

# Notice of Race

## VRC Polar Bear Series 2019 – 2020

w/amendment #1  
October 31, 2019



**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of PHRF-BC.
- 1.2** A breach of RRS 48.2 or RRS 49.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.3** All boats must comply with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard regulations, and [Offshore Regulations Category 4 with Sail Canada prescriptions \(OSRs\)](#) amended as follows:
- (a) A tubular type, commercially available radar reflector permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical and meeting the minimum effective height requirement shall be considered compliant with OSR 4.10.1.
  - (b) Compliance with 4.26.2(a)(ii) (alternative means to attach the luff to the stay) is recommended but shall not be required. A roller furling headsail or #3 or smaller jib, suitable for heavy weather, shall be considered compliant with OSR 4.26.2(a).
  - (c) Lifejackets or PFDs meeting applicable government requirements shall be considered compliant with OSR 5.01.1 (lifejacket specifications), provided that
    - i. inflatable devices are fitted with crotch or thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS));
    - ii. inherently buoyant devices are fitted with crotch or thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS)) or if the user has taken alternative measures to ensure the device does not ride up;
  - (d) A propulsion engine is required. While racing, a boat shall also carry sufficient fuel for safety purposes such as crew-overboard recovery and to motor from the farthest point on the course to the host venue docks, the boat's home port, or a safe harbour, whichever is closer, in the forecasted conditions.
  - (e) Carriage of the number of fire extinguishers required by law shall be considered as compliant with OSR 4.05.2 (Fire Fighting Equipment).
  - (f) A depth sounder is recommended. This changes rule OSR 4.13.2 (Depth, Speed and Distance Instruments).
  - (g) Carriage of the pyrotechnic signals required by law shall be considered as compliant with OSR 4.23 (pyrotechnic and light signals). SOLAS flares are permissible but not required.
  - (h) Boats designated as one design by World Sailing, whose one design class rule conflicts with OSR section 3 requirements (structural features, stability, fixed equipment):
    - i. shall not be penalized for non-compliance with OSR section 3 that is a result of conflict with their one design class rule,
    - ii. shall have all crew wearing lifejackets or PFDs while racing,
    - iii. shall carry at least two thermal protective aids or other devices for treating



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crew following a crew overboard incident,

- iv. in the absence of class rule compliance with OSR 3.14 (pulpit, stanchion and lifelines), shall carry at least one harness and safety line (tether) and have attachment point(s) to reduce crew overboard risk when working forward of the mast.

**1.3** While *Racing*, a yacht that is identified by the Port, Traffic or a commercial vessel as impeding or obstructing commercial traffic shall be disqualified from the race. A yacht that is identified as the subject of five horns from commercial traffic shall be subject to protest and disqualification. This changes RRS 60.2(a)

**1.4** Boats that intend to fly sails that display numbers other than her official sail number shall report those numbers to the Race Committee (RC) by email at [racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca](mailto:racing@vancouverrowingclub.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 possessing a valid PHRF-BC certificate and proof of insurance that meets all requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

PHRF divisions will be as follows:

Division 1 – PHRF less than or equal to 99

Division 2 – PHRF 100 to 149

Division 3 – PHRF 150 to 194

Division 4 – PHRF greater than or equal to 195

## **4 REGISTRATION AND FEES**

**4.1** Series (November to March): \$50.00  
Single Race: \$15.00 individual day

**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:

Fall Series: November 3, 2019  
November 17, 2019  
December 1, 2019  
December 15, 2019

Winter Series: January 12, 2020  
January 26, 2020  
February 9, 2020  
February 23, 2020  
March 8, 2020



**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 2019.

**6.2** A boat's PHRF-BC rating certificate may be updated for the Winter 2020 series.

**6.2** Boats without a valid PHRF-BC certificate are welcome to attend and will be assigned a Club Rating by the Racing Officer. Club Ratings are not subject to appeal. Boats with Club Ratings are ineligible for series prizes and/or trophies.

## **7 VENUE**

Racing will be conducted in English Bay, and may include portions of Howe Sound and Georgia Strait

## **8 COURSES**

The course marks for each division will be displayed on the starting vessel before the first warning signal. Mark designations will be made in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at or before 0900 hours Saturday November 2, 2019 at [vrcracing.ca](http://vrcracing.ca).

## **10 SCORING**

**10.1** One race shall constitute a series in each of the Fall Series and Winter Series.

**10.2** DNF, OCS, RET, DSQ, & DNS boats will be scored one more than the number of boats that come to the start area in that boat's division. DNC boats shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

See RRS A9.

**10.3** In the Fall Series:

When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's Fall Score will be the total of her race scores. 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. 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. This changes RRS A2.1.

**10.4** In the Winter Series:

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's Winter Series score will be the total of her race scores. 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. 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. This changes RRS A2.1

**10.5** In the Overall Series:

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's Overall Series score will be the total of her race scores from both Fall and Winter Series. When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's Overall Series score will be the total of her



Fall and Winter Series scores excluding her worst score. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's Overall Series score will be the total of her Fall and Winter Series scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS2.1.

## 11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Results will be read in the VRC Carver Bar following racing on each day
- 11.2 All in attendance at the post-race results reading are eligible for sponsor door prizes awarded by raffle
- 11.3 Series prize giving will be held Following Racing on December 15th and March 8th.

## 12 RADIO COMMUNICAITON

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.

## 12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series 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.

## 13 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.

## 14 SPONSORS

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

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information please contact the Racing Officer, at: [racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca](mailto:racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca).
- 15.2 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and other race information can be found online at: [vrcracing.ca/](http://vrcracing.ca/)
- 15.3 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)

