



# Sussex Inlet & Basin Yacht Club Inc.

## Race Instructions for 2009/2010 Season

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## Notice of Season's Events

The Sussex Inlet-Basin Yacht Club inc. invites entries from Trailable Yachts, Ballasted Day Sailers and Trailable Multi Hulls for the 2009/2010 season of events to be conducted on St. Georges Basin.

**Rules.** The races will be governed by the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the AYF .

**Eligibility.** All yachts owned by financial members of S.I.B.Y.C. who have paid race entry fees and shown proof of comprehensive insurance, will be eligible to compete and will gain points in the various Series.

**Visitors** (Not existing members) are welcome and may sail up to 3 races but will not be awarded points.

**Entries & Fees.** To enter yacht owners must complete the membership/entry form, attach proof of current comprehensive insurance and pay the prescribed fees for the season by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Membership fees and half the race fees may be paid by the due date with the balance paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

A personal membership will lapse in a season if fees, together with a reasonable explanation for late payment, are not tendered to the Committee by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**No points will be awarded to boats that are unfinancial after the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 or visitors.**

All entrants agree to be bound by the racing rules of the ISAF and by all other rules that govern the events and:

“The decision to race places the sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing on the boat”

The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and need not give any reason for doing so.

<b>Radio Frequencies</b>	27.980 M.Hz	Rescue Organizations
	27.940 M.Hz	Club events
	27.88M.Hz	Primary distress & calling only
	27.86M.Hz	Secondary distress and safety

**Measurements** Yachts may be measured at the discretion of the Club.

**Scoring** The low point system will apply.

Boats which opt to sail in a 7 race series will be scored as an entrant for that series.

Boats which opt to sail 7 randomly selected races over the season will not be scored as an entrant in any series

**Program** *See separate sheet.*

### **Weekend Events Summary**

**Basin Chase Series** - 7 handicap races programmed 5 to count based on PBH results.

**Outside Series** - 7 scratch races programmed 5 to count based on PBH results.

**Inside Series** - 7 scratch races programmed 5 to count based on PBH results.

**Short Course Series** - over 2 days (6 races) all to count based on CBH results.

**Weekend Point Score Trophy** -5 races from each series to count based on PBH results.

**Weekend Club Champion**-5 races from each inside and outside series to count based on CBH Results

### **Midweek Events Summary**

**Handicap Series** - 7 races programmed 6 races to count based on PBH results.

**Gate Start Series** - 7 races programmed 6 to count based on PBH results

**Scratch Start Series** - 7 races programmed 6 to count based on PBH results

**Midweek Point Score trophy** -6 races from each series to count based on PBH results.

**Midweek Club Championship** 6 races from the scratch series to count based on CBH results

### **Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded to the successful boats in the above-mentioned events.

“The American’s Cup” will be awarded to the weekend Club Champion.

A prize (usually an engraved cup or glass) will be awarded to the winner in each race of the above mentioned events based on PBH results. Boats entered in random series will be eligible for daily prizes but will not be included in series points score.

### **Duty Boat**

A boat, which is entered in a series of races and is rostered to act as the Starter’s Committee boat for any race in the series shall be awarded points for equal 4<sup>th</sup> place in that race.

### **Handicaps**

The minute system of handicapping will be used for midweek events. The “Top Yacht” program will be used for weekend events to produce a PBH rating for each boat. For the Basin Chase, handicap start times will be calculated based on a 2.5 hr race length. PBH rating will be averaged over the three previous races with maximum adjustment limited to 4% of a boats rating.

Handicaps and start times will be determined by the Sailing Committee based on the average performance of the previous seasons racing. A boat new to the club will have its PBH determined by the race committee and, after the first completed race, its handicap will be adjusted manually or automatically based on performance.

The owner of a boat that has been modified since its last race with the Club must advise the Committee of the modifications made. The Committee will then decide if there should be any change to its handicap.

