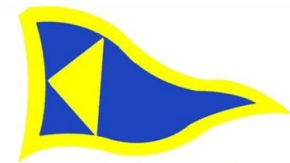
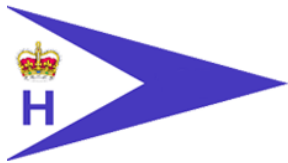


# Sailing and Racing in Hamilton Harbour

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## 3 quick points

- 1) Recreational vs. Commercial vessels. Size really does matter.
- 2) Keeping clear of commercial vessels when racing.
- 3) What should we ALL do to around commercial vessels ?

# Size matters

**In speed, visibility, stopping distance  
maneuverability, windage, wake, and**

**..... The Law**



# Living to Sail or Sailing to Live?



# Intersecting courses – Recreational vs. Commercial

**Oh yeah, we can make it ... probably**



**Is he nuts ?**



This sailboat skipper is less than 1 second away from needing a new mast, new sails, engine power, and an excellent lawyer.





# Renovations to the Burlington Bay race course in 2017

## 1) Mark #12 is no longer an eligible race mark

## 2) Boost course options at west end

- Re-introduce marker #2

## 3) Reduce use of #14 as default start/finish

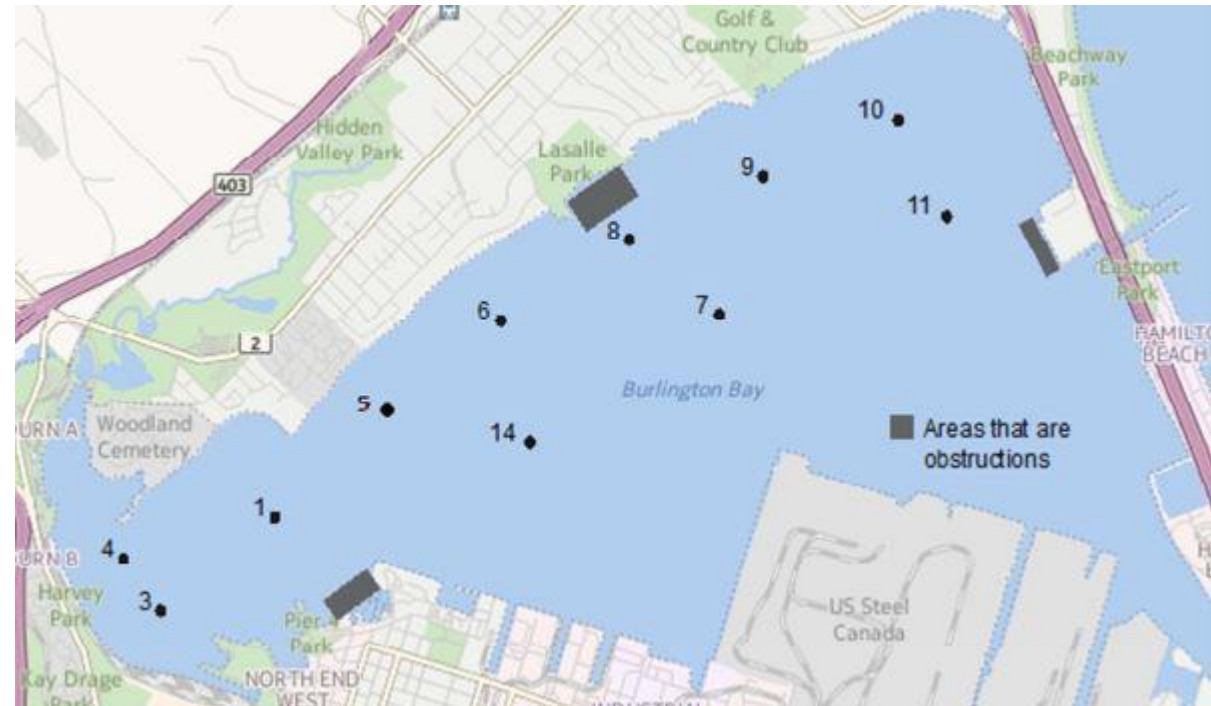
- Place a new mark #15 bt. #1 and #14

## 4) Upgrade RHYC course marks

- Replace barrel marks #1, 3 & 4 with posts

## 5) Illuminate marks in shipping lanes

- Install solar lighting on #7, 11, 14 & 15



# BSBC/RHYC procedures to avoid shipping

1. Inform HPA of all scheduled events such as regattas and race nights.
2. Before each event, the RO obtains today's shipping timetable from HPA.
3. If ship movements are expected during the race, competitors are advised
4. RCs strive\* to set the race course away from shipping.
5. Competitors monitor RO on VHF 72 for announcements while racing.
6. RO has discretion to signal race abandonment at any time.
7. Collision avoidance measures shall be Early, Simple, and Readily Apparent
8. If a commercial vessel sounds a rapid sequence of blasts, all nearby boats must make an immediate and obvious course alteration to avoid the vessel's path. If auxiliary motor power is necessary, use it.
9. Failure to take immediate and apparent action to avoid a commercial vessel will be grounds for protest and/or a competitor's disqualification.



# Summary – What should we all do ?

Know the Rules (Int'l Reg's for Collisions at Sea, 1972 w Cdn. mod's)

Recreational vessels must give way to Commercial shipping

Rule #8 i.e. Bail out sooner, not later

Intersecting course? Give way *Early, Positively, and Obviously.*

Don't be "that guy" who made them blast the warning sounds

Regardless, if you hear series of sharp blasts from a commercial vessel, turn away immediately, get clear and keep clear.

Never make a commercial skipper do this ...



Thanks for your attention

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season



'see you on the water

