IPYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES. All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 of WORLD SAILING, as well as the prescriptions of Sail Canada available online, unless modified by these IPYC race instructions. Class rules regarding equipment, permitted modifications, etc., apply. In case of doubt, the IPYC RACE INSTRUCTIONS (SI) or SI, issued in a Notice of Race, shall prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY. Registrations for the evening series, interclub competitions, and autumn series will be limited to members of BDYC and IPYC. Registrations for all other events will be limited to boats owned by IPYC members, unless otherwise stated in a Notice of Race (NOR). All boats must have a valid SLVYRA handicap (see paragraph 18 below).

> **2.1 SKIPPER.** The skipper must be a current member of BDYC or IPYC. In the absence of the skipper, any replacement must be a regular member of the crew.
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> **2.2 CREW.** Non-members are allowed as invited crew for a maximum of five races per season.

3. NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) OR NOTICE TO COMPETITORS will be posted on the official notice board in the club's clubhouse. For the race schedule, refer to paragraph 6 of these race instructions, as well as the IPYC website.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE RACE INSTRUCTIONS will be signed by the Sailing Captain and posted on the official notice board, at least one hour before the scheduled first warning signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE will be displayed on the committee boat in the harbor. The AP flag means, "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made no sooner than 10 minutes after the lowering of the AP flag."

6. SCHEDULE. The race schedule is available on the IPYC website as well as on the notice board at the club entrance. Start times are displayed on the schedule. Generally, the first warning signal will be at 18:45 for evening races (18:00 for any series held on September evenings) and 13:00 for Sunday races. Other weekend race schedules will be indicated in the calendar.

7. RACE AREA. The race area will be Lake Saint-Louis.

8. RACE SIGNALS will be displayed on the committee boat by showing the numbers or symbols of the buoys in order on the board at the back of the committee boat. Numbers displayed on a green background mean that the buoys must be rounded to starboard, while those on a red background must be rounded to port. A sign reading "2X" placed after a series of numbers means that part of the course must be sailed twice; "3X" means three times around, and so on. When an automated starting system ("ROBOTBOB"), is used for Tuesday evening races, the course will be displayed before the race on the whiteboard at IPYC and transmitted by phone to the BDYC sailing captain.

The MARKS of fixed buoys and drops will be those indicated on the Saint Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association (SLVYRA) race chart. Drop buoys will be symbolized by an X or coloured dot ● on the course board on the committee boat. If necessary, further explanations regarding the positioning of drop marks may be provided by the race captain.

9. START AND FINISH LINES will be defined as follows:

9.1 CONVENTIONAL START RACES will take place at the start and finish line, between the committee boat mast and a starting mark (Pin), which can be any SLVYRA buoy, a drop mark, or a mark boat. Unless otherwise stated, the starting mark (Pin) will be to the port of the committee boat. The start and finish lines may differ.

9.2 ELAPSED TIME RACES (staggered start) will start from a starting line between SLVYRA buoy no 39, to port, and the drop buoy, to starboard. The finish line will be between SLVYRA buoy no 39, to starboard, and the drop buoy, to port.

9.3 THE START. All races, except for "elapsed time races" (see paragraph 9.2) and "pursuit races" (see paragraph 9.6), will be started in accordance with the system recommended by RRS 26 and 27. Refer to the IPYC Starting and Race Management Guide on the IPYC website regarding RRS 26 and 27. This includes:

- signal sequence for a normal start,
- indicating a race postponement (AP flag).

After the start of a race, there will be a minimum interval of one minute before the warning signal for the next race is hoisted. When there is only one start for all fleets, no 1 to no 5, with all fleets race together, the warning signal is Numerical Pennant no 5. When two or three fleets are started together, the committee boat must hoist the corresponding pennant for each fleet concerned.

9.4 BOATS AWAITING A WARNING SIGNAL. Boats whose warning signal has not been made, must keep clear of the starting area and all boats for which the warning signal has been given.

9.5 STAGGERED STARTS FOR ELAPSED TIME RACES. Starts for elapsed time races will be based on an honor system whereby the skipper or crew of participating boats takes records their start time after crossing the starting line and their finish time after completing the indicated course described at the skippers' meeting. This elapsed time must be communicated to the RCO within one hour of returning to port, no later than 5:30 p.m. on the same day. Starts must occur within 15 minutes of the start time.

9.6 STARTS FOR PURSUIT RACES. The order and start times for pursuit races will be calculated based on each boat's handicap and communicated at the skippers' meeting. The normal start sequence will be executed for the start of the first boat participating in the pursuit race. Thereafter, the committee boat will display panels indicating the remaining time until the start of the first boat or group of following boats for guidance purposes. It is the responsibility of the skipper or crew to time the start using the allocated start time.

