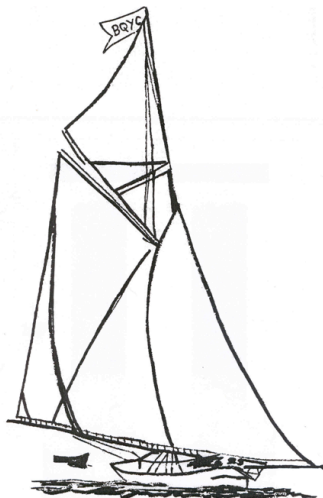


48th ANNUAL KATIE GRAY WEEKEND

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 26, 2016



Katie Gray – September 3, 2016
Binnacle Trophy – September 4, 2016

Presented by
The Bay of Quinte & Prince Edward Yacht Clubs

Entry Deadline – Sunday August 28, 22 hrs

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.
- 1.3. Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation #16.03 required safety equipment will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 2.1. The Katie Gray is open to boats with a current valid PHRF Certificate.
- 2.2. Boats who wish to race and do not have a valid PHRF Certificate may apply for one from the BQYC Club Handicapper, Peter Simmons (peter.simmons@cogeco.ca) at no cost.
- 2.3. The Binnacle is open to anyone.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. Competitors wishing to enter the races are encouraged to register online by visiting the racing section of bqyca.ca (Direct Link: www.bqyc.ca/katie-gray-race.php). Those without access to computers or email can register by phoning Andy Thomson at 613-966-5864.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors for each race will be posted on the official notice board at the club where the respective race begins.
- 4.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900h on the day it will take effect at the starting club.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE EVENTS

- 4.1 There will be a welcoming BBQ at BQYC on Friday evening at 1900h hosted by Kim Wilkes and Muren Pickering. Please thank them. Dance music will be provided by John Coulls and the PEYC Blues Band.
- 4.2 A full, hot breakfast will be available to all racers starting at 0800h at BQYC on Saturday morning.
- 4.3 There will be a Skipper's meeting at 0900h on the front verandah of BQYC.
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for both races will be 0955h.
- 4.5 There will be a Prizegiving Dinner and Dance at PEYC Saturday evening beginning at 1900h. Dinner will be a Pig and Beef Roast. Dance music will be provided by The Decades Band.

5 THE COURSES

- 5.1 The Katie Gray will begin at Q54 (red spar buoy off of Myer's Pier) and will end in Picton Bay between the committee boat and the **ORANGE mark. Q17, Q15, Q13 Foresters Island) and Mo(A) (red and white spar southwest of Thompson Point) must be left to starboard.**
- 5.2 The Katie Gray race will be shortened if winds are light so that boats will hopefully be at the dock by 1800h. If the race is shortened the new finish line will be between the committee boat and one of the following marks and according to the following guidelines:
GREEN Q17- by Foresters Island (if the leading yacht has not reached Q17 by 1330h)
RED Q10 - off Huff Wharf (if the leading yacht has not reached Q10 by 1430h)
RED Q8 - entrance to Hay Bay (if the leading yacht has not reached Q8 by 1530h)
Mo(A) - southwest of Thompson Point (if the leading yacht has not reached Mo(A) by 1630h)
- 5.3 The Binnacle race will begin between the race committee boat and an **ORANGE** marker in the Picton Bay. This race will finish between red buoy Q54 and the race committee boat. The Binnacle race may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. If it is shortened, the new finish line will be between the Race Committee Boat and one of the following marks.
Q13 – Foresters Island
Q43 – Northport Shoal
Q52 – Minnie Blakely Shoal

6 CHECKING IN

- 6.1 Before the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail close aboard the RC boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee boat. A boat failing to do so may be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 6.2 For the safety of all boats a boat that retires from a race **MUST** notify the race committee as soon as possible. **The race committee boat will monitor channel 71.** If the race committee boat does not respond please radio the club at which the race will end. If you do not have a radio please notify the race committee in person or let some other competitors know.

