

Notice to Competitor



Notice No. 02

This is not a change to Sailing Instructions. It is to give advice on how the RRS and TCYC SIs will be implemented going forward.

We have many up and coming young sailors and for them to compete at State, National and International level they need to understand how races are run and how the protest system works. This will give them an advantage over those that do not have this knowledge. The same applies to our volunteers on the Race Management Team.

We have only had three races this year and have already encountered the following two breaches in the application of the RRS and TCYC SIs. One of these breaches was for a Championship race.

1. A whole division of boats not sailing the course designated by the Race Committee.
2. A whole division of boats shortening their race by verbal agreement before the race commenced.

Currently it is up to the competitors to protest each other for breaking rules and taking the incidents to the Protest Committee. It would only take one boat to sail the correct course and they could then protest the other boats and have them all disqualified. This would not encourage teamwork within the club, but they will be technically entitled to do this. It is a better solution for ALL of us to follow the rules. If the current practice of not following RC directions continues this also reduces Race Committee authority to run races and make them fair to all competitors. Our Race Management Team is attempting to provide fair, enjoyable, and compliant racing condition for all competitors racing out of TCYC. For the Race Management Team to continue to deliver this it remains implicit that all competitors respect and follow the rules. Your assistance will be appreciated by the Race Committee and your fellow sailors.

If you think there is a problem on the water let the RO know so they can factor it into their decisions.

Note: It is the RO who makes the final decision. Also note that to make changes before the race it is a requirement to post an "Amendment to SIs" 2 hours before the race and put up an L flag. We should only do this when we have to.

If you want information on applying the rules, please talk to Neil Mason. The Race Committee is also open to feedback to make the racing better. We will not always be able to do what competitors ask but we will always appreciate the information and discussions involved.

Date: 19-Oct-19

Time: 0900

Race Officer: Neil Mason