

Notice of Race

VRC Polar Bear Series
2017 - 2018



1 Rules

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*, the Sail Canada national prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the Rules of ORC, 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](#).
- 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 the scheduled first warning signal for the day. 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

The regatta is open to all boats belonging to an accredited yacht club (as set out in RRS 75.1), 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 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 5, 2017 |
| | November 19, 2017 |
| | December 3, 2017 |
| | December 17, 2017 |
| Winter Series: | January 14, 2018 |
| | January 28, 2018 |
| | February 11, 2018 |
| | February 25, 2018 |
| | March 11, 2018 |
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1055 each day.

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 2017.

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 at or before 0900 hours Saturday November 4, 2017 at 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 regatta for that boat's division.

8.7 In the Fall Series:

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's Fall 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 four 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 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series 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.

11 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.

12 Sponsors

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

Evolution Sails Vancouver

13 Further Information

13.1 For further information please contact the Racing Officer, at:

RaceOfficer@vrcracing.ca.

13.2 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and other race information can be found online at: vrcracing.ca/

13.3 Yachts may register online at:

[https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club_Info_\(1\)/Online_Payments/Yachting_Payments/Polar_Bear_Registration.aspx](https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club_Info_(1)/Online_Payments/Yachting_Payments/Polar_Bear_Registration.aspx)