7 THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 7.2 An attention signal of 5 short blasts may be given about one minute before the initial warning signal for the race.
- 7.3 The starting line for the Katie Gray race will be between the race committee flag on the race committee boat and Q54 (red buoy).
- 7.4 The start line for the Binnacle race will begin between the race committee flag on the race committee boat and an ORANGE marker.

8 RECALLS

- 8.1 When a general recall is necessary the race committee will display the First Substitute with two sounds. The subsequent warning signal for a new start will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).
- 8.2 When an individual recall is required the race committee will promptly display flag 'X' with one sound. The race committee will attempt to notify any boat(s) over the line early by VHF radio channel 71 or by hailing verbally.
- 8.3 The 'I' Flag Rule RRS 30.1 will be in effect. Boats on the course side within one minute of the start line must round one end of the start line before re-starting.

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 There will be a time limit for the Katie Gray only. Any yacht finishing more than 2 hours (120 minutes) behind the first boat to cross the line will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at BQYC/PEYC Club Office. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 10.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee boat has reached the BQYC/PEYC dock at the end of each day's racing.
- 10.3 Notices with respect to protests will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 10.4 When both parties to protest are willing to accept an arbitration decision the CYA Arbitration Process will be used. See **Attachment 'A'** for a more detailed description of this process. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The Katie Gray Trophy will be awarded to the winner on corrected time of the Spinnaker Division in the Katie Gray Race.
- 11.2 The Bill Burns Trophy will be awarded to the winner on corrected time of the White Sail Division in the Katie Gray Race.
- 11.3 A trophy (and a bottle of Closson Chase wine for each skipper) will be awarded to the four boat team from any one yacht club with the best combined results from either Spinnaker or White Sail Divisions.
- 11.4 The first three finishers on corrected time in both the Spinnaker Division and the White Sail Division in the Katie Gray Race will receive BQYC flags.
- 11.5 All the Katie Gray Race prizes will be awarded at the dinner at PEYC following the race.
- 11.6 All the Binnacle Race prizes will be awarded at the BQYC annual Cups and Flags Dinner in November.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00.

Attachment 'A' - Arbitration Procedure

If a protested boat does not take a penalty, the protest procedure is often seen by competitors to be too formal and too time consuming. Protest arbitration provides an intermediate method of protest resolution before the protest is heard formally by the protest committee. Arbitration gives sailors a chance to take a less severe penalty than disqualification when they realize that they have broken a rule. Arbitration does not solve all protests, but is effective for most situations involving the rules of Part 2.

When a Judge determines that a protest is valid and suitable for arbitration, the protestor is asked to find the representative of the other boat. The arbitration hearing is scheduled to be heard in a quiet place as soon as both boats are present.

Both parties can speak for one minute on their version of the incident. The arbitrator then advises the parties on how he believes the case would be decided in a full protest hearing. Either party may then admit to an infringement, in which case, the protesting party is invited to withdraw the protest.

If the protest is not withdrawn, and a 40% penalty is not taken, the protest shall be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.

The arbitration is not complete until the withdrawal of the protest is approved by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may accept a request, with good reason, to withdraw the protest before the arbitration hearing. However, if the hearing proceeds and the arbitrator decides the protestor broke a rule, the protestor is not permitted to withdraw the protest before he accepts the penalty.

The arbitration process remains confidential between the parties and the arbitrator.

The following continues section 16.5 of the Sailing Instructions

9.4 ARBITRATION

- 9.4.1 The arbitration process is outlined in Attachment 'C'. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, and so allocated, an arbitration hearing of not more than 10 minutes will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 9.4.2 After a written protest is delivered to the Protest Desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Protest Committee.
- 9.4.3 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but not be less than four places, added to her finish position. However she shall not be scored worse than 'Did not finish'.
- 9.4.4 The acceptance of an Arbitration Penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
- 9.4.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Protest Committee that later hears a protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Protest Committee and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 9.4.6 A boat accepting an arbitration penalty shall be scored for the race and this race may be the boat's drop race where drop(s) are permitted