

**AUG 31 2011**

**JHYC SATURDAY SAILING SERIES 2011  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Dated 08.08.2011**

**Sailing will take place every available Saturday throughout the year.**

**A. Rules**

- a) Sailing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 -2012, the Current CSA Rating Rules and the "JHYC Local Rules" as defined in these Sailing Instructions and Appendix (v).
- b) These rules in general may apply to any casual Pursuit Sail or event put on by the Club but not to The Valentine's Regatta or JHR Caribbean Annual Regatta, both hosted by Jolly Harbour Yacht Club.
- c) Any person who participates in any "JHYC Saturday Sailing Series" does so entirely at their own risk and takes full responsibility for their actions and obligations to others. They should satisfy themselves of the conditions of their insurance policy, if any, and make the decision to participate accordingly.
- d) Saturdays will be grouped in 4 Series. Weeks will not necessarily be consecutive. The Series will be called Summer; Autumn; Winter; Spring. Sailing dates for 2011 will be on the JHYC Sailing Calendar

**B. Entry Fees**

- a) There will be an entry fee of EC\$20 per boat per week for members, EC\$30 for non members
- b) The entry fees will be set aside for funding improvements such as Starter/Finisher equipment, marks & sinkers, additional prizes etc.
- c) Unpaid entry fees will be billed.

**C. Class**

ALL Boats will sail in the same Class to both the JHYC Club Handicap System and the CSA rating system. All entrants will be assessed against these two systems. Starts will be in 2 Divisions A & B. Divisions are nominally based on slow & fast boats and are simply to reduce congestion on the start line. There will be no divisional prizes or trophies.

At the beginning of each Series boats will elect a sail configuration as follows:

- #1 Main and jib
- #2 Main, jib and pole
- #3 Main, jib and pole, second headsail
- #4 Spinnaker

Any boat that fails to elect a sail configuration BEFORE each Series begins will automatically be handicapped to No. 4.

## D. Courses

- a) A Chart showing the JHYC Fixed Marks is given in Appendix (ii).
- b) Mark identifications and GPS positions are given in Appendix (iii).
- c) There will be four set courses based on expected wind conditions. The Courses will be (1) Light Winds, (2) Medium Winds (3) Option for Medium Winds (4) Strong Winds. These courses are given in Appendix (iv).
- d) **WIND CRITERIA:** The benchmark forecast will be [www.windguru.cz](http://www.windguru.cz) for the day of sailing. The wind speed used to determine the "Course of the Day" will be the average forecast between the hours of 13.00 & 17.00 hrs. Courses 2 & 3 will be sailed on alternate weeks when criteria apply.
  - a. Course (1) Light Winds = up to 10 knots
  - b. Course (2 & 3) Medium Winds = 11 to 17 knots inclusive
  - c. Course (4) Strong Winds = 18 knots to 25 knots inclusive.
- e) **SAILING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE WITH A FORECAST OF 26 KNOTS AND ABOVE.** The sail will have effectively been abandoned.
- f) Courses have been set so the first boat crosses the finish line by 16.00 hrs approximately.
- g) Boats finishing more than 2 hours 30 minutes **AFTER** their Start Time must take their own GPS TIME and report it to the Timekeeper **BEFORE** 17:30 in order for their time to be considered in the results. Failure to report will result in DNF points being awarded.
- h) The course to be sailed each week will be decided by the Officer of the Day and notified to skippers on VHF CH 12 by the Timekeeper before the Start concurrent with the Time Check (see below).
- i) Boats will sail the course as notified by the Timekeeper and as amended on the day in the event of missing marks.

### Shortening Courses

In the event the leading boat genuinely considers the course will take longer than 2 hours, this boat may call on VHF CH 12 "Shortened Course" before rounding the next mark which must be stated. e.g. "Pelican Shortening Course". This boat will then head directly for the Finish Line **after** rounding the stated Mark and following boats must do the same in order to achieve a recorded time.

