

GNS Interclub Series of Lake St-Louis



Royal St-Lawrence Yacht Club, Pointe-Claire Yacht Club, Beaconsfield Yacht Club

May 23 to October 22, 2023
Montréal, Québec, Canada

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Amended May 10, 2023

Amended September 1, 2023

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at www.gnsracing.com before 13h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be sent by email and to the address entered in the boat registration form.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the host club flag pole and an email notification sent simultaneously to the entire GNS registered fleet.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags are:

DIVISION	FLAG
1	Purple
2	Green
3	White
4	Yellow

7. COURSES

7.1. The courses are identified in Addendum A.

7.2. For Divisions 1 and 2, the course to be sailed will be windward leeward either 2 times around (the «Regular Course») or one time around (the «Short Course») the course. All course marks must be left to port.

7.3. The requirement to sail a Short Course will be signaled by the Race Committee signal vessel by displaying numeral pennant 1 with the class flag. If numeral pennant 1 is not displayed, boats shall sail the Regular Course.

7.4. The windward mark for Division 1 will be located to windward approximately 1 nautical mile from the leeward mark. The location of the mark shall not be grounds for protest.

7.5. The windward mark for Division 2 will be located to windward approximately 0.7 nautical miles from the leeward mark. The location of the mark shall not be grounds for protest.

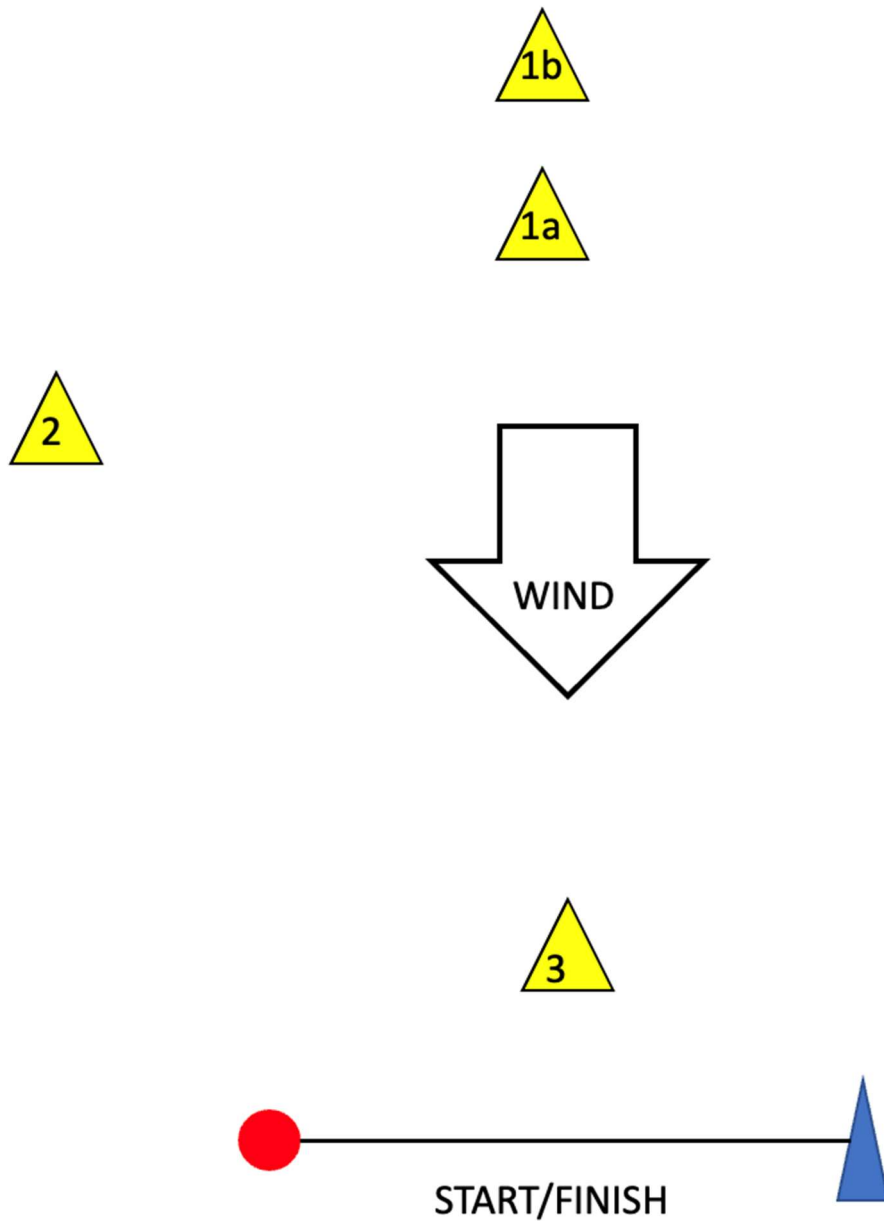
- 7.6. For Division 3 the course to be sailed will be **one triangle and one windward leeward (the «Regular Course»)** or **one windward leeward (the «Short Course»)**. The windward mark will be located to windward approximately 0.7 nautical miles from the leeward mark. The location of the mark shall not be grounds for protest. All course marks must be left to port.
 - 7.7 For Division 4 the Regular Course to be sailed will be a triangle followed by a windward leeward. The Short Course will be a windward leeward course. The windward mark will be located to windward approximately 0,7 nautical miles from the leeward mark. The location of the mark shall not be grounds for protest. All course marks must be left to port.
 - 7.8. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
 - 7.9. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
8. FROSTBITE COURSES (FROSTBITE GNS Series and "Full" FROSTBITE)
 - 8.1 The GNS FROSTBITE Series and the FROSTBITE Series are for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 only.
 - 8.2. All Divisions will sail the same double windward-leeward course with 1 windward mark and a leeward mark which is also the starting/finishing mark. This changes SI 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 9.2. See Addendum A.
 - 8.3. When Numeral Pennant 7 is displayed as the warning signal, all Divisions will start together. This changes SI 9.6.
 - 8.4. Attention is brought to the possible use of, but not limited to, RRS 33 Changing the next leg of the course, and RRS 32 Shortened Course. This changes SI 7.8 and 7.9.
9. MARKS
 - 9.1. The marks that may be used are yellow or orange inflatable marks
 - 9.2. The starting/finishing mark is a red ball.
10. THE START
 - 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26
 - 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting/finishing mark.
 - 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 - 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 10.5. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
 - 10.6 The order of starts will be determined by the flags flown by the race committee. The race committee will attempt to start the divisions in sequential order. To facilitate race management, the race committee may change the order of starts or start multiple divisions together, at its discretion. Such action by the race committee will not be grounds for redress.
11. THE FINISH
 - 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting/finishing mark.
12. TIME LIMITS
 - 12.1. The Race Time Limits (see RRS 35) for Series 1, 2, 3 and 4, are identified in Addendum B
 - 12.2. Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Time Limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
 - 12.3. Failure to meet the Race Time Limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 12.4 The Finishing Window, which is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat of their division sails the course and finishes, will be of 30 minutes.
 - 12.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
13. HEARING REQUESTS
 - 13.1. The protest time limit is 13h00 the day following the regatta.
 - 13.2. Hearing request forms can be found at www.gnsracing.com under the section "IMPORTANT LINKS".
 - 13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 48 hours after a race to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Pointe-Claire Yacht Club.
 - 13.4. RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