9.7 FINISH. The finish must be between the blue flag on the committee boat and the nearest course mark, unless otherwise indicated.

10. SHORTENING COURSE. A race may be shortened at the discretion of the RCO, using the flag and sound signals, as indicated in RRS 32.2 (display of flag S with two short sound signals) and as as early as praticable before the arrival at the mark where the race is to be shortened. If a course is shortened while boats are already on a leg, a large yellow pennant will also be hoisted, at the discretion of the race committee. The finish line will be between the committee boat and a yellow drop mark.

During the evening races organized by ROBOTBOB, the decision to shorten the race rests with the organizing captain of the race, or with the boat designated by that organizer, and must be announced by making two sound signals as early as possible before reaching the mark where the race is to be shortened. Additionally, if the ongoing race must be canceled due to lack of wind, the organizing boat will make three sound signals.

11. FLEET DEFINITIONS. For evening races, each fleet type is numbered differently. The different fleet types are numbered as follows:

- Fleet 1 - dinghies
- Fleet 2 - keelboats with spinnaker TCF <= 0.970

- Fleet 3 - keelboats with spinnaker TCF > 0.970
- Fleet 4 - keelboats white sail TCF <= 0.970
- Fleet 5 - keelboats white sail TCF > 0.970

12. GENERAL RECALLS. In the event of a general recall, the implicated fleet(s) must restart after the other fleets, in the normal order. This changes RRS Rule 29.3.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 Evening Races. For evening races in May and August, if the leading boat of all fleets has not crossed the finish line by 8:30 p.m., the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

13.2 Evening Races. For evening races from June to July, if the leading boat of all fleets has not crossed the finish line by 9:00 p.m., the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

13.3 Weekend Races. For weekend races, unless stated otherwise in the sailing instructions, if the leading boat has not crossed the finish line within 3 hours of the start, the race will be abandoned. Any boat unable to finish the race within one hour of the first boat in its fleet will be scored DNF.

14. SCORING. The low points scoring system, RRS rule A4.1, will apply, with the first finishing boat scoring 0.75 points.

14.1 SERIES RANKING. For the evening series, the combined BDYC/IPYC results will not distinguish between BDYC and IPYC boats. However, for the IPYC standings, only the final positions of IPYC boats will be counted, excluding BDYC boats.

14.2 RACE. A race will only count for series scoring if at least two boats from the respective fleet start and at least one of those boats sails the course and finishes.

14.3 MULTI-RACE EVENTS. For weekend multi-race events, the result will be based on the total points from all races of the event. Boats that do not compete in all races will be excluded from the calculation of the result. This does not apply to concurrently held races, which will be treated as separate races for scoring purposes.

14.4 DISCARDS. For the evening series and Sunday series, a boat that has participated in:

- at least 5 races may discard 1 result;
- at least 7 races may discard up to 2 results;
- at least 8 races may discard up to 3 results.

15. PROTESTS must be written on Sail Canada protest forms, available at the office, and lodged with the RCO during the protest period, which lasts one hour, starting from the committee boat's arrival in the harbour. The start of the protest hour will be announced by posting a notice on the IPYC results board and by phone to BDYC, within 15 minutes of the start of the protest hour. Protest hearings involving boats from both clubs (BDYC and IPYC) will be arranged by BDYC for the evening series of May, July, and September, and by IPYC for the evening series of June and August. Whenever possible, the hearing will take place on the same day as the race or event in question.

16. RESULTS of races and any protests will be posted in the clubhouse by the RCO immediately after each race. A series results register will be maintained and displayed on the results board in the clubhouse and on the club's website.

17. CHAMPIONS AND PRIZES. Only IPYC members are eligible to receive prizes, except for the Art des Vries Trophy.

17.1 CLUB CHAMPION will be determined by combining the results of the evening series in the bay and those of the Sunday series.

17.2 FLEET CHAMPIONS will be determined by calculating the results of evening series 1, 2, 3, and 4 for each fleet.

17.3 SUNDAY RACE CHAMPION will be determined by calculating the results of the spring, summer, and autumn series.

18. HANDICAPS. The TT (Time) handicap published by SLVYRA will be used as the default handicap. Refer to paragraph 8.2 of the Member's Handbook for handicap policy. Any boat not listed must be measured within two months of its first race. A provisional handicap assigned by the sailing captain will be used for provisional results but not for the final ranking. Please contact the sailing captain for any assistance regarding the handicap system.

19. LIABILITY. IPYC, the organizing authority, or the Race Committee (RC) accepts no responsibility for damages or injuries, on shore or afloat, to persons or boats, resulting from participation in a race. Reference is made to RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.