

**VRC Summer Regatta
July 8th and 9th 2017
Vancouver Rowing Club**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 2020*, the Sail Canada national prescriptions, the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules for ORC Club, the Notice of Race, these sailing instructions and any subsequent amendments, and notification from the Race Committee.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the members' docks at the Vancouver Rowing Club prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race. As a courtesy, the Organizing Authority will make best efforts to notify each skipper via email at the email address provided at registration. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2** Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated orally on the water pursuant to RRS 90.2(c) to each boat before her warning signal via VHF Channel 68, no less than one minute after displaying flag L with one sound.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Mast Tower at the Vancouver Rowing Club.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055 hours.
- 5.2** There may be more than one race on each race day.
- 5.4** Subject to weather, there will be one day of course racing and one day of coastal racing. The Race Committee will announce on VHF 68 prior to the first warning signal of each day whether course racing or coastal racing rules apply.
- 5.5** There will be no starts after 1630 hours on Saturday, 8 July 2016 and no starts after 1530 hours on Sunday, 9 July 2016.



- 5.6** All boats shall notify the Race Committee of their intention to race prior to 1045 hours at the beginning of each day by providing their boat name, sail number, and division to the Race Committee by radio VHF 68, or by approaching the committee boat and hailing. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in the boat being scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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 BC rating of 60-99
Div. 3 (pennant 3): PHRF BC rating of 100-173
Div. 7 (pennant 7): PHRF BC rating of 174-275

7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the vicinity of the area bound by QC, Kits Barge Buoy, QA, and Pam Rocks.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** Specific course designations are determined on each race day. This information will be communicated to competitors using a course board located on the committee boat prior to the warning signal for the Division(s) to which it applies. Marks are to be rounded in the sequence they appear on the course board.
- 8.2** When the Race Committee displays a green flag on the committee boat, all non-gate marks are to be rounded to starboard. When the Race Committee does not display a green flag on the committee boat, all non-gate marks are to be rounded to port. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9 MARKS

Marks are described in SI Appendix A. Anchored inflatable Marks may be either yellow VRC marks or orange TCYC marks.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and either a yellow inflatable tetrahedron or a "pin" with an orange flag.
- 10.3** There may be an inflated tetrahedron attached to the committee boat as a spacer mark. The spacer mark and any lines attached to it are considered part of the committee boat. Boats **shall not sail** between the spacer mark and the committee boat. Any boat sailing between the spacer mark and the committee boat may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 10.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made **shall keep clear** of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.



10.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.6 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line when the start is signalled, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 68. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and either a yellow inflatable tetrahedron or a "pin" with a blue flag.

11.2 Any Division may be finished by shortening the course at any mark at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11.3 The Race Committee may take times at any mark rounding and use that time as a finish time. This modifies RRS 32.1 and RRS 32.2.

12 TARGET TIMES

12.1 The target time for course racing is one hour.

12.2 The target time for coastal racing is 4 hours.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 For course racing:

(a) The time limit for each division is 70 minutes from its actual start time, or 1730 hours, whichever is earlier.

(b) Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their Division sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4, and RRS A5.

13.2 For coastal racing:

(a) The time limit for each class is 1600 hours.

(b) If at least one boat in a Division finishes within the time limit, there shall be a 30 minute extension to the time limit for that Division. No finish times will be recorded after this time.

(c) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their Division sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4, and RRS A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A boat wishing to protest, in addition to any other requirement set out in the Racing Rules of Sailing, shall, after finishing and prior to the warning signal for the next race, or if the incident giving rise to the protest occurred during the last race of the day, prior to the committee boat leaving the start area, notify the Race Committee, by radio on VHF 68 or by hailing the Race Committee, of its intent to protest and the names of the boat(s) it intends to protest, and receiving confirmation from the Race



Committee that the Race Committee has received the boat's intent to protest. This modifies RRS 61.

- 14.2 Protest forms are appended to these Sailing Instructions and are also available at the Vancouver Rowing Club Carver Bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit in person to the Racing Officer, or member of the Race Committee. Protestors are encouraged to have their protest forms ready for submission when their boat docks and to have a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing available.
- 14.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee returns to the dock. The Race Committee will post the Protest Time Limit on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4 Parties to a protest will be informed via the Official Notice Board. Parties are responsible for informing their own witnesses and ensuring their witnesses' attendance.
- 14.5 Hearings will be held at the Vancouver Rowing Club after each day of racing. Whenever possible, protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received, beginning no less than 15 minutes and no more than 45 minutes after the expiration of the Protest Time Limit.
- 14.6 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 Boats not properly registered will not be scored.
- 15.3 One race shall constitute a series.
- 15.4 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 RRS A9.
- 15.5 DNC boats will be scored one more than the number of boats that have registered in the regatta for that boat's division.
- 15.6 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)
- 15.7 (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.

