

## 2025 Bluffers Basin - FALL SERIES

### *NOTICE TO RACERS #1 – August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

#### **RULES AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

This notice and instructions supplement those in the current Basin Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions located at:

[https://www.bpyc.on.ca/documents/2025/2025\\_Basin\\_Race\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.bpyc.on.ca/documents/2025/2025_Basin_Race_Handbook.pdf)

#### **MODIFICATIONS TO HANDBOOK AND RULES**

#### **CALENDAR**

Up to two races per day will be held Sunday, September 7, 14 & 21, 2025.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

While racing, each boat shall carry a minimum of two (2) persons: the person in charge (minimum of 18 years of age) and a crew member 12 years of age or older.

#### **RACE START TIME**

The committee boat will leave the dock at approximately **10:15** hours each day. The “R” flag will be taken down at approximately **10:54** hours. The first start will be at approximately **11:00** hours.

#### **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

<b>Mark 1 Time Limit</b>	<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Finishing Window</b>
<b>20 minutes</b>	<b>120 minutes</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>

**Mark 1 Time Limit** – If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race **may** be abandoned.

**Race Time Limit** – Each Race shall not exceed a total time of 120 minutes (2 hours), this modifies the curfew on Page 15 of the Handbook.

**Finishing Window** – To ensure that two races can be run each race day, a Finishing Window is the time allowed for boats to finish after the first boat in each division sails the

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course and has finished. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, 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 Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

### COURSES

The Flying Sails (S) & Non-Flying Sails (W) divisions will race the same four (4) leg course, with **no** (“S” or “W”) letter before the course. The Start may be moved to any of marks 0, 1, 2, 3, 7 or 8 as decided by the Race Committee.

### SCORING CLASSES AND DIVISIONAL STARTS

The fleet will be into three divisions for the purpose of scoring and into three divisional starts as per the table below:

Start	Division	Description
1	1	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP over 179
2	2	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 179 and under
3	3	Flying Sails - PHRF ASP all

The Race Committee may combine divisions for starting purposes based on the number of participants in each division. An announcement prior to all starts will be made on VHF channel 71 in this case.

### POINTS AND SCORING SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as per the current edition of “Bluffers Basin Challenge Series Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions.” In series scoring the table on Page 15 will be modified to reflect a maximum of six (6) races, thus if 5 to 6 are raced, only four (4) of the races will be counted