred to the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.1.

e) The mediator may approve the withdrawal of a protest. This changes rule 63.

15 Prizes

16.1 The Boswell Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall corrected time. Flags for 1/2/3 place will also be awarded.