



2021 SISC Race Instructions

Please note that the official race instructions (and anything else related to the Racing Program) reside on the Club website:

www.saltspringsailing.ca/club-racing-2021/.

Changes and updates will be regularly posted. Racers are advised to check the website frequently along with staying abreast of any FCR updates as to the schedule, start times, and course revisions.

The complete Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 can be downloaded from the World Sailing website: www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules

COVID protocols are in place (see below) until formal notice is given.

Race Schedule

The racing events for 2021 have been divided up into four series of races – Series A (Spring); Series B (Summer); Series C (Fall) and a K Series that provides additional points races throughout the season. In addition, there is a home and away series with the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club (SNSYC)

Weather conditions may not be conducive to completing some of the longer courses on their scheduled dates. In these cases, a shorter race that has a better chance of being completed may be substituted, with the longer race being rescheduled as appropriate.

While the Race Committee will attempt to keep the Race Calendar and Crowsnest up to date; changing conditions may require the FCR to change the schedule, course, or start time by email.

Race Starts

The Skippers' Meeting will be, unless posted otherwise in the calendar, at 09:45 hours on the breakwater for Sunday races and 16:00 for Wednesday evening races. Start times will typically be 45 minutes later for the Sunday races and 30 minutes later for Wednesday races (10:30 and 16:30), but

may be modified at the Skippers Meeting. Only Skipper's may attend the Skipper's Meetings, and masks *must* be worn, while COVID protocols are in place. (See below)

Rule 26 is modified as follows: A GPS synchronized start is used, supported by audible signals (horns) at 5 minutes (preparatory), 4 minutes (warning) and 1 minute prior, and at the start. If no suitable party is available to sound horns, the Fleet Captain Racing (or his designate) may waive their use for a given race. In all cases, GPS time governs the start time.

Race starts may be recorded by a video camera set up to capture the starts and reviewed after the race.

The Starting Line

The Starting Line is formed between two buoys to the northeast of the Club breakwater unless otherwise described in the race description posted in the schedule online, or as amended in the calendar, or at the Skipper's meeting.

If wind conditions in the harbour make a reasonable start at the Club start line unlikely, the FCR may decide to start a race in an alternative location. Course distances and time limits will be adjusted accordingly..

If a start line is declared at Second Sister, the start line will be between the Ganges Shoal buoy and a volunteer boat. The boat will be granted a 1 minute adjustment to its elapsed time. The volunteer boat will endeavour, if possible, to set a start line between it and Ganges Shoal that is perpendicular to the wind.

Race starts may be recorded by a video camera set up to capture the starts and reviewed after the race.

Courses

In all races, the Chain Islands – including Deadman Island and all of the Sisters – shall be left to port on leaving the harbour, and to starboard on returning to the harbour

(P) means the previously stated mark(s) shall be left to port.

(S) means the previously stated mark(s) shall be left to starboard.

(P or S) means the previously stated mark(s) may be left to port or starboard.

(RH) means a Reverse Handicap race. Races scheduled to be reverse handicapped will include a posted list of individual starting times.

The FCR will attempt to design Wednesday Night courses to be between two and two and a half hours long for the average boat racing that evening.

Alternative Courses

At the discretion of the FCR, the schedule of race courses may be adjusted by substituting Alternative Courses, or the setting of short courses, to facilitate the completion of all races. Local racing conditions often suggest that a shorter course (e.g. Round Prevost or a K race) could be substituted – and more likely be completed – for a longer course (e.g. Walker Rock and Moresby-Portland) at the discretion of the FCR at the Skippers' meeting immediately prior to the race. If such is the case, the scheduled dates will simply be switched, where practicable.

Race Time Limit

A race's Time Limit will be distance (NM) x 0.5 hours (rounded up to the nearest half hour). If any boat finishes within the Race Time Limit the time limit will be extended by an additional two hours, after which all boats still racing will be scored DNF. The first boat(s) to cross the finish line are requested to advise the FCR, or Acting FCR, on VHF 72 that they have crossed the line if some of the fleet participating in the race are out of sight astern.

