

Notice of Race

VRC Summer Regatta 2016
July 9th & 10th



General Administration Information

The VRC Summer Regatta 2016 is organized and conducted by the Vancouver Rowing Club. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes according to PHRF handicaps at the discretion of the Race Committee and the Vancouver Area Racing Council (VARC). This is a VARC event and VARC division splits will be used for competitors registered with VARC. Also see the [VARC NOR](#)

Regatta Web Site

Periodic updates and the very latest information on the regatta can be found on the VRC Racing web site at: <http://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>

Regatta Headquarters

The Vancouver Rowing Club is located at 450 Stanley Park Drive which can be found at the Georgia Street entrance to Stanley Park.

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Moorage

Free moorage at VRC will be available for visiting competitors, as space allows, from Friday night through to Sunday afternoon. Arrangements should be made thru the VRC office as early as possible. Boats must register with the club office prior to arrival, 604-687-3400



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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, and Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Category Nearshore or ISAF Off Shore Regulations Category 4, as amended in the VARC Notice of Race 1.5.3.
- 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@vrcregating.ca at or before 1300 hours Wednesday, July 6, 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** The regatta is open to all boats belonging to an accredited yacht club (as set out in RRS 75.1), possessing a valid ORC, 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.
- 3.2** 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.
- 3.3** 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@vrcregating.ca. No rating changes will be accepted after 1300 hours Wednesday, July 6, 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.
- 3.4** For Yachts Racing Under an ORC Handicap:
 - (a)** All yachts shall have a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate.
 - (b)** In the event that a yacht's rating has been changed by its National Rating Office or the central ORC Rating Office after the entry has been accepted the skipper is required to notify the Racing Officer by email to: RaceOfficer@vrcregating.ca. No change in a yacht's Triple Number scoring coefficients will be permitted after 1300 hours Wednesday, July 6, 2016. All ratings will be verified against the ORC database. Yachts that do not have an



active rating in the ORC by 1300 hours Wednesday, July 6, 2016 will not be scored.

- (c) All ORC competitors are reminded that full compliance with the prescriptions of their ORC rating is required, including maximum crew weights. The Organizing Authority may schedule a crew weigh in, or it may randomly audit crew weights in yachts that are racing.

3.5 All PHRF or ORC certificates must be submitted at or before 1300 hours, Wednesday, July 6, 2016. No further competitor-initiated rating changes will be accepted after that time.

4 Registration & Fees

4.1 The Entry Fee is \$70.00 per yacht if the entry is received on or before 2359 hours Friday, Thursday, June 30, 2016. The Entry Fee is \$85.00 per yacht for yachts that register after midnight, Friday, July 1, 2016.

4.2 Competitors must register at www.vancouverrowingclub.ca at or before 2359 hours Monday, July 4, 2016. Boats that fail to register and pay at or before 2359 hours Monday, July 4, 2016 may not be scored.

5 Schedule of Events

5.1 Monday, July 4, 2016, 2359 hours – Closing date for race entries

5.2 Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 1900 hours, Carver Bar, VRC– Rookie Racing Seminar

5.3 Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 1300 hours – Closing date for competitor initiated rating changes and declaration of alternate sail numbers

5.4 Friday, July 8, 2016, 1800 hours, Carver Bar, VRC – Kick-Off Party
1930 hours – Skipper's Meeting

5.5 Saturday, July 9, 2016 & Sunday, July 10, 2016 – Summer Regatta

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

- (b) There may be more than one race on each race day.

- (c) There will be one day of course racing and one day of coastal racing.

- (d) There will be no starts after 1630 hours on Saturday and no starts after 1530 hours on Sunday.

5.6 Saturday, July 9, 2016, 1900 hours, VRC Harbour Room – Lobster Fest & Summer Regatta Party

5.7 Sunday, July 10, 2016, Carver Bar – Closing Party & Announcement of Results

6 Divisions & Classes

6.1 Boats will be assigned to divisions based on their handicap rating or classification as follows:

Div. 1 (pennant 1): ORC GPH 610.0 or less

Div. 2 (pennant 2): PHRF rating of 60-99

Div. 3 (pennant 3): PHRF rating of 100-173

Div. 7 (pennant 7): PHRF rating of 174-275



7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at or before 2359 hours Thursday, July 7, 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.
- 8.6** Scoring for yachts racing under an ORC Club or ORCi Certificate will be calculated by Time on Time using the Triple Number scoring coefficient for one of the following three wind speed ranges:
Low Range (9 knots or less)
Medium Range (between 8 and 14 knots)
High Range (equal to or greater than 14 knots)
- 8.7 (a)** The Race Committee will post the Declared Wind Range that it plans to use for each race on the Course Board:
L = Low Range
M = Medium Range
H = High Range
- (b)** The Race Committee may change the wind speed range if the actual recorded wind speed range is different than the Declared Wind Speed Range for more than 50% of the time that it takes the first-to-finish boat to transit the course. Any adjustments to the wind speed range will be based on the winds observed at the Committee Boat.
- 8.8** In Divisions 1 and 2, all boats that provide an ORC certificate are eligible to be scored ORC for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Course Racing Championship.
- 8.9** Regardless of division, all boats that provide an ORC certificate are eligible to be scored ORC for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Coastal Racing Championship.

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 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.

13 Sponsors

We wish to acknowledge the generous contributions of our sponsors, without whose support the VRC Summer Regatta would not be possible:

Evolution Sails Vancouver

Ahoyhoy Marine Services

14 Further Information

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

14.2 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and other race information can be found online at <http://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>

14.3 Yachts may register online at:

<https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club%20Info/Online-Payments/Register-for-Summer-Regatta.aspx>

14.4 Summer Regatta Dinner and T-shirts may be purchased at:

https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club%20Info/Online-Payments/Summer_Regatta_Dinner.aspx