The call to shorten **must be broadcast on VHF CH 12 or to the Officers of the Day by mobile phone (see below) who will make the official call relay to the fleet.** If the lead boat appears to be sailing a shortened course, **DO NOT**, assume it applies until you hear confirmation over your radio. Until that time continue on your proper course.

Five Islands can be used as a shortening mark, but not if it requires boats to pass East of the Five Islands mark.

## E. Time Keeping

- a) Whenever possible a Starter/Finisher/Timekeeper will be available on shore.
- b) When a Starter/Finisher/Timekeeper is present the times of start sequences will as announced by the Starter/Finisher/Timekeeper
- c) A Time Check will be broadcast on VHF CH 12 at 12:50 followed by any course changes applicable to that day.
- d) When a Starter/Finisher/Timekeeper is not available, sailing will be on an "Honour System" i.e. starting at the appointed time and taking own finishing time which is to be called in to the Officer of the Day after sailing and before 17.30.
- e) In the event of a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver entering or leaving the marked channel a delayed start will be notified on VHF CH12. The starter will be advised to begin the start sequence again once the vessel is clear.
- f) The Timekeeper is **NOT** to be approached by any skipper or crew on matters of time keeping. The penalty for this will be immediate DSQ. Which may not be discarded in the series score. Any issues of time keeping may be taken up with the Sail Fleet Captain or their substitute for the day

## F. Communications

- a) ALL skippers **must** monitor VHF CH 12 from 13.40 for any amendments to these Sailing Instructions on the day and keep their radios switched on until after they have finished. In the event of failed VHF equipment skippers may call either Officer of the Day by mobile phone. See 12 below. Inability to communicate is not grounds for protest/redress.

## G. Starts

Each boat must communicate with the Starter to Notify Boat Name (when requested) and Check Course of the Day if VHF Course announcement not heard.

- a) PLEASE DO NOT COMMUNICATE WITHIN 3 MINUTES OF EITHER START TIME
- b) DIVISION "A" start at 14.05
- c) DIVISION "B" start at 14.10
- d) There may be flags ashore and these will be notified before the Start by the Timekeeper.
- e) Start Sequence will be:
  - 1) 5 minutes before start time a Horn Blast will be given followed by VHF confirmation.
  - 2) 1 minute before start time a Horn Blast will be given followed by VHF confirmation.
  - 3) At start time a Horn Blast will be given.
  - 4) The START horn for DIVISION "A" will commence the start sequence for DIVISION "B".
  - 5) Start postponement will be signalled by 2 blasts. Monitor VHF CH12 for announcement.
- f) From time to time Pursuit Starts will be used to add variety. Details of individual boat start times will be given by email before sailing. When Pursuit Sailing, the first boat over the Finish line wins.
- g) Pursuit sailing results will be counted in the relevant series.
- h) Pursuit sailing and start times will be notified by email prior to the sail taking place.

## H. Ratings

### **JHYC CLUB HANDICAP see APPENDIX (i)**

All boats will sail to JHYC CLUB HANDICAP Rating System. This is based on current average speeds for Courses 2 & 3. Handicaps will be adjusted weekly as each Series progresses. i.e. Week 1 times will be used to calculate Week 2 handicaps and so on.

## I. Prizes

- a) The winning boat based on Club Handicap will receive a “Rum Ration”. The winning boat based on CSA ratings will receive a “Rum Ration”. Series points will be based on both Club Handicap results and CSA Results. The entrants’ time will be eligible for both series. If one boat is entitled to two “Rum Rations” they will receive one Ration and the second Ration will go to the boat with the next best aggregate score for the day (CSA points + Club Points) in the event of a tie CSA takes precedence.
- b) The prize giving announcement will not take place before 18:00 hrs. Announcements will be, unless notified otherwise in advance by email, at “West Point” in Jolly Harbour marina. A winner will forfeit any prizes won if they, or a member of their crew, are not in attendance to collect it. The prize will be awarded to the next highest finisher in attendance.
- c) ***Prizes will not be awarded to any winner whose fees are not paid up to date.***