

**Vancouver Rowing Club  
Polar Bear Series 2015-2016  
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 PHRF-BC, 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.

**2 Advertising**

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

**3 Eligibility and Entry**

The regatta is open to all boats belonging to an accredited yacht club, possessing a valid PHRF-BC certificate, and proof of insurance, that meets all requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

**4 Registration & Fees**

- 4.1** Series (November to March): \$50  
Single Race: \$15
- 4.2** Competitors must register at [www.vancouverrowingclub.ca](http://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca) prior to racing. Boats that fail to register and pay by 2300 of the day prior to racing may not be scored.

**5 Schedule**

- 5.1** Dates of Racing:
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| Fall Series:   | November 8, 2015  |
|                | November 22, 2015 |
|                | December 6, 2015  |
|                | December 20, 2015 |
| Winter Series: | January 3, 2016   |
|                | January 17, 2016  |
|                | January 31, 2016  |
|                | February 14, 2016 |
|                | February 28, 2016 |
|                | March 13, 2016    |
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.
- 5.3** There may be more than one race on each race day.

**6 Measurements**

- 6.1** Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF-BC rating certificate for 2015.

**6.2** Boats without a valid PHRF-BC certificate are welcome to attend and will be assigned a rating by the Racing Officer.

## **7 Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 0900 on 7 November 2015 at [www.vrcracing.ca](http://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 in each of the Fall Series and Winter Series.

**8.4** The combined net scores of the Fall Series and Winter Series will constitute the standings for the Overall Series.

**8.5** 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.

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

**8.7** In the Fall Series:

(a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's Fall Series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's Fall Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's Fall Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**8.8** In the Winter Series:

(a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's Winter Series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's Winter Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's Winter Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **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. There will be a special door prize draw for the competitors who upload their RaceQs tracks.

**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 Polar Bear Series would not be possible:

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**14 Further Information**

For further information please contact Alan Ip, Racing Officer, at [RaceOfficer@vracing.ca](mailto:RaceOfficer@vracing.ca) or 604-761-0380.