

Notice of Race

VRC Summer Regatta 2019
July 13th – 14th



General Administration Information

The VRC Summer Regatta 2019 is organized and conducted by the Vancouver Rowing Club. Fleets will be divided into divisions and classes at the discretion of the Race Committee according to ORC and PHRF handicaps and the Sport Boat measurement method documented in this NOR.

This is a Vancouver Area Racing Council VARC event and VARC division splits will be used for organizing and scoring the Handicap Fleet racing. 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 is available for visiting Boats, 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



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS")*.
- 1.2 Boats entering the Regatta with PHRF certificates shall comply with the rules of PHRF-BC. Boats entering the Regatta with ORC certificates shall comply with the rules of the Offshore Racing Congress.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race supersedes the [VARC Notice of Race](#), portions of which are incorporated by reference in NOR Sections 2, 3.4 and 11.8.
- 1.4 A Boat that intends to fly sails that display numbers different than its registered sail number shall report those numbers to the Race Committee (RC) by email at raceofficer@vrcracing.ca at, or before 13:00 hours Friday, July 12, 2019. Failure to comply may be subject to protest by the Race Committee. [DP]
- 1.5 All changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

NOTE: The notation of '[DP]' in a rule in this NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats wishing to be scored in the VARC series may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority defined in VARC Notice of Race Section 2.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats that enter the following fleets:
 - (a) Sport Boat Fleet, provided they:
 - 1 Meet their respective one design class measurement rule.
 - 2 Measure:
 - Length Overall (LOA) 6.00m to 8.5m
 - Displacement in measurement Trim DSPM (kg) < 2000
 - Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM0³ < 3.70
 - Spinnaker is Asymmetric on CL
 - 3 Surpass five (5) entries required to constitute a fleet.
 - (b) Handicap Fleet, provided they:
 - 1 Division 1: Possess a valid 2019 ORC certificate with a GPH rating no higher than 599.9, or
 - 2 Division 2: Possess a valid 2019 ORC certificate with a GPH from 600 to 640 [Boats rating faster than ORC GPH 600 who



also rate slower than or equal to PHRF-BC 60 may elect to race in Div 2], or

- 3 Division 3: Possess a valid 2019 PHRF BC certificate with a rating from 100 to 173, or
- 4 Division 7: Possess a valid 2019 PHRF BC certificate with a rating from 174 to 275.

3.2 For Boats Racing Under an ORC Handicap:

- (a) All Boats shall have a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate.
- (b) In the event that a Boat'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@vrcracing.ca. All ratings will be verified against the ORC database. Boats that do not have an active rating by 13:00 hours Friday July 12, 2019 will not be entered into the race.
- (c) All Boats 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 Boats that are racing.

3.3 For boats racing under a PHRF Handicap:

- (a) All Boats shall have a valid PHRF certificate. PHRF-BC ratings will be verified against the public BC Sailing PHRF-BC ratings database after 13:00 hours, Friday July 12, 2019. No further competitor-initiated rating changes will be accepted after that time.
- (b) Boats with PHRF ratings from jurisdictions outside of PHRF-BC will be provided a PHRF-BC equivalent.

3.4 All Handicap Fleet boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the VARC Notice of Race paragraph 1.5.

4 REGISTRATION AND FEES

4.1 Boats shall register on the Vancouver Rowing Club website at [https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club_Info_\(1\)/Online_Payments/Yachting_Payments/Summer_Regatta_Registration.aspx](https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Club_Info_(1)/Online_Payments/Yachting_Payments/Summer_Regatta_Registration.aspx) at or before 13:00 hours Friday July 12, 2019. Boats that fail to register and pay at or before 13:00 hours Friday July 12, 2019 may not be scored. The Early Bird entry fee is \$70.00 per boat. The entry fee will increase to \$85.00 per boat at 00:00 hours on July 7, 2019.

4.2 The entry fee does not include Lobster Fest & Party dinner tickets. Lobster Fest & Party dinner tickets and/or t-shirts may be purchased at:



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

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1** Friday July 12, 2019
- 13:00 hours – Registration Deadline
- Closing date for race entries
 - Closing date for competitor-initiated rating changes and declaration of alternate sail numbers
- 18:00 hours – Kick-Off Dock Party
- Convergence of A&D Docks, VRC
- 19:30 hours – Skipper’s Meeting
- Convergence of A&D Docks, VRC
- 5.2** Saturday July 13, 2019
- 08:00 hours – Breakfast
- Convergence of A&D Docks, VRC
- 10:55 hours – First warning signal
- All Fleets Course Racing**
(five races are scheduled)
- 16:30 hours – No starts after this time
- 19:00 hours – Lobster Fest & Party
- Harbour Room, VRC
- 5.3** Sunday July 14, 2019
- 08:00 hours – Breakfast
- Convergence of A&D Docks, VRC
- 10:55 hours – First warning signal
- Handicap Fleet Coastal Race**
- Sport Boat Fleet Course Racing**
(five races are scheduled)
- 15:30 hours – No starts after this time
- 18:00 hours – Closing Party & Awards
- Deck & Carver Bar, VRC