The Finish Line

The Finish Line will be the transit of the red and black diamond marker on the breakwater and the flag pole at the end of the pier unless otherwise amended prior to, or during, the race. If using the finish line adjacent the club, boats must pass between the two flagged buoys which form the starting line.

For most Club races, there will be no official present and it will be the responsibility of skippers to take their own finish times. For the 2021 racing season, participants must email or text their finish time to the Fleet Captain Racing (racing@saltspringsailing.ca) by 10:00 the day following the race. Times not reported directly to the FCR by email by the 10:00 deadline will be scored DNF.

Short Course Finish Line

A Short Course may be set by the FCR at the Skipper's meeting if conditions warrant. If a short course is declared at Second Sister Light. Boats must

take their time as they breach a line drawn at 45 degrees true from Second Sister Light.

The formula for converting magnetic bearings to true in our location at present is: magnetic + 16 = true.

The short course finish times will be used for scoring if less than one-half of the boats who started the race reach the full course finish line within the extended time limit.

Penalties and Protests

The standard penalty for infractions will be a 720-degree turn including two gybes and two tacks. Penalty turns must be completed well clear of all other competitors as soon as possible after the incident. See ISF Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 44.1 / 44.2

Any protests must be accompanied by the flying of a red protest flag to be considered.

Any protest, including details of the infraction, must be reported to the Fleet Captain or his designate within one hour after the last boat finishes. Protests will be adjudicated by the Race Committee.

Safety

A boat's equipment shall comply with the current Canadian Coast Guard Safe Boating Guide and the lights shall comply with current Collision Regulations. Saltspring Island Sailing Club strongly encourages racers to:

- wear appropriate flotation devices at all times;
- practice man-overboard drills regularly enough to be proficient; and
- monitor VHF channels 16 and 72

Scoring

A race can only take place when three or more boats are present at the start at the scheduled time. In the event that fewer than three boats are present, the race may be rescheduled. Both trophy and points will be awarded for the re-scheduled race.

If fewer than three boats are present for the rescheduled race, or if the race cannot be completed, then the race will be cancelled, and neither trophy nor points will be awarded for that race for the current racing season.

Race Series & Throw Outs

The races for eligible for the Total Points Trophy are are divided into three series: Series A (Spring), Series B (Summer), and Series C (Fall). Only the 5 highest scoring races per participant will be counted for series with 6 or 7 races. For any series with 5 races, only the top 4 races will count. For series with 4 races only the top 3 will count.

The Wednesday Night Races within Series B will be summed by month so that each month – June (B1), July (B2), and August (B3) - is one race for purposes of calculating Series B points.

The 'K' series will not be included in the calculation for the total points trophy. The 'K' series, because it uniquely represents the fun, social, and inclusive nature of the SISC racing community, will be scored separately, and have its own trophy. "K" series races. will be used in adjusting a boat's FIM,

The Commodore's Challenge Cup is a 5-race series which includes Round Saltspring, Round Prevost, Moresby-Portland, Walker Rock, and Channel Islands. This series will be scored using both FIM and PHRF (*for those boats having a valid PHRF Certificate in place before the first of these races is run*). The FIM score will be used for total points calculations. A separate award will go to the PHRF winner of the Challenge.

Time on Time

The Time on Time method of scoring will be used for all Club Points Races during the current season, except as specified in the Notice of Race, and in the case of reverse handicapping, which is scored Time on Distance. Paul Faget will score the races using SISC handicaps.

Handicapping

For the 2021 season the Faget Incremental Metric (FIM) will be employed. Paul Faget will continue to be the Club Handicapper. 2021 handicaps will continue from the last 2020 race.

Total Points Trophy

Scoring for the Total Points Trophy will be done using formula: $(100/\text{number of boats starting}) \times (\text{number of boats beaten} + 1)$.

Disqualified boats (DSQ) will get 0 points, but will be considered to be among the boats beaten.

DNF boats will either get last place points if the number of boats in the race exceeds 8. If the number of participating boats is eight or less, DNF scores will be based on assuming eight boats participated. In races where boats from other clubs participate, points will be awarded to Club boats in order of their finish as Club boats.

