



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB
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Cruising Canvas Division

The Cruising Canvas class is a “non-spinnaker” division of RYC Wednesday night racing. This is a racing class intended for boats that like to race *and* cruise and don’t want to unload their cruising gear or do a lot of sail changing to race.

The following are the simple rules for the RYC Cruising Canvas (CC) division:

The CC division will have the last start on Wednesday nights – 5 minutes after the IRC class.

Races will not be started if the sustained true wind speed is below 3 or above 22 knots.

The course will be a triangle - beat, reach, reach → finish or beat, reach, reach, beat → finish. The CC class will use the same starting line and windward mark as the other handicap classes. After rounding the windward mark to port, boats shall proceed to the gybe mark, also left to port, and thence to the finish – leaving the committee boat to port and the finish mark to starboard. In light winds, the race committee will finish the CC class at or near the gybe mark.

Headsail changes are not permitted while racing. However, roller reefing of headsails is allowed, as are reefs in the mains’l. The Genoa or Jib may be poled out using a whisker pole, spinnaker pole or temporary outrigger held by a crew member. This changes rule 50.

All boats shall race in their regular cruising trim, including anchors ready to deploy, sun shades, dodgers, Bimini covers, etc. in their usual positions. The intention of this rule is that boats shall not “unload” for racing.

When code flag Y is displayed at the start, all crew members shall wear personal flotation devices.

Ratings shall be adjusted using a Golf Handicap system as follows:

All boats start the series using their valid PHRF-LO NFS (non-flying sails) rating.

Ratings will be adjusted after every two races as follows:

- For each 3rd place finish, deduct 1-second per mile from the NFS rating
- For each 2nd place finish, deduct 2-seconds per mile from the NFS rating
- For each 1st place finish, deduct 3-seconds per mile from the NFS rating
- The maximum rating adjustment per 2-race cycle shall be 9-seconds per mile.
- The maximum rating adjustment per series shall be 18 seconds per mile.
- Ratings will reset to base PHRF-LO ratings at the start of each new series.