15.8 In Divisions 1 and 2, all boats that have an ORC certificate are eligible to be scored ORC for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Course Racing Championship.

15.9 Regardless of division, all boats that have an ORC certificate are eligible to be scored ORC for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Coastal Racing Championship.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race, or retires from further racing for the day, shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with PHRF-BC or ORC rules, PIYA SER or OSR rules, and the Sailing Instructions.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Sailors shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be taken back to shore for proper disposal. Vancouver Rowing Club is committed to maintaining our oceans for future enjoyment whenever possible.

19 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the day.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 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.

20.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF channel 68 for communications from the Race Committee.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

22 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.



23 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

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24 FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1 For further information please contact Racing Officer, at RaceOfficer@vracing.ca or 604-687-3400.

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



Appendix “A”

Marks of the Course

Designation	Description	Approximate Position	Explanatory Note
A	QA Buoy	49°16.3 N 123°19.2 W	
B	QB Buoy	49°19.0 N 123°12.0 W	
C	QC Buoy	49°18.2 N 123°10.0 W	
D	Inflatable Tetrahedron	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
E	Inflatable Tetrahedron	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
F	Inflatable Tetrahedron	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
G	Point Grey Bell Buoy (Q62)	49°17.35' N 123°15.9' W	
K	Kits Barge Buoy	49°16.9 N 123°09.8 W	
P	Passage Island		
R	Pam Rocks		
W	Inflatable Tetrahedron with Offset – Boats shall round both marks and the two marks together constitute mark “W”.	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
X	Inflatable Tetrahedron	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
Y	Inflatable Tetrahedron	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	
Z	Gate formed by two Inflatable Tetrahedra	Approximate position will be broadcast prior to the warning signal for the race on VHF 68	



(This box for protest committee use only / Espace réservé au jury)

Pre-hearing information pré-instruction

Protest number / numéro _____

Date & Time / Heure

Protest time limit / Temps limite _____

Parties notified / Voiliers avisés Yes / Oui No / Non

Protest received / Réclamation reçue _____

Protestor / Voilier réclamant

Hearing scheduled / Horaire des instructions _____

Protestee / Voilier défendeur

Protest flag seen by race committee at finish / Pavillon de réclamation aperçu à l'arrivée



Sail Canada * Voile Canada

Protest Form / Formulaire de réclamation 2013–2016

EVENT / ÉPREUVE

Organizing club / organisateur

Date

Race no. / Course no.

**PROTESTING BOAT
VOILIER RÉCLAMANT**

Class / Classe

Sail no. / Voile no.

Represented by / Représenté par

Club

Signature

Address / Adresse

Phone / Tél.

E-mail

**PROTESTED BOAT
VOILIER DÉFENDEUR**

Class / Classe

Sail no. / Voile no.

Represented by / Représenté par

Club

Address / Adresse

Phone / Tél.

E-mail

NOTIFICATION

Did you inform the protested boat of the protest?

Est-ce que le voilier défendeur a été informé de la réclamation?

Yes / Oui

When? / Quand?

How? / Comment?

No / Non

Why? / Pourquoi?

Did you display a protest flag?

Avez-vous présenté un pavillon de réclamation?

Yes / Oui

When? / Quand?

No / Non

Why? / Pourquoi?

INCIDENT

When and where?

Quand et où?

Rule(s) alleged to have been infringed –

Règle(s) prétendue(s) enfreinte(s) –

WITNESSES / TÉMOINS

DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT / DESCRIPTION DE L'INCIDENT

DIAGRAM OF THE INCIDENT / DIAGRAMME DE L'INCIDENT

Show on diagram:

Wind direction and strength – Current direction and strength

Marks (or directions to marks) – Positions of yachts at various times

Indiquer sur le diagramme : La direction et la force du vent – La direction et la force du courant

Les marques (ou leurs directions) – Les positions des voiliers à différents moments

Scale: 1 square = 1 hull length
Échelle : 1 carré = 1 longueur de coque



