

ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB
Mini-12 Fleet
(Deception and Illusion Classes)
Sailing Instructions - Fall/Winter 2008 – 2009

1. Rules

- 1.1. All racing will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Mini-12 Notice Board located on the door of the Mini-12 locker in the Dingy Shed on the foreshore at RVYC.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the published schedule of races will be posted by 1100 seven days prior to when it will take effect.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may make changes to the Sailing Instructions on a race day by announcing those changes at the pre-race (lunch) meeting and advising the fleet at the Committee Float, 5 minutes prior to the start of the first race of the race day while displaying Code Flag L. Such changes shall only apply to races sailed on the day they are announced.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. The Fall/Winter Program will consist of 4 Series (A,B,C,D)
- 4.2. Four race days and one make-up day will be scheduled for each series.
- 4.3. Race dates are scheduled as follows:

Series	Scheduled Race Days	Scheduled Make Up Day
Series A	Sept. 6, 2008; Sept. 13, 2008; Sept. 27, 2008; Oct. 4, 2008	November 1, 2008
Series B	Nov.8, 2008; Nov.15, 2008; Nov. 22, 2008; Nov.29, 2008	December 6, 2008
Series C	Jan. 3, 2009; Jan 10, 2009; Jan 17, 2009; Jan. 24, 2009	February 7, 2009
Series D	Feb. 14, 2009; Feb. 28, 2009; Mar.7, 2009; Mar.14, 2009	March 28, 2009

- 4.4. A maximum of six (6) races will be sailed on each Race Day.
- 4.5. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race for the Deception Class on each day is 1300. The starting signal for the Deception Class is the warning signal for the Illusion Class.
- 4.6. The warning signal for the Deception Class for each succeeding race will be as soon as practicable following the finish of the last finisher (Deception or Illusion Class) in the preceding race.
- 4.7. No warning signal will be made after 1535.

5. Class Flags

- 5.1. The Class Flag for the Deception Class will be Numeral Pennant One (1)
- 5.2. The Class Flag for the Illusion Class will be Numeral Pennant Two (2)

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. The racing area will be in Cadboro Bay to the north and east of RVYC.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Courses will be sailed around marks with colored flags anchored by the race committee.
- 7.2. Letters shall be displayed on the Signal Float to indicate the order in which the marks of the course are to be rounded:
W = White Flag R = Red Flag
B = Blue Flag G = Green Flag
- 7.3. Display of the number “2” on the Signal Float indicates a twice around course. Boats are neither required nor prohibited from passing through the start finish line on a twice around course.
- 7.4. Display of a Red shape on the Signal Float indicates that marks are to be rounded to port and display of a Green shape indicates that marks are to be rounded to starboard.
- 7.5. A yellow flag displayed on a staff below the orange flag on the Signal Float indicates that the Deception Class will round a mark with a yellow flag when the mark with the yellow flag is set either to windward of the windward mark or to leeward of the leeward mark.

8. Marks

- 8.1. Marks will be small floats set by the race committee that display a colored flag as per item 7.2 above.
- 8.2. The starting and finishing marks will be an orange flag on a small float set by the race committee and an orange flag on a staff on the Signal Float.

9. The Start

- 9.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal for the Deception Class given 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal for the Deception Class given 2 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting signal for the Deception Class is the warning signal for the Illusion Class.
- 9.3. If no Deception Class boats are racing, that start will be dispensed with and the Illusion Class warning will be the first signal given.
- 9.4. A pre-warning signal consisting of several sound signals in succession will be given by the race committee approximately 10 seconds prior to the first warning signal in the starting sequence to advise competitors that the first warning signal is eminent.
- 9.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Float at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting mark.
- 9.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, an area 10 metres back and off either end of the start line. The diagram in Appendix A shows the starting area.
- 9.7. No warning signal will be made after 1535.

10. The Finish

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Float at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end finishing mark.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1. The two turns penalty applies but is modified to one turn. This modifies Rules 44.1 and 44.2.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1. There is no time limit except for the last race of the day in which no finishes will be recorded after 1600.

