



Vancouver Rowing Club

Single Handed Anything Goes

Sailing Instructions



September 23, 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. The races will also be governed by the rules of PHRF BC. except where they are modified by these instructions.
- 1.2 Competing yachts must have an up to date PHRF certificate. A temporary “Club” rating may be assigned with the understanding that the competing boat must apply for a proper PHRF Certificate. Any races a boat sails with a “club” rating will be re-scored using the rating assigned by PHRF when it becomes available. Club ratings are not subject to appeal. Competitors intending to sail with “No Flying Sails” (NFS) may request a rating adjustment. This request must be received by the race officer no later than 1700h on Thursday, September 21st. Requests may be sent to raceofficer@vracing.ca.
- 1.3 Autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear are allowed. This modifies rule 52.

2 ENTRIES, REGISTRATION, AND FEES

- 2.1 All yachts shall comply with Rule 75.1
- 2.2 All skippers must be a member in good standing of a club recognized by its national authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board at the east gate of the VRC by 0900h on race days. Notices will also be posted to the @VRCRacing Twitter feed.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Communication will be on VHF channel 80A.
- 4.2 All participants must check in with the race committee prior to the race. Participants who fail to do so may be scored DNC.

- 4.3** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 4.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee boat at the time of retiring and must confirm that the committee has received their notice of intent to retire.

5 INSURANCE

- 5.1** All Yachts must carry a minimum liability insurance of \$2,000,000.00.

6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day of the race. If any changes are made the committee will make an announcement on VHF channel 80A at 10:45h.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the VRC Mast tower.
- 7.2** When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1** The warning signal is scheduled for 10:55h, Sunday the 23rd of September, 2017.

9 DIVISIONS

- 9.1** There may be more than one division depending upon the number of competitors. If 3 or more boats have requested an NFS rating adjustment they may be scored in a separate NFS division.
- 9.2** The divisions will be decided by 19:00h on Friday, September 22nd and will be emailed to skippers, posted to the [VRC Racing](#) website and the @VRCRacing Twitter feed.

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1** The race will take place in the vicinity of English Bay/Burrard Inlet.

11 RACE COURSE AND MARKS

- 11.1** The Marks are to be rounded in the sequence they appear on the course board, which will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 11.2** The race committee may fly signal flag "TANGO" indicating the course is to be sailed twice around. Yachts are required to pass through the finish line on each windward leg.
- 11.3** The letters/marks will be as follows:

"A" Point Grey Bell Buoy

"B" Kits Barge Buoy

“C” Passage Island

“D” QC Buoy

“E” VRC Anchored Mark - position will be broadcast @ 10:45 on VHF 80A

“F” VRC Anchored Mark - position will be broadcast @ 10:45 on VHF 80A

“W” Anchored Freighter - position will be broadcast @ 10:45 on VHF 80A

“Z” Anchored Freighter - position will be broadcast @ 10:45 on VHF 80A

“S” Start Pin

12 MARKS

12.1 The start/finish pin will be either a yellow inflatable tetrahedron or a “pin” with an orange flag.

12.2 VRC Anchored Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

12.3 All marks shall be left to port unless a green flag is flying indicating that the marks are to be left to starboard.

13 THE START

13.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

13.2 The Start/Finish line will be between a staff on the race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and the start/finish pin or mark.

13.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal may be scored “Did Not Start”. This modifies rules A4 and A5.

14 RECALLS

14.1 Recalls shall be signalled in accordance with rule 29.

14.2 If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line when the start signal goes the committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 80A Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1(a).

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and start/finish mark or a blue flag and the committee boat.

15.2 The race committee may take times at any mark rounding and use them as an official finish position. This modifies rule 32.1.

16 TIME LIMITS AND PROTESTS

16.1 No finishes will be recorded after 1600h. If one boat finishes within the time limit, there will be a 30 minute extension to 1630hrs for that division only.

16.2 Protests must be filed with the race committee by 1830h.

16.3 Protests will be heard by the protest committee as soon as is possible. If the protest is not heard on the day of the event involved boats and witnesses will be

notified of the time and location at least 24 hours before the hearing.

17 SAFETY

17.1 Safety Requirements are PIYA Category 3.

17.2 PFD's are mandatory and must be worn from the warning signal until clearing the finish line.

18 PENALTIES

18.1 Rule A4.2 and Rule A9 are modified. The following scoring will be used

18.1.1 DNF (Did Not Finish) will be scored Number of registrants +1

18.1.2 DNS (Did Not Start) will be scored Number of registrants +2

18.1.3 DNC (Did Not Compete) will be scored Number of registrants +2

18.1.4 DSQ (Disqualify) will be scored Number of registrants +2

18.1.5 TLE (Time Limit Expired) will be scored Number of finishers +1

19 SCORING

19.1 Appendix A of the low point scoring system will apply.

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