During the season a skipper may apply to the Sailing Committee in writing for a review of the boat’s handicap based on its performance. The Sailing Committee itself may review and manually adjust handicaps based on a boat’s performance. The Handicapper may review all personal handicaps at regular intervals during the season and may take into account the number of boats in the various events and adjust handicaps for any drift of fleet handicaps and recommend any changes to the Committee. Objections should be addressed to the Club Committee for adjudication.

Any modification proposed to be made to a boat’s rig or hull during the season must be submitted to the Committee in advance of the modified boat being sailed in any Club event so that the boat’s handicap may be reviewed.

The Timpenny non spinnaker rating is .670

For the midweek series there will be a separate handicap for:

- (1) Gate Start Series,
- (2) Handicap Start Series and
- (3) Scratch Series.

The following adjustments will apply:

Place	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> to last
Adj	-3 min	-2 min	-1 min	0 min	+1min	+2 min	+3 min

### **Race Days** **Socials**

Post race analysis BYO refreshments and camaraderie midweek at Ern & Diana Davidson’s.  
126 Lorilyn Ave St Georges Basin.

Weekend campouts are also held on an adhoc basis in Swan Bay. Activities include beach BBQs sports and fishing comps. Contact Greg Arnold or Greg Brown for further details.

# Sailing Instructions

All yachts taking part in Club events do so at their own risk, the Committee and the Sussex Inlet Basin Yacht Club Inc do not accept any responsibility for the sea worthiness of any yacht, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its skipper. It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

## **1. Rules and Organising Authority.**

The season's sailing is organised by the SIBYC and governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009 - 2012, the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF, special Regulations, Part 1 the rules of the Trailable Yacht classes and except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

All yachts shall display sail numbers. In all Midweek events personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst racing, except when inside the cabin. For Weekend events the wearing of personal buoyancy at all times whilst racing except when inside the cabin is strongly recommended. It is each Skipper's responsibility to ensure the safety of the boat's crew. Auxiliary engines shall be fitted on their operating brackets whilst racing.

## **2. Eligibility and Entry**

The Club events are open to yachts that have entered and paid fees. Visitors are welcome and may sail up to three races but will not be awarded points.

All yachts shall indicate their intention to participate in an event by reporting to the Starter prior to the race start time. Yachts should also indicate their intention to race to the Race Secretary before 1000 on Saturday and 0900 Sunday. Failure to indicate your intentions may result in abandonment of a race due to insufficient numbers regardless of the weather conditions.

## **3. Notices to Competitors**

For Midweek Events

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the notice board at 126 Lorilyn Drive St Georges Basin.

For Weekend Events

Competitors will be notified by mail to the boat owner's address, e-mail or the website.

For Midweek, abandoned races will be re-sailed on the next programmed lay day. For Weekend abandoned races they will be sailed the next day (Sunday) if conditions allow, if not then it will be sailed on next available Sunday or lay day.

## **4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any changes in sailing instructions prior to the start of the race may be signalled from the Committee Boat by displaying of Code Flag "L". All boats should come within hail to receive the alterations orally. These may also be transmitted on 27.94 MHz

## **5. Schedule of Events**

The schedule of events is set out on a separate Calendar. The type of starting is shown on the Calendar. Scheduled starting times for the various events are as follows: -

Midweek events	Scheduled starting time	1300 hours
Saturday events	Scheduled starting time	1300 hours
Sunday events	Scheduled starting time	1100 hours unless otherwise advised.

## **6. Sail Restrictions**

Spinnakers shall not be flown in Midweek races with Gate and Handicap starts.

## **7. Class Flag**

The Class Flag is a white flag with a black T

## **8. Racing area & Courses**

Races will be conducted on St Georges Basin on courses as described in Appendix A attached. Buoy position may be varied slightly to suit prevailing wind conditions.

**Midweek Events:** The course to be sailed on the day will be shown on a sign on Marker Buoy No 1.

**Inside Events:** The Committee Boat will fly a green flag to indicate all marks to be passed on the starboard hand or a red flag indicating all marks to be passed on the port hand. The Committee Boat at the starting line will indicate the course to be sailed.

