





## 2020 Wednesday Night Race Series – Information Sheet From June through September - 2020

June 24, 2020

*Race dates are posted on the Race Poster at the Marina, which serves as the Notice of Race*

1. **Registration** – Boats register online or at the St. Peter's Marina at the start or during the season. There is no registration fee. Boats must provide their PHRF rating documentation and insurance information in order to participate in the race. We also require an e-mail address in case contract tracing is required.
2. **Sponsors** – Bras d'Or Lakes Inn, St. Peter's Marina
3. **Communications** – Monitor channel 72 on your VHF for course number and further in instructions.
4. **Skipper's Meeting** – 4:30 at the Marina. Visitors may be in attendance looking to be a crew member for the evening.
5. **Race Start Time** – GMT (GPS time) is the official race time. Five minute countdown to race start begins at 5:25 pm
6. **Course** – In Jackson Bay using yellow and blue club buoys numbered 1 through 4, one orange buoy at the start line and navigational marks. Unless specified as a race buoy, all navigational buoys to be honoured. The courses are provided at the skipper's meetings, posted on the WMTC bulletin board and on the WMYC website.  
**Start and Finish Line:** In Jackson Bay between WM-01 and Orange Buoy.
7. **Starting Procedure** –
  - (I) The **I**: Yellow flag with solid black circle at center,  goes up at five minutes before the start and remains up until the start. This indicates that Rule 30.1 (the around-the-ends rule) is in effect at the start. The Rules of Racing (RRS) don't kick in for another minute. **It is accompanied by a sound signal.**
  - (II) The **P** (Preparatory) flag  goes up at four (4) minutes before the start. The P flag is blue with a white, square center. **It is accompanied by a sound signal.** This flag will remain up for three minutes.
  - (III) The **P** flag comes **down** at one minute before the start. **It is accompanied by a sound signal.** The only flag still up is the **I Flag**.
  - (IV) **START:** The **I** Flag comes down. **It is accompanied by a sound signal.**

## OTHER FLAGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- (V) **X:** Blue cross on a white background . It means that one or more boats have started prematurely. The race committee may, but is not obligated to, inform the guilty boat(s). This flag will be lowered when all premature boats have returned or after 4 minutes, whichever comes first.
- (VI) **FIRST SUBSTITUTE:**  This is a triangular flag with blue edges top and bottom and a yellow center. This flag indicates a **General Recall**. Everybody starts over. New start sequence, etc.

### 8. *Summary of start procedure*

Start minus 5 minutes: I flag up and horn

Start minus 4 minutes: P Flag up and horn

Start minus 1 minute: P Flag down and horn

Start (0 minutes): I flag up down and horn. X flag goes up for boats over the line.

9. **Race Finish** – The course may be shorted as the discretion of the race committee. The course is to be announced at the Skipper's meeting and updated on VHF Channel 68 as conditions change during the race.

10. **Scoring** – Scoring will be according to the Rules of Racing, with prizes for each race and for the series. PHRF handicaps will be used to correct finish times. The winner of each series will be based on the best three races.

### 11. *Post-Race Activities at the Marina*

Awards and refreshments BYO (buy your own). There is live music and a jam session happening every Wednesday in the bar.

### 12. *Jackson Bay Race Marks (approximate location)*

**Green Navigational Buoy (Q61)** - N 45 39.521 W 060 51.719

**Red Navigational Buoy (Q62)** - N 45 39.560 W 060 51.658

**Red Navigational Buoy (Q60)** - N 45 39.623 W 060 51.509

**WM-SS – Orange** 45 39.368N 60 51.706W (South end of Start Line)

**WM-01** - 45 39.407N 60 51.677W (North end of Start Line)

**WM-02** - 45 39.128N 60 50.895W (by Wambolt's Place; Rte. 4)

**WM-03** - 45 39.749N 60 50.555W (Joe Norman Cove)

**WM-04** - 45 39.993N 60 51.706W (North Side)

## **SPECIAL COVID-19 ADDENDUM to the Race Information Sheet**

The Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club is grateful to the St. Peter's Lions Marina for providing us with a physical presence at the Marina. We promise to respect and follow all Marina Covid-19 Health and Safety Policies. All sports in Nova Scotia follow the reopening guidance provided by Sail Nova Scotia and the Provincial Dept. of Health.

The current requirements are as follows:

### **Environment**

The Skipper's meeting will be held on the deck at the Marina and is limited to 10 people. The information will also be shared by e-mail if you prefer to more effectively isolate. There will be no official post race gathering. No social distancing required.

The race committee must maintain the same limit of 10.

If using the washrooms at the Marina use the hand sanitizer supplied by the Marina.

### **Equipment**

The race committee will ensure shared equipment is properly sanitized.

Skippers are responsible for ensuring shared equipment on their vessels are properly sanitized to protect their crew, which must be no more than 10.

### **Personal Protective Precautions**

Please ensure you observe good hygiene, respecting the Marina requirements while in the building.

If you or your crew are unwell and symptomatic do not participate in the race and call 811 for medical advice.

### **Communication**

As usual, all communication will be by e-mail or in-person at the Marina or on-shore with the Race Committee. In the event that contact tracing is required this will be done by e-mail.