

Notice of Race

VRC Summer Regatta 2021

August 7th – 8th



Notice of Race (NoR)

Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) Summer Regatta – 7th and 8th August 2021.

The VRC Summer Regatta 2021 is organized and conducted by the Vancouver Rowing Club located at 450 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver, BC, V6G 3E2, Canada. The club is located at the Georgia Street entrance to Stanley Park.

The online official notice board is located at <https://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta/>. See also Section 17 “Further Information” in this Notice of Race.

All those participating in the Summer Regatta do so at their own risk, and by completing this entry form, the skipper and crew of each entered yacht specifically agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Vancouver Rowing Club (“VRC”), its members, its organizers and its respective agents, officials, servants and representatives from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to any person or property, howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with such skipper or his crew or her crew taking part in this event, notwithstanding that the same may have contributed or caused or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, or any of them, or their agents, officials, servants or representatives

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PREAMBLE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS').
- 1.2. The rules for each division include the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules of ORC, this NOR, the [VARC 2021 NOR](#) and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. Portions of the [VARC 2021 NoR](#) are incorporated by reference in NoR Sections 4, 7 and 12.
- 1.4. The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. [DP] Boats with two or fewer crew, including skipper/registrant, shall ensure every person on board is wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times when afloat, except when changing clothing. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.
 - 1.4.2. Boats competing singlehanded are permitted the use of autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear. This changes RRS 52.
 - 1.4.3. [DP] During the event, boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic. The penalty may be up to disqualification from the event and/or a Rule 69 hearing. This changes RRS 64.2.
 - 1.4.4. The race committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS (On Course Side). Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
 - 1.4.5. The race committee may attempt to hail the fleet by VHF. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. Failure to note a shortened course or other race instruction due to not monitoring your radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
 - 1.4.6. No finishes will be recorded after 16:00 hours. If at least one boat finishes by 16:00 hours, the deadline will be extended by half an hour. In this situation, boats failing to finish (but still racing) by 16:30 hours will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 1.5. [DP] A boat that intends to fly sails that display numbers different than its registered sail number shall report those numbers to the race committee by email at raceofficer@vrcracing.ca at, or before 19:00 hours Friday August 6, 2021. Failure to comply may be subject to protest by the race committee.



2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 20:00 on Wednesday August 4, 2021 at <https://vracing.ca/summerregatta/>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the VRC Summer Regatta website at <https://vracing.ca/summerregatta/>.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Competitors may ask questions of the race committee by VHF for course clarification only prior to their warning signal.
- 3.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to all boats that enter the following classes:

Division 1:	Possess a valid 2021 ORC certificate with a GPH rating less than 600.00
Division 2:	Possess a valid 2021 ORC certificate with a GPH from 600 to 640 (also classed as PHRF-BC 60-99). [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]
Division 3:	PHRF BC rating from 100 to 173
Division 7:	PHRF BC rating from 174 to 275.
Cruising Division:	White Sails

- 4.2. For boats Racing Under an ORC Handicap:

- 4.2.1. All boats shall have a valid ORC or ORCi Certificate.
- 4.2.2. 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 race officer by email to: raceofficer@vracing.ca. All ratings will be verified against the ORC database. Boats that do not have an active rating by 19:00 hours Thursday August 5, 2021 will not be entered into the race or alternatively included with Cruising Division with a VRC Club rating.



- 4.3. All boats are reminded that full compliance with the prescriptions of their rating is required.
- 4.4. For boats racing under a PHRF Handicap:
 - 4.4.1. All boats shall have a valid 2021 PHRF certificate. PHRF-BC ratings will be verified against the public BC Sailing PHRF-BC ratings database after 13:00 hours, Friday August 6, 2021. No further competitor-initiated rating changes will be accepted after that time.
 - 4.4.2. Boats with PHRF ratings from jurisdictions outside of PHRF-BC will be provided a PHRF-BC equivalent.
- 4.5. All Handicap Fleet boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the [VARC 2021 NoR](#) paragraph 1.5.
- 4.6. Boats will be assigned to divisions with the following class flags based on handicap ratings or classification specified in NoR 3.1:

