



VRC Single Handed “Anything Goes” 2017

September 23, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by: the ‘Rules’, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including but not limited to the prescriptions of the CYA, PHRF of British Columbia, the Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards, except where they are modified by the Sailing Instructions and any subsequent amendments to same.

1.2 Yachts must have a valid and up-to-date PHRF (B.C) handicap rating. As the organizing authority for this race, in its sole discretion the Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) may assign, to any boat entering this race that does not have a valid PHRF certificate, a temporary handicap (a “Club Rating”).

1.3 The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed or modified in the Single Handed Anything Goes Sailing Instructions as follows:

The Race Committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS (On Course Side), however failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

- No finishes will be recorded after 1600hours. If however, at least one boat finishes by 1500, the deadline will be extended by half an hour. In this situation, boats failing to finish (but still racing) by 1630 hours will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE), and be scored two points more than the last boat finishing. However no boat will receive a score worse than the number of points awarded a DSQ. **This changes Rule 35 and Rules A4.2 and A11**
- **Rule A 4.2 and rule A 9 are modified** such that the following scoring shall be used:

DNF (Did Not Finish) = number of boats in race +1

DNS (Did Not Start) = number of boats in race +1

DNC (Did Not Compete) = number of boats in race +2

DSQ (DiSQualified) = number of boats in race +2

TLE (Time Limit Expired) = number of boats that finish + 1

- If as a result of a protest, a boat has been found to have impeded commercial traffic, the boat will be scored DSQ. **This changes Rule 64.1(a).**

1.4 Autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear are allowed. This modifies rule 52.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

All racing and cruising boats, provided the boat's skipper is a member of a club recognized by its national authority, are welcome to participate

3. FEES

The entry fee of \$15.00 must be submitted along with your entry form and PHRF Certificate (BC Sailing or assigned) to the VRC office prior to racing.

Registration is open on-line at:

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

4. VENUE

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

5. SCHEDULE

Racing will take place on Saturday September 23, 2017.

The warning signal for the race is scheduled for 1055 hours.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Single Handed Anything Goes 2017 Sailing Instructions will be available on the VRC Racing website, <http://vrcracing.ca/>

6.2 Notices to competitors and any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at the east gate of VRC by 0900 hrs on race days. The Race Committee will make reasonable efforts to also post this information on the VRC website so please be sure to check both the notice board and the website regularly

7. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and on the course board. The course board will be displayed on the Race Committee vessel. Divisions will be displayed on the left side of the course board and marks will be displayed to the right. The marks are to be rounded in the sequence they appear on the course board.

8. PENALTIES

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (2 Turn Penalty) apply to infringement of Part 2 rules.

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 announced via email to skippers, posted to the VRC Racing website and the @VRCRacing Twitter feed.

10. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Rules, as modified herein will be used. See Rule 1.3

11. SAFETY

11.1 Safety requirements are PIYA Category 3.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Communication will be on VHF 80A. Competitors may ask questions of the Race Committee on channel 80A for course clarification only prior to their warning signal. They will receive direction at the discretion of the Race Committee. Please respect that channel 80A is reserved for the Race Committee and limit your communication to the above only. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

12.2 Checking in with the Race Committee prior to each race is mandatory! A boat that fails to check in will be scored DNS. Check in may be done via VHF or coming within hail of the committee boat.

12.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Committee boat at the time of retiring via VHF or by some other means. Failure to notify of retirement before leaving the course area will result in a DSQ.

12.4 IMPORTANT NOTE: While it is not mandatory to monitor your VHF, failure to note a shortened course or other race instruction due to not monitoring your radio will not be considered valid grounds for redress.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: at VRC Awards Night, October 14 2017.

14. 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.

15. INSURANCE

All yachts must carry minimum liability insurance of \$2,000,000.00 and carry a copy of their insurance certificate on board at all times.