# Friday Night Dinghy Series Notice of Race

#### Definitions

- 1. **Eligibility:** Open to RYC members, guests and visitors sailing Colgate 26s Flying Scots, 420s, FJs, VX 1,
- 2. *Principal Race Officer* (PRO) is defined as the individual conducting race(s)
- 3. A *Race* is defined as one or more boat(s) completing the Race Course.
- 4. An *Event is* the total number of race(s) of a particular evening. Competitors should **assemble in the yard prior to 17:00** to rig and launch boats. The *PRO* will make all efforts *to* be on station with course set and **ready to begin the starting sequence for the first** *race* **no later than 17:45.**
- 5. A *Series* is defined as a grouping of *Events as* defined in the *Schedule of Events* below. Competitors must sail 70% of the events to qualify for the series.

### 5.1. Schedule of Events

5.1.1. Series 1 May 3- Aug 30

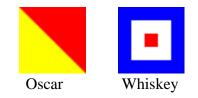
## 5.1.2. First warning: 1745

- 1. **Rules** All *Races, Events and Series* shall be governed by the General Sailing Instructions\_(SIs) unless replaced or modified by this Notice of Race (NoR).
- 2. Courses (This section replaces Section 6 of the SIs)
  - 2.1. Race courses shall be set by the PRO east of the RYC Mooring Field. and shall consist of a start, leg(s) and a finish.
  - 2.2. Scots, 420s will sail windward/leeward (W/L) courses. Colgates and VXes may sail W/L or point to point races.
  - 2.3. Marks may be government buoys -see Mark Locations & Descriptions Chart, or mobile marks.
  - 2.4. Passing through the starting line is prohibiting unless a boat is within its starting sequence and starting
    - a. A W/L course will be signaled with the designator for each mark and the number of laps. (This amends RYC Rules 6.2 and 6.3)

2.5.

- A. e.g. P M 2 would signify a 2-lap race (four legs) using P as the weather mark and a mobile mark as the leeward mark.
- B. e.g. P SF 2 would signify a 2-lap race (four legs) using P as the weather mark and the start finish pin as the leeward mark.
- 2.6. The distance between the leeward and weather mark should be about 0.7 nm.
- a. For W/L courses all marks are rounded to port. (This amends RYC Rules 6.2 and 6.3)
- 2.7. For Point-to-point races courses will adhere to section 6 of the General Sailing Instructions.
- 2.8. The Start/Finish line (S/F) shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) boat and the course side of the starting mark. The pin end of the S/F may be the leeward mark of leg or a fixed or mobile mark designated by the PRO

- A. The signal boat will fly a "W" flag if the leeward mark is the SF pin.
- B. The signal boat will fly a "O" flag if the leeward mark is a mark to leeward of the SF as described in Figure 1.



### 3. Starts (This replaces Section 8 of the SIs)

3.1. Starting sequence will modify RRS Rule 26 as follows

Sound Signal
3 long
2 long
1 long
3 short
2 short
1 short
1 short for each second

3.2. Before the beginning of a sequence the committee will make an audible signal and raise a flag indicating which class is starting.

### 3.3. Starting Order

- A. VX One Numeral Pennant 1
- B. Colgates Class Flag
- C. Scots --- Class Flag
- D. 420 & FJs Numeral Pennant 2
- 3.4. Starts will not roll from one to the next. There will be a warning sound signal before the beginning of each sequence.
- 3.5. If a class does not have at least two boats in the starting area at the time of their warning signal, they will lose their slot and go to the end of the starting order; the next class will start in their place.
- 3.6. Individual & General Recall shall be indicated by horn and hailed from the RC. X pennant and First Substitute may also be used as a courtesy to competitors. Failure to hear the hail and respond is not grounds for redress
- 3.7. Recalled fleets will go to the end of the starting order.
- 4. Protests (This replaces Section 10 of the SIs)
  - 4.1. The protesting boat shall hail and be acknowledged by the PRO, at the conclusion of the race in question, of their intent to Protest.

- 4.2. For cases involving violations of RRS Part 2, an *Arbitration meeting* shall be held in the bar immediately at the conclusion of the *event*. The *Arbitration meeting* shall be conducted as follows: one designated representative of each boat shall appear before the Arbitrator. Each representative shall be permitted no more than 5 minutes of testimony. Testimony from witnesses is not permitted. Upon conclusion of testimonies, the Arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
  - 4.2.A.1. **There was no breach of a rule**. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees, the matter is referred to the RYC *Protest Committee Chair* (PCC) for a hearing.
  - 4.2.A.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved that did not include injury or serious damage. The representative of offending boat(s) has the option of:
    - 4.2.A.2.1. Accepting a 20% alternative penalty (using the general approach to RRS 44.3(c)). If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of redress by the boat(s) that were party to the arbitration.
    - 4.2.A.2.2. Requesting the matter be referred to the PCC for a hearing.
  - 4.2.A.3. **The matter should go to the PCC for a hearing**. This conclusion is mandatory in cases where the designated parties of the boats involved disagree as to whether there was injury or serious damage resulting from the incident.
  - B. If the matter is referred to the PCC a representative for the protesting boat must file a Protest Form as defined by the RRS with the PCC within 1 hour of the conclusion of the arbitration.
  - C. If the PCC finds against the Protested boat(s) they shall be disqualified (DSQ) for that race and any subsequent races held in that event. For the purpose of scoring, DSQ=DNC (as defined in section 7.4 in this document) +1.
- 5. Alternate Penalty RRS Rule 44.1 applies. Boats may take a 720 or 360 (only for rule 31 infractions) turn to exonerate themselves.
- 6. Scoring (This replaces Section 11 of the SIs)

To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (come to the starting area for) at least 70 percent of the completed races listed in Section 5.1.

### **5.1. RACE SCORES**

Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing a race and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored as follows:

Finishing place	Points <b>Points</b>
First	Ν
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

### **5.2. SERIES SCORES**

The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.2 The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly. [Each boat's [worst score][<number> worst scores] will be excluded. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for a series score but not as one of her scored races.]

### **5.3. TIES AND OTHER RULES**

Race ties will be scored using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A9 and A10 also apply.

- 7. Prizes (This replaces Section 13 of the SIs)
  - 7.1. An RYC First Place glass will be presented to the winner of each *event*, in the bar at the conclusion of that *event*.
  - 7.2. Overall Series prizes shall be awarded based on Series score for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 8. Safety
  - 8.1. Life jackets must be worn while racing.
- 9. Fees \$10 per race or 150.00 for the season (24 races) commitment due June 1.
- 10. **Insurance requirement** Rule 18 in the RYC General SIs is waived for this series.
- 11. **Radios Rule** 12.1of RYC SI is modified. Radios are not required. If a boat does carry a radio the rest of Rule 12 applies.

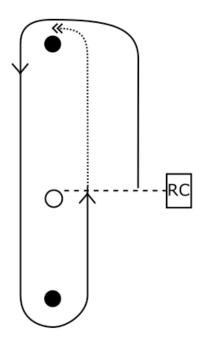


Figure 1