Division 1:	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2:	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3:	Numeral Pennant 3
Division 7:	Numeral Pennant 7
Cruising Division:	Numeral Pennant 5
- 4.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry online and submitting payment.
- 4.8. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>.
- 4.9. To be considered entered for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Boats that fail to register and pay at or before 19:00 hours Thursday August 5, 2021 may not be scored.
- 4.10. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees for racing are as follows:
 - 5.1.1. Early registration by midnight Friday July 23, 2021 the entry fee is \$75.00 per boat.
 - 5.1.2. Between Saturday July 24, 2021 and Thursday August 5, 2021, the entry fee is \$90.00 per boat.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Crew size must comply with all COVID guidelines current at the start of the event from the Provincial Health Officer, ViaSport and BC Sailing Association.



7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats wishing to be scored in the VARC series may be required to display advertising defined in [VARC 2021 NoR](#) Section 2.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The dates and schedule of racing are described in the table below.
- 8.2. The schedule of on shore activities will be available on the VRC Summer Regatta website at <https://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta/>

Date	Time	Description
Thursday August 5, 2021	19:00	Registration Deadline
		Closing date for race entries Closing date for competitor-initiated rating changes and declaration of alternate sail numbers
Saturday August 7, 2021	10:55	First Warning Signal – Day One
		Divisions 1,2,3 and 7: Multiple short-course races Cruising Division: One distance race
Sunday August 8, 2021	15:30	No starts after this time
	10:55	First Warning Signal – Day Two Coastal Race
		One distance race is scheduled for all divisions
	15:30	No starts after this time

9. VENUE

- 9.1. 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.



10.COURSES

10.1. The regatta shall comprise two days.

Saturday August 7, 2021	
Divisions 1,2,3 and 7:	Windward-Leeward Course Races: Course description 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.
Cruising Division:	One Mid-distance Coastal Race. Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
Sunday August 8, 2021	
All divisions	One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 10 – 15 nm): Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11.PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply. This changes RRS 44.3.

12.SCORING

- 12.1. One race shall constitute a series.
- 12.2. 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
- 12.3. This is a Vancouver Area Racing Council VARC event and VARC division splits will be used for scoring the Handicap Fleet racing. Also see the [VARC 2021 NoR](#).
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. 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 appropriate 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)



- 12.6. The race committee will advise the fleet of the Declared Wind Speed Range and coefficient type that it plans to use prior to the start of each race.
- 12.7. Courtesy Scoring:
- 12.7.1. PHRF Courtesy Scoring: If five (5) or more boats registered in each specific Handicap Fleet Divisions One (1) or Two (2) possess a PHRF Certificate in addition to their ORC or ORCi Certificate, they will also be scored as a PHRF fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.
 - 12.7.2. ORC Courtesy Scoring: If five (5) or more boats registered in each specific Handicap Fleet Divisions Three (3) or Seven (7) possess an ORC 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.
 - 12.7.3. 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.
 - 12.7.4. 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.
- 12.8. VRC Coastal and Course ORC Awards
- 12.8.1. All Handicap Fleet Division One (1) and Two (2) boats are eligible for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Course Racing Championship.
 - 12.8.2. Regardless of division, all Handicap Fleet boats that provide a 2021 ORC certificate are eligible to be scored for an overall VRC Summer Regatta ORC Coastal Racing Championship.
- 12.9. VARC Series Scoring
- 12.9.1. VARC series scoring will be completed by the VARC scorer in accordance with [VARC 2021 NoR](#) Section 10.

13.DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 13.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

14.RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of



sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

15.INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16.PRIZES

- 16.1. Pennants will be awarded to the top three overall boats in each Handicap Fleet Division.
- 16.2. VRC Summer Regatta ORC Championship Awards.
- 16.3. Perpetual trophies will be presented to the top overall boat in each Handicap Fleet Division.

17.FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information:

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Registration for the event:
https://www.vancouverrowingclub.ca/Yachting_(1)/Racing/Summer_Regatta_Registration
Official Notice Board:
https://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta/
VARC 2021 NoR
https://varc.bc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/VARC-2021-NOR.pdf