**Basin Chase Events:** Course details in Appendix and the location of the Committee boat at the starting line will indicate the course to be sailed.

**Short Course and Outside Events:** Location of the Committee boat at the starting line will indicate the course to be sailed. The Race Committee will decide the course to be sailed on the day.

## 9. Marks

Marks will be red or orange buoys. The starting mark will be a red or orange buoy. The finish mark will be a red or orange buoy.

## 10. The Start

Races will start in accordance with Rule 26.

Warning Signal (5 minutes to start) Class flag (white flag with black T) & 1 sound signal

Preparatory Signal (4 minutes to start) - Flag P (blue with white centre) & 1 sound signal.

Preparatory Signal (1 minute to start) - Flag P removed & 1 long sound signal.

Starting-Class Flag removed & 1 sound signal.

Scratch Start - All boats will start at the start signal.

Handicap Start - Boats will start at a time equal to the start signal time plus the boat's individual handicap. Each boat's start time will include a sound signal.

## Starting Lines

Midweek events: Starting line for scratch & handicap events will be between Buoy No 1 and the flag staff on shore.

Gate Start Races: The Gate Start Boat will fly code flag G (blue & yellow vertical stripes) on its starboard main stay. At the start time the gate Start Boat will sail past the designated starting mark on Port Tack showing a hand held P flag. It will sail on this close-hauled port tack for 1 minute and drop a buoy, which marks the end of the starting line. All other boats will start on starboard tack across the stern of the gate Start Boat and between it and the designated starting mark.

Saturday & Sunday Events: The starting line will be between the signal mast on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end mark. An inner distance mark may be laid near the Committee Boat. When used, yachts shall leave this mark to starboard. A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal. Gate start may be used for other events and will be notified in the sailing programme or in accordance with item 4, "Changes in sailing instructions."

## 11. Shortened Course or Abandoning after the Start

In accordance with RRS 32.2 the Race committee may shorten course at a mark. Code Flag S will be displayed and 2 sound signals made. Races may be abandoned before or after the start in accordance with Rule 27.3 or 32.1(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)

## 12. Recalls

Individual recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29. 1.

General recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29. 2

Following a general recall the I Flag Rule RRS 30.1 will apply.

## 13. Finishing line

Midweek Events: The finishing line will be between Buoy No 1 and the flagstaff on shore.

Weekend Events: This will be between the designated buoy in the course instructions and the flagstaff of the Committee Boat. If the occasion arises where there is no Committee Boat on station at the finish line then all boats must finish by rounding the finish buoy on the hand designated and within three boat lengths of the buoy. The boat's crew must record its finish time.

## 14. Time Limit

Each yacht will have 3 hours plus its PBH handicap allowance to sail the course. If it does not complete the course in this time it will be recorded as DNF except for Short Course races where the first boat must complete the course in 45 minutes. The remainder must finish within 60 minutes of the starting time otherwise the boats will be recorded as DNF.

## 15. Protests

All protests must be in writing.

Protest Time Limit: A protest must be handed to a Committee Member at Sussex Inlet or St Georges Basin within 2 hours of the last boat finishing. The time will be extended if no Committee Member is available. A fee of \$5 must be paid when the protest is lodged.

#### **16. Radio Communication.**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. (Radio transmissions on frequencies listed in the notice of race are deemed to be available to all boats) This also applies to the use of mobile phones.

#### **17. Environmental Rule**

Yachts shall not dispose of any item on board the boat into St Georges Basin.

#### **18. Wind Speed.**

Should the wind speed be determined to average 20 knots or more for Midweek events and 25 knots or more for Weekend events during the hour prior to the warning signal the event may be either postponed or abandoned by the Sailing Committee/Race Officer. Also if there is less than 3 knots of wind prior to the warning signal the start may be postponed or the race abandoned by the Race Officer /Sailing Committee.