13. Protests

- 13.1. The Race Officer on the Signal Float and the protested party are to be notified of a competitors' intention to protest before leaving the race course following the last race of the day.
- 13.2. The parties to the protest may, by mutual agreement and if there is no damage involved, follow the Alternative process described in 13.3 or chose to proceed to a formal protest by following the process described in paragraph 13.4.
- 13.3. Alternative Process
 - 13.3.1. The protestor must obtain the agreement of the protested party to accept the Alternative Process and notify the Race Officer of their intention;
 - 13.3.2. The Race Officer will arrange to have an independent third party (Judge) to hear the protest; an additional person may be asked to act as timer.
 - 13.3.3. The protester will describe events resulting in the protest to the Judge and protested party. They will be given no more than 2 minutes to do so. The protested party will describe events to the Judge and protestor. They will also be given no more than 2 minutes to do so. The Judge will have 5 minutes to render a decision and inform both parties. The decision of the judge will be binding. The Judge will inform the Race Officer of their decision who will amend the race result as appropriate.
- 13.4. Formal Process
 - 13.4.1. The protestor informs the protested party that a formal protest is being filed;
 - 13.4.2. The protestor obtains and completes a protest form. Protest forms are available at the race information area of the lower lounge (basement) at RVYC.
 - 13.4.3. Protests are to be delivered to the Race Officer within 60 minutes of the Race Officer returning to the dock at the end of the race day.
 - 13.4.4. The Race Officer shall deposit any protest forms received in the race office and inform the Club Protest Coordinator of any protests.
 - 13.4.5. Protests will be heard at 1930 at RVYC on the Tuesday following the Race Day on which the protest situation occurred.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. Individual participants, rather than boats, will be scored and ranked.
- 14.2. The result for each individual in each class will be scored separately.
- 14.3. The race committee will record the position of each boat finishing each race. It is the responsibility of each individual racing to identify the boats and the races in which they sailed by recording this information on the "Individual Participation Sheet" located on the door of the Mini-12 locker in the Dingy Shed on the RVYC Foreshore. Race Committee Participants are to record their participation as race committee on each race day on the "Individual Participation Sheet" for averaging purposes.
- 14.4. The High Point Percentage scoring system will be used to determine an individuals score in each race sailed:
 - 14.4.1. The greatest number of boats in any race in a class on a race day is the "N" value for the race day for that class;
 - 14.4.2. The boat that finishes first is scored as "N" + 1; second is scored as "N"; third is scored as "N" - 1; fourth as "N" - 2; and so forth. A DNF scores 1 point; a DSQ scores 0 and a DNS is not recorded.
 - 14.4.3. In each series an individual racer is entitled to throw out races depending on the number of races they start. If they start in nine or fewer races no races started may be thrown out. If they start 10 but fewer than 15 they may throw out 1; 15 but fewer than 20 they may throw out 2; 20 but fewer than 25 they

may throw out 3; 25 but fewer than 30 they may throw out 4, and if they start 30 they may throw out 5.

- 14.4.4. A series score for each individual racing will be calculated as the sum of the scores allocated for each race the individual starts (as per 14.4.2) but not thrown out, divided by the sum of the value for $N + 1$ for each of those races. This will yield a percentage score such that an individual who placed first in every race they were required to count in the series, their score would be 100%.
- 14.4.5. In order to score a result for a series an individual must start in a minimum of 8 races and sail on a minimum of 3 race days in the series.
- 14.4.6. Individuals assigned race committee duties will be given the average score from the average number of races in which they started (rounded upwards), from the two other race days for which they have the highest scores in the series in which they perform race committee duties.
- 14.5. The year-end score will be determined by class using the series score as calculated in 14.4.4 by summing the numerators and denominators to arrive at an aggregate percentage from the three best series scores for each individual qualifying in three or more series in the year. The individual in each class with the highest percentage will be ranked first.
 - 14.5.1. Ties shall be resolved as per RRS Appendix A8 within each series but is modified by replacing the term “race score” with “series score” when a tie exists between two individuals for a year-end score. This modifies RRS A8.

15. Safety

- 15.1. A Boat that retires from the race area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. An approved personal floatation device (PFD) shall be worn by every sailor at all times while racing. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered PFD's.
- 15.3. Each boat shall be equipped with a sound signal device for the purpose of signalling boat in distress.

16. Prizes

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded as per RVYC Sailing Committee prize policy.

17. Insurance/Damage

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000CAD per event or the equivalent.
- 17.2. All sailors are responsible for damage for which they are found at fault.

Appendix A - Starting Area Diagram

