

# 2017 Quinte Quest Regatta

July 8 & 9 2017

## Sailing Instructions

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.1. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

### 2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag staff displayed on the launch site dock.
- 2.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, races are postponed. Boats shall not launch. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

### 1. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 1.1. Sails shall have a unique identification displayed that will be clearly visible to the Race Committee unless permission is otherwise granted by the Race Committee.
- 1.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may be substituted.

### 2. FORMAT OF RACING

- 2.1. Laser and Martin 16 will sail together as one fleet. Opti will sail as a separate fleet.
- 2.2. A flag with the Laser logo and a flag with the Martin 16 logo will be flown together to designate the Laser /Martin 16 class. A flag with the Opti logo will be flown to designate the Opti class.
- 2.3. Fleets may start separately or together. The starting order shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee and indicated by use of Class flags during the start sequence.
- 2.4. Typically the starting order will be the Laser/Martin 16 fleet followed by the Opti fleet.
- 2.5. The Race Committee may abandon a race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 3 knots.

### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 10:00am Saturday and 9am on Sunday or shortly thereafter on both the Saturday and Sunday morning of the Regatta site.
- 3.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for the first race will be 11:00 hrs. on Saturday and 10:00 on Sunday.
- 3.3 No warning signal for any fleet will be made after 15:00 hrs. on Saturday or after 13:30 on Sunday
- 3.4 The warning signal for the start of the second and subsequent race(s) will be made as soon as practical after the finish of the last boat.
- 3.5 A break on the water of approximately 15 - 20 minutes shall take place at around the midway point of racing at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.6 Competitors should check in with the Race Committee once it is displaying a yellow/orange flag to indicate that the RC boat is on station and ready for the start of the first race. Competitors should check in by sailing on starboard tack past the transom of the Race Committee boat and have the Race Committee acknowledge them.
- 3.7 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, sound five short whistles approximately one minute prior to starting the Start Sequence for each race.

### 4 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Flag(s)</u>
One	Laser/Martin 16	Laser Logo, Martin 16 Logo
Two	Opti	Opti Logo

## 5. RACING AREA

The approximate course area will be south of Meyers Pier.

## 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 The Courses sailed shall be either Windward/Leeward, Triangle, Gold Cup or Upwind finish as defined in Appendix A.
- 6.2 The Course to be sailed for the upcoming race and the number of laps shall be indicated on the display board on the Race Committee boat. The Course and number of laps may be different for each fleet. The laps for the Gold Cup course refers to the final windward leeward legs only.
- 6.3 In the event that there are two windward marks, the mark furthest from the start will be used by the Laser /Martin 16 fleet and the mark nearest to the start will be used by the Opti fleet.
- 6.4 Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee by sounding two horns and displaying the shorten course flag. Single lap Windward/Leeward and Triangle courses will not be shortened. Two Lap Windward/Leeward and Triangle courses may be shortened by eliminating the second lap. The Gold Cup course may be shortened by eliminating the final one or two windward/leeward legs.

## 7. MARKS

- 7.1 Marks for the windward mark, reaching mark and downwind mark shall be inflatable orange tetrahedrons. The pin end start mark shall be an inflatable pyramid. The pin end mark may be used as the downwind mark.
- 7.2 There will be no offset at the windward mark and no gates.

## 8 THE START

### 8.1 Starting line

- 8.1a The starting line will be between the staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the pin end mark located approximately perpendicular to the wind direction.
- 8.1b Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other fleet.
- 8.1c A boat starting later than 1 minute 30 seconds after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing.

### 8.2 Start timing

8.2a Races will be started according to RRS 26 as altered below:

Time to start	Visual Signal	Sound signal	Means
5 minutes	Class Flag Up	1 sound	Warning
4 minutes	Preparatory Flag Up	1 sound	Prep
	(P, I or Black)		
1 minute	Prep Flag Down	1 sound	1 minute to Start
0 minutes	Class Flag Down	1 sound	Start

### 8.2b Starting under Preparatory "I" Flag Rule

It shall be understood that all races shall be started under the "I" Flag rule (RRS 30.1) regardless of the Preparatory flag flown unless specifically superseded by the Black Flag rule (RRS 30.3).

8.2c The start signal of the first Class will be the warning signal for the subsequent Class and so on.

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the finishing mark crossed in the direction that is directly from the last mark rounded.

## 10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- a. The length of the course will be set for a target time of 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- b. Boats that do not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

## 11. PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- a. All sailors are expected to sail in a sportsman like manner and obey all rules.
- b. For Lasers and Opti's if an infraction of the rules occurs, the sailor shall exonerate themselves on the course by completing a 720 degree turn that includes two tacks and two gybes. The exception shall be hitting a mark which shall be exonerated by completing a 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.
- c. For Martin 16's, rule 44.1 shall be changed such that if an infraction of the rules occurs, the sailor shall exonerate themselves on the course by completing a 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.
- d. In general, Protests and Requests for redress will not be heard but this shall be entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee and Regatta Organizing Committee.

## **12. SCORING**

- a. Scoring will be based on the Low Point Scoring system with first place scoring 3/4 points, second place scoring 2 points, third place scoring 3 points and so on. DNS, DNF, DSQ boats will score fleet plus 1 point.
- b. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, the score will be the total of all races scores.
- c. When 4 to 6 races have been completed, the score will exclude each boats worst score.
- d. When 7 or more races have been completed, the score will exclude each boats two worst scores.

## **13. AWARDS**

- a. Awards shall be given to the top three finishing boats in each Class plus the top Laser and Martin 16.

## **14.SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- b. All Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- c. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **15. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **16. LIABILITY**

The Bay of Quite Yacht Club, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Regatta and competitors take part in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing. A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of sailing in strong winds. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

## **17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation for the purpose of news reporting, regatta documentary, advertising to promote the regatta and the Club.