

Notice of Race

VRC Summer Regatta 2023

July 8th – 9th



Notice of Race (NOR)

Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) Summer Regatta – 8th and 9th July 2023.

The 2023 VRC Summer Regatta 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.

Official Notice Board: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6403/event>.

Event Website: <https://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta>. See NOR 17 for more information.

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 Regatta will also be governed by rules specified by the [VARC 2023 NOR](#) ("VARC NOR").
- 1.3** Class Rules are defined by VARC NOR 1.3. The Martin 16 fleet will sail under the Martin 16 class rules.
- 1.4** Safety Requirements are defined by VARC NOR 1.4
- 1.5** The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1** [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.
 - 1.5.2** Boats competing singlehanded are permitted the use of autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear. This changes RRS 52.
 - 1.5.3** [DP] During the event, boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic Penalty may be up to disqualification from the event and/or a Rule 69 hearing. This changes RRS 64.2.
 - 1.5.4** 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).
 - 1.5.5** 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).
 - 1.5.6** 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.
 - 1.5.7** [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@vrcracing.ca at, or before 19:00 hours Thursday July 6, 2023. Failure to comply may be subject to protest by the race committee.



2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available on Wednesday June 28, 2023 on the Official Notice Board and the VRC Summer Regatta website at <https://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/> .

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6403/event>
- 3.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3** Competitors may ask questions of the race committee by VHF for course clarification only prior to their warning signal.
- 3.4** See also VARC NOR 14.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The Regatta is open to all keelboats that enter the following classes:

Division 1	possess a valid 2023 ORC certificate - with a GPH rating less than 600.00
Division 2	Possess a valid 2023 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	Possess a valid 2023 PHRF BC certificate - with a rating from 100 to 173
Division 4	Sportboats possessing a valid 2023 PHRF BC certificate - Length Overall LOA (m) 5.5 to 8.5 - Displacement in measurement Trim DSPM (kg) < 2000 - Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM03 < 3.70 - Spinnaker is Asymmetric on CL (Centerline). (examples: Melges 24, GP 26, Elliott 770, Viper 640, Seascope 27, J70, T240, VX One)
Division 5	Cruising Division - with a valid 2023 PHRF BC certificate or a club rating - White Sails only (no spinnakers)
Division 6	Martin 16 Adaptive Sailing Association of BC (ASA Martin 16)
Division 7	Possess a valid 2023 PHRF BC certificate - with a rating from 174 to 275



- 4.2** With the exception of Division 5 (Cruising) and Division 6 (ASA Martin 16), fleets will be divided into divisions and classes defined by VARC NOR 3.
- 4.3** Unless otherwise specified, all boats shall have a valid rating certificate. Boats are not required to submit certificates to the race officer as all submitted ratings will be verified against current information in certification databases. Boats that do not have an active rating by 19:00 hours Thursday July 6, 2023 will not be entered into the race or alternatively included with Cruising Division with a VRC club rating.
- 4.4** Boats with a valid 2023 PHRF rating from jurisdictions outside of PHRF-BC will be provided a PHRF-BC equivalent at no charge and with no penalty. Such ratings shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.5** Boats registered in Division 5 (Cruising) may request a club PHRF rating. Club ratings shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.6** Division 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of VARC NOR paragraph 1.4.
- 4.7** Division 5 (Cruising) and Division 6 (ASA Martin 16) boats are exempt from VARC NOR Safety Regulations. However, they shall comply with all class safety requirements and Canadian Government Safety Regulations as required by law.
- 4.8** Boats will be assigned to divisions with the following class flags based on handicap ratings or classification specified in NOR 4.1:
- Division 1: Numeral Pennant 1
 - Division 2: Numeral Pennant 2
 - Division 3: Numeral Pennant 3
 - Division 4: Numeral Pennant 4
 - Division 5: Numeral Pennant 5
 - Division 6: Numeral Pennant 6
 - Division 7: Numeral Pennant 7
- 4.9** Boats may enter the event by meeting the above requirements, completing the registration form at <https://forms.gle/pSWsdE4m4qNy3FUb9> and submitting payment online via the appropriate link on the registration form (also found on the event website) or by phone with the VRC office. See NOR 17 for contact information.
- 4.10** 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 July 6, 2023 may not be scored.
- 4.11** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.



5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees for divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 are as follows:
- 5.1.1 Early registration by end of day Friday June 23, 202 the entry fee is:
[\\$75.00 per boat.](#)
- 5.1.2 Between Saturday June 24, 2023 and Thursday July 6, 2023, the entry fee is
[\\$90.00 per boat.](#)
- 5.2 The entry fee for division 6 (ASA Martin 16) is [\\$5 per boat.](#)
- 5.3 Saturday night Lobster Bash Dinner tickets:
- 5.3.1 Lobster: \$45 per ticket
- 5.3.2 Steak, Salmon or vegetarian: \$35 per ticket

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats wishing to be scored in the VARC series may be required to display advertising defined in VARC NOR 2.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule of on shore activities will be available on the VRC Summer Regatta website at <https://vracing.ca/summerregatta/>

Date	Time	Description
Friday June 23, 2023	23:59	Early Bird Registration Deadline
Thursday July 6, 2023	19:00	Registration Deadline Closing date for race entries Closing date for competitor-initiated rating changes and declaration of alternate sail numbers
Saturday July 8, 2023	10:55	First Warning Signal – Day One Divisions 1,2,3,4 and 7: Multiple short-course races Division 5: One mid-distance race
	15:00	No starts after this time
Sunday July 9, 2023	10:55	First Warning Signal – Day Two Divisions 1,2,3,5 and 7: One mid-distance race Divisions 4 and 6: Multiple short-course races
	15:00	No starts after this time



8. VENUE

- 8.1** 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.

9. COURSES

- 9.1** The regatta shall comprise two days.
- 9.1.1** Saturday July 8, 2023
- 9.1.1.1** Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 (Sportboat) & 7: Windward-Leeward Course Races: Course description will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.1.1.2** Division 5 (Cruising): One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 10 – 15 nm). Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.1.2** Sunday July 9, 2023
- 9.1.2.1** Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 (Cruising) & 7 One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 10 – 15 nm). Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.1.2.2** Divisions 4 (Sportboat) & 6 (ASA Martin 16): Windward-Leeward Course Races: Course description will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, 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. This changes RRS 44.3.

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** Mid-distance race scores are non-discardable.
- 11.4** This is a Vancouver Area Racing Council VARC event and VARC