



# **RS21 CLUB WINTER SERIES 2026**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (R.H.A.D.C.), their Officers, Members and Employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their crew however so caused during or related to this regatta. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race)*

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing* or a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. This changes RRS 44.1

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located at R.H.A.D.C..
- 2.2 As a courtesy to competitors, an advisory message shall be sent to the WhatsApp group on the day of racing. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be posted before 9:00 hours on the day it shall take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Official Flagstaff at R.H.A.D.C..
- 4.2 When Code flag “AP” is displayed ashore this means “Racing is postponed, do not leave the dock”. The first scheduled warning signal shall be made not less than 45 minutes after Code flag “AP” is lowered.
- 4.3 Class flags shall be Class flags shall be the Class insignia on a white background.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Approximately 5-6 races shall be scheduled for each day of the regatta between the allotted 10:00 -13:00 time slot. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race shall be 10:00 am.
- 5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.4 Races Abandoned or Postponed shall be started as soon as practicable. Races not sailed on the scheduled race day shall not be rescheduled and shall be scored as un-sailed.

### **6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1 The racing area will be the waters of Hamilton Harbour/Granaway Deep.

### **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 Courses are windward leeward.
- 7.2 No later than the one minute warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the windward mark (1 or 2).

### **8. MARKS**

- 8.1 Windward 1 (Green) and 2 (red), and leeward (yellow) racing marks. The starting and finishing marks shall be the committee boat and a yellow mark. The yellow mark shall also be the leeward mark.

### **9. CHECKING IN**

- 9.1 Before the warning signal of her first race of the day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

### **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races shall be started by using the SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM as defined in BSA Prescriptions - APPENDIX Q (3 minute).
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the



starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

10.4 A boat not racing shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats racing.

10.5 No race shall be started after 13:00.

## **11. RECALLS**

11.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Refer to 1.2

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for each class shall be 25 minutes from their start time.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing shall notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after retiring or finishing. This amends RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at R.H.A.D.C.. Protests shall be delivered to a representative of the protest committee located at the lower level of the R.H.A.D.C. clubhouse within the protest time limit.

15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform parties to a hearing of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notice as required by RRS 61 and 63.2.

15.5 A boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of Sailing Instructions 16, 18. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This amends RRS 64.1(a).

15.6 Protest Arbitration. RRS 44.2 is modified to allow a boat to take a 20% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the jury. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following three conclusions:

- No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest it will be submitted to the jury for hearing.
- A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of accepting a 20% penalty or submitting the matter to the jury for a protest hearing. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). If the penalty is accepted the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
- The protest should be submitted to the jury for hearing. When the protest is submitted to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury, be called as a witness or be present in the jury room. The arbitrator shall not



discuss the matter with jury members until after the jury's decision has been made.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1 Scoring shall be as defined in the Notice of Race.

16.2 Boats identified "Time Limit Expired" shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.2 Lifejackets: wearing life jackets shall be the decision of the skipper.

## **18. OFFICIAL BOATS**

18.1 Official boats shall display R.H.A.D.C. burgee.

## **19. RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **20. PRIZES**

20.1 Prizes shall be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.