

Monday & Thursday Evening Time Trials, Nepean Sailing Club, 2020

Including Amendments #1, 19 July 2020, & #2, 31 July 2020

1. Date and time

The Nepean Sailing Club offers a sailing time trial activity for keelboats, on the following dates:

Mondays from 20 July to 17 August 2020 – summer series of 5 evenings. For greater clarity, 3 August Civic Holiday is a time trial evening.

Thursday 16 July 2020 – warm-up series of 1 evening

Thursdays from 23 July to 20 August 2020 – summer series of 5 evenings.

The Fleet Captain may choose to shorten, lengthen, or modify the format of any series if there is a significant change to COVID-19 regulations and policies.

The starting time window for Monday is 18:00 to 18:30.

The starting time window for Thursday is 17:30 to 18:30.

2. Eligibility and entry

All boats who would normally be eligible for NSC/BYC interclub keelboat activities may participate.

Before participating, a boat must complete an interclub registration through NSC or BYC.

3. Social distancing

Boats must comply with all social distancing guidelines and regulations of Ontario and the City of Ottawa.

4. Divisions – Monday

All boats are in one division and will be scored together.

Boats will be skippered and crewed by women.

No more than one man may be aboard. When the boat is performing the time trial, the man may give only verbal advice or coaching to the skipper and crew.

A boat registered with spinnaker may use a spinnaker, and will be handicapped with spinnaker for all evenings.

A boat registered without spinnaker shall not use a spinnaker, and will be handicapped without spinnaker for all evenings.

Boats must display an orange, blue or green pennant.

5. Divisions - Thursday

A boat must choose one of the following divisions for an entire series:

Spinnaker division PHRF – boat must display orange, green or blue pennant.

No-spinnaker division JAM – boat must display black, yellow or white pennant.

A boat indicates its division by her choice of pennant at her first time trial in a series.

6. Format and course

The RC is replaced by a timing boat.

The timing boat will anchor in the down-river course area, approximately North from NSC. It will display an RC flag and course flag T. We intend to use the “Bill Levesque”, which is a 25-foot Trophy motor boat.

The timing boat will display a board with the number of laps.

The course is:

3 laps: Timing boat – mark C – mark D – drop mark – mark C – mark D – drop mark – mark C – mark D – timing boat

2 laps: Timing boat – mark C – mark D – drop mark – mark C – mark D – timing boat

1 lap: Timing boat – mark C – mark D – timing boat

The timing boat and all marks shall be left to port.

The drop mark will be placed approximately 50m to 100m West of the timing boat and will be yellow.

A chart showing the position of marks C and D is available at <https://nsc.ca/web2/racing/lac-deschenes-charts/>

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7. Start and finish

Start: A boat starts its timing run by passing due North of the NSC flag on the timing boat, within voice hailing distance and no more than 30m, at any time in the starting time window. A boat must hail the timing boat indicating that it is starting its run.

Finish: A boat finishes its timing run by passing due South of the NSC flag on the timing boat, within voice hailing distance and no more than 30m. A boat should hail the timing boat indicating that it is finishing its run.

8. Rules

From 1 August 2020, the Racing Rules of Sailing apply.

9. Time limit and retiring

The time limit for a boat to sail the course is 90 minutes from her start. A boat failing to complete within the time limit will be scored DNF.

A boat retiring must inform the timing boat.

10. Postponing and abandoning

A time trial will not be postponed.

Before the beginning of the start time window, a time trial may be abandoned if weather conditions are unsuitable. Signal N over A may be displayed on the NSC flagpole, and the abandonment may be hailed periodically on VHF.

After the beginning of the start time window, a time trial will be abandoned if conditions become unsafe. The timing boat will signal abandon by leaving its post and hailing on VHF.

After the beginning of the start time window, a time trial will not be abandoned due to lack of wind.

11. Scoring and prizes

A boat may compete only once per evening.

The low point scoring system applies. PHRF-LO handicaps apply. If a time trial is abandoned, no boat will be scored for that evening.

Warm-up series: Prizes will be awarded for the top 1 boat in each division.

Summer series: Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 boats in each division.

Additional prizes and re-purposed trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the NSC Fleet Captain.

12. Radio communication

In this unusual year, NSC wishes to create a spirit of community. Therefore, boats may make and receive any radio communication they wish, including friendly sharing of sailing advice.

VHF channel 72 shall be used for radio communication.

13. Disclaimer of liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Boats participate in this activity entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. By participating in the activity, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of CDN \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Summary of Amendment #1, posted 19 July 2020:

The maximum number of laps is increased to 3.

At the end of each lap except her final lap, a boat shall round a drop mark, not the timing boat.

The timing boat flag is changed to the RC flag.

Monday evening Women's keelboat time trials are added.

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Summary of Amendment #2, posted 31 July 2020:

Changed instruction 8 to "From 1 August 2020, the Racing Rules of Sailing apply."

Added to instruction 11: "A boat may compete only once per evening."