	Actual placing	'Club finish' Points	
SISC Boat A	1	1	100
Visiting Boat B	2	n/a	n/a
Visiting Boat C	3	n/a	n/a
SISC Boat D	4	2	50
SISC Boat E	DNF	3	13
SISC Boat F	DSQ	DSQ	0

Participation in Other Events

Should they miss a Club race due to their participation in an invitational event hosted by other clubs (legitimacy is established by prior approval from the Fleet Captain Racing) will be awarded a redress of the average of their points for that Series.

Skipper's Responsibilities

1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that – By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- a) to be governed by the rules;
- b) to accept penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules; and
- c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.

2. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that – The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is the Skipper's alone.

3. The Skipper is responsible for the welfare of the boat and crew. All persons participating in Saltspring Island Sailing Club events do so entirely at their own risk. Skippers participating in Club races are required to carry liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.

4. Skippers are expected to attend all Skippers' Meetings.

5. Skippers to monitor VHF channel 16 during races and advised to monitor 72
6. Skippers retiring from any race shall report to the Fleet Captain or his designate for each race.
7. Skippers must report new sails and boat modifications to the Club Handicapper

Associate Members

SISC Associate Members may participate in races and will be scored the same as SISC members, including being able to earn club points towards trophy's or awards. Associate members may tie up to F dock as guests of the FCR. Associate members participating in races must have equivalent insurance coverage to SISC members.

Non-SISC members

Non-SISC members may participate in races and will be scored the same as SISC members. However, they will not be able to earn club points towards trophy's or awards. Non-club members may tie up to F dock for a maximum of one hour before and two hours after races as guests of the FCR. Non-SISC racers must have equivalent insurance coverage to SISC members.

USE OF ENGINES

Engines shall be turned off before the 5 minute race warning signal. Boats which are late at the start and which use their engines after the 5 minute warn—ing may not cross the start line while still carrying momentum from the engine; they may avoid a penalty for using their engine after the warning signal by completing a 360 degree turn immediately after crossing the start line. Boats which use their engines to avoid collision or grounding, to remove themselves from peril, or in other emergency or safety related instances, may not use their engines for any strategic gain, and upon turning their engines off , must make a 360 degree turn away from the direction of the next mark.

SISC COVID-19 Protocols

December 4, 2021 until further notice

The Race Committee (RC) has made the following decisions regarding our race program and schedule. These decisions are made in the context that we must do our best to protect our members and reduce the spread of the virus; while recognizing the physical, emotional, and psychological benefits of being outdoors and providing members the opportunity to engage in an activity they care for. They were guided by the recommendations and guidance issued by Dr. Bonny Henry. These protocols will be updated as guidance is amended.

The Race Committee has provided a race schedule and developed courses, set a start time, and provided a virtual way to report and score your times. Skippers are responsible for adhering to the Race Instructions and conducting themselves, and their operations, in a manner that adheres to current government health guidance. In accordance with the above:

1. The race schedule will be maintained until further notice.
2. There should be no post-race gatherings in, or on, a boat, or anywhere else, that contravene the 2 meter distance guideline.
3. Send finish times (along with any notes, stories, or pictures) to the FCR via email. Emails must be received by the FCR by 10:00 the day after the race. Failure to do so will result in a DNF.
4. Skipper's meetings will be held via VHF72
5. The RC further recommends:
 - a) Skipper's sail only with people from the same household or 'core bubble' as defined by BC Health guidelines.
 - b) That if a skipper decides to take crew other than as defined in 6(a), they must be from Salt Spring and have not travelled outside the Vancouver Island Health District in the last 14 days.
 - c) Skipper's minimize the number of crew aboard
 - d) Crew must confirm they have no symptoms, and have not been in contact with anyone with symptoms.
 - e) If their crew is not family or from their core bubble, all aboard should wear masks
 - f) Crew should remain above decks
 - g) Consider allocating roles aboard so the crew is not sharing equipment and lines
 - h) If you, or your crew, feel at all unwell, **STAY AT HOME**.
 - i) Have a method to wash hands aboard, and use it.
 - j) Skippers must record crew member's names and contact information in the ship's log