6 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 6.1** Boats will be assigned to divisions with the following class flags based on handicap ratings or classification specified in NOR 3.1:

(a) Handicap Fleet Divisions:

Div. 1:	numeric pennant 1
Div. 2:	numeric pennant 2
Div. 3:	numeric pennant 3
Div. 7:	numeric pennant 7



- (b) Sport Boat Fleet:
Sport Boats: numeric pennant 4

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at or before 23:59 hours Thursday July 11, 2019 at <http://www.vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>

8 VENUE

The racing area is Howe Sound and English Bay extending West to a line formed by linking Starboard Hand Beacon Pac432 on Popham Island to the permanent mark QA West of Point Grey. Start lines will be near the QC Buoy.

9 COURSES

The regatta shall consist of two days:

9.1 Saturday July 13, 2019

- (a) Handicap Fleet – Windward-Leeward Course Races
- (b) Sport Boat Fleet – Windward Leeward Course Races

Course diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Sunday July 14, 2019

- (a) Handicap Fleet – One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 10 – 15 nm). Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- (b) Sport Boat Fleet – Windward Leeward Course Races.
Course diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 10.2 **Sport Boat Fleet Only:** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the Zone of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.



11 SCORING

- 11.1** One race shall constitute a series.
- 11.2** When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1
- 11.3** Handicap Fleet Division Three (3) and Seven (7) boats racing under a PHRF certificate: results will be calculated by using the PHRF Time on Time formula.
- 11.4** Handicap Fleet Division One (1) and Two (2) boats racing under an ORC Club or ORCi certificate: results will be calculated by Time on Time using the WL Triple Number scoring coefficient for one of the following three speed ranges:
- Low Range (9 knots or less)
 - Medium Range (between 8 and 14 knots)
 - High Range (equal to or greater than 14 knots)
- The race committee will advise of the Declared Wind Speed Range that it plans to use prior to the start of each race.
- 11.5** Sport Boat Fleet: boats will be scored in order of finish with no handicap modification on relative finish time.
- 11.6** Courtesy Scoring:
- (a)** PHRF Courtesy Scoring: If five (5) or more boats registered in each specific Handicap Fleet Divisions One (1) or Two (2) provide a PHRF Certificate in addition to their ORC Club or ORCi Certificate, they will also be scored as a PHRF fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.
 - (b)** ORC Courtesy Scoring: If five (5) or more boats registered in each specific Handicap Fleet Divisions Three (3) or Seven (7) provide an ORC Club or ORCi Certificate in addition to their PHRF certificate, they will also be scored as an ORC fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.
 - (c)** One Design Courtesy Scoring: Any recognized one-design fleet that registers five (5) or more boats in a specific Handicap Division will also be scored as a one-design fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.
 - (d)** Double-Handed Courtesy Scoring: If there are five (5) or more double-handed Boats registered in a specific Handicap Division, they will also be scored as a Double-Handed fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.

11.7 VRC Coastal and Course ORC Awards

- (a) All Handicap Fleet Division One (1) and Two (2) boats are eligible for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Course Racing Championship.
- (b) Regardless of division, all Handicap Fleet boats that provide a 2019 ORC certificate are eligible to be scored for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Coastal Racing Championship.

11.8 VARC series scoring will be completed by the VARC scorer in accordance with VARC Notice of Race Section 10.

12 PRIZES

Awards will be presented at the Vancouver Rowing Club during the Closing Party, 18:00 hours Sunday July 14, 2019:

- 12.1** Top three overall boats in each Handicap Fleet Division
- 12.2** Top three overall boats in the Sport Boat Fleet
- 12.3** VRC Summer Regatta ORC Coastal Racing Championship Award
- 12.4** VRC Summer Regatta ORC Course Racing Championship Award

13 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.

14 MOORAGE

Free moorage at VRC will be available for visiting boats, as space allows on Friday through 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

15 RACE TRACKING

Boats are strongly encouraged to use RaceQs to track their race and to upload their tracks as soon after racing as possible.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Boats and their crews 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.

17 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.

18 SPONSORS

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



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19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact Jennifer Ross, Racing Officer, at raceofficer@vrcracing.ca.