SI ADDENDUM A – Courses

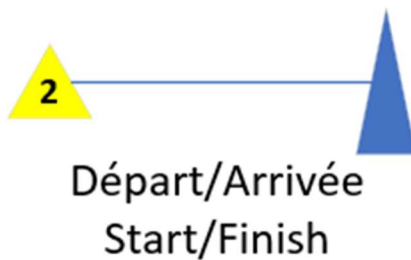
Division	Regular Course	Short Course
1	Start-1b-2-1b-Finish	Start-1b-Finish
2	Start-1a-2-1a-Finish	Start-1a-Finish



Division	Regular Course	Short Course
3	Start-1a-2-3-1a-Finish	Start-1a-Finish
4	Start-1a-2-3-1a-Finish	Start-1a-Finish



Division	Regular Course	Short Course
FROSTBITE 1, 2, 3 only	Start-1-2-1-Finish	RSS 33, 32 applies



ADDEMDUM B- Time Limit

DATE	TIME LIMIT
May 16	20h36
May 18	20h38
May 23	20h43
May 25	20h45
May 30	20h50
June 1	20h52
June 6	20h56
June 8	20h57
June 13	21h00
June 15	21h01
June 20	21h02
June 22	21h03
June 27	21h03
June 29	21h03
July 4	21h01
July 6	21h01
July 11	20h58
July 13	20h57
July 18	20h53
July 20	20h51
July 25	20h46
July 27	20h44
August 1	20h38
August 3	20h35
August 8	20h28
August 10	20h25
August 15	20h17
August 17	20h14
August 22	20h05
August 24	20h02
August 29	19h53
August 31	19h50

