

Vancouver Rowing Club
Single Handed Anything Goes (SHAG) Race 2016
Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016*, the Sail Canada national prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the Rules of ORC, PHRF-BC, and PHRF-NW, the Sailing Instructions and any subsequent amendments, and notification from the Race Committee.
- 1.2** All boats must comply with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard regulations.
- 1.3** A yacht that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic may be subject to disqualification. A yacht that is the subject of five horns from commercial traffic may be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 1.4** Competitors who intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the yacht's official sail number shall report those numbers to the Race Committee (RC) by email at RaceOfficer@vrcracing.ca at or before 1300 hours Friday, September 23, 2016. Failure to comply may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1** This is a single-handed regatta.
 - (a)** There shall be only one human on board a yacht between its warning signal and its finish.
 - (b)** Use of auto-helm or similar devices is permitted for this regatta.
- 3.2** The regatta is open to all boats belonging to an accredited yacht club (as set out in RRS 75.1), possessing a PHRF-BC, or PHRF-NW certificate for 2016, proof of insurance, that meets all requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Ratings will be adjusted if required by Vancouver Rowing Club's handicapper in order to align PHRF-BC and PHRF-NW ratings.
- 3.3** Those entrants that that does not possess a valid PHRF-BC or PHRF-NW certificate will be assigned a courtesy rating by the Vancouver Rowing Club's handicapper.
- 3.4** In the event that a yacht's rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted, the skipper is required to notify the Racing Officer by email to: RaceOfficer@vrcracing.ca. No rating changes will be accepted after 1300 hours Friday, September 23, 2016. Failure to provide a valid and correct rating may result in protest by the Race Committee. In addition, all ratings are subject to review by the Race Committee.
- 3.5** All PHRF certificates must be submitted at or before 1300 hours, Friday, September 23, 2016. No further competitor-initiated rating changes will be accepted after that time. This includes requesting a rating credit for racing with No Flying Sails.

4 Registration & Fees

4.1 Free

4.2 Competitors must register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vrc-single-handed-anything-goes-shag-race-tickets-27887260547> at or before 2359 hours Friday, September 23, 2016. Boats that fail to register and pay at or before 2359 hours Friday, September 23, 2016 may not be scored.

5 Schedule of Events

5.1 Saturday, September 24, 2016 – Single Handed Anything Goes (SHAG) Race

(a) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1055 hours.

(b) There will be one race.

(c) There will be no starts after 1500 hours.

(d) Please come to the VRC Carver Bar after racing for results and prizes!

6 Divisions & Classes

6.1 There may be multiple divisions. Division splits will be posted online at vrcracing.ca or communicated via email to all registered skippers or announced by the Race Committee via VHF 68 prior to the first warning signal.

7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at or before 2359 hours Friday, September 23, 2016 at www.vrcracing.ca.

8 Scoring

8.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.2 Boats not properly registered will not be scored.

8.3 One race shall constitute a series.

8.4 DNF, OCS, RAF, DSQ, & DNS boats will be scored one more than the number of boats that come to the start area in that boat's division.

See Racing rules of Sailing A9.

8.5 DNC boats will be scored one more than the number of boats that have registered in the regatta for that boat's division.

9 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10 Race Tracking

Competitors are strongly encouraged to use RaceQs to track their race and to upload their tracks as soon after racing as possible.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

12 Publicity

Competitors consent in perpetuity to the use including publication on various media, including but not limited to social media platforms, of images or video and audio of their likeness and boats, for publicity or advertising purposes connected to Vancouver Rowing Club or other local sailing events.

13 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 Sponsors

We wish to acknowledge the generous contributions of our sponsors, without whose support the VRC Single Handed Anything Goes (SHAG) Race would not be possible:

Evolution Sails Vancouver

Ahoyhoy Marine Services

15 Further Information

For further information please contact Alan Ip, Racing Officer, at RaceOfficer@vrcracing.ca or 604-761-0380.