

Notice of Race

VRC Single Handed Anything Goes 2023

Saturday September 23, 2023



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Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) SHAG Race – Saturday Sep 23, 2023

VRC's Single Handed Anything Goes 2023 ("SHAG 2023") 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/shag/>. See also Section 15 "Further Information" in this Notice of Race.

Registration page for the race: _____.

All those participating in SHAG 2023 do so at their own risk, and by registering the skipper and crew of each entered yacht specifically agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Vancouver Rowing Club, 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 individuals 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. SHAG 2023 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS').
- 1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. [DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.
 - 1.2.2. [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.
 - 1.2.3. Use of autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear are permitted. This modifies RRS 52.
 - 1.2.4. 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).
 - 1.2.5. 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).
 - 1.2.6. No finishes will be recorded after 15:00 hours. If at least one boat finishes by 15:00 hours, the deadline will be extended by half an hour. In this situation, boats failing to finish (but still racing) by 15:30 hours will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
 - 1.2.7. [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@vrccracing.ca at, or before 18:00 hours Friday September 23, 2022. Failure to comply may be subject to protest by the race committee.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available before 20:00 on Thursday September 21, 2023 at <https://vrccracing.ca/shag/>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the SHAG 2023 website at <https://vrccracing.ca/shag/>.
- 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.
- 3.5. Retiring boats shall confirm the race committee is notified of their retirement before leaving the course area.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All boats shall be sailed by one individual.
- 4.2. All boats shall have a valid 2023 PHRF certificate. VRC may assign a temporary handicap rating to any boat ("Club Rating") entering the race that does not have a valid PHRF certificate, or wishes to sail in a non-rated configuration. Club Ratings are not subject to appeal
- 4.3. PHRF-BC ratings will be verified against the public BC Sailing PHRF-BC ratings database after 18:00 hours, Friday September 22, 2023. No further competitor-initiated rating changes will be accepted after that time.
- 4.4. Boats may be placed into divisions depending on the number of competitors. Divisions, if any, will be announced prior to racing as a Notice to Competitors.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry online.
- 4.6. Boats may enter the event by following the registration instructions online at the VRC website at <https://vrccracing.ca/shag/>.
- 4.7. To be considered entered for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements. Boats that fail to register at or before 13:00 hours Friday September 23, 2022 may not be scored.
- 4.8. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees for racing in SHAG 2023 is \$10.00.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Boats are limited to one individual.
- 6.2. Participants must comply with all COVID guidelines current at the start of the event from the Provincial Health Officer, ViaSport and BC Sailing Association.

6.3.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. One race will take place on Saturday September 23, 2023.

7.2. Schedule:

Date	Time	Description
Friday September 22, 2023	13:00	Registration Deadline Closing date for race entries
	18:00	Closing date for competitor-initiated rating changes and declaration of alternate sail numbers
Saturday September 23, 2023	10:55	First Warning Signal
	13:00	No starts after this time
	15:00	No finishes will be recorded after 15:00 hours. If at least one boat finishes by 15:00 hours, the deadline will be extended by half an hour.

8. VENUE

8.1. The racing area is English Bay with the start line expected to be near the QC Buoy.

9. COURSE

9.1. The course will be one race with the marks and instructions provided in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11. SCORING

11.1. One race shall constitute a series.

12.RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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.**

13.INSURANCE

- 13.1. 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.

14.PRIZES

- 14.1. Pennants will be awarded to the top three boats at the annual VRC Volunteer Appreciation and Awards.

15.FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1. For further information:

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Racing Officer: email address: raceofficer@vrcracing.ca
Registration for the event: https://vrcracing.ca/shag/ and https://form.jotform.com/232425458583260
Official Notice Board: https://vrcracing.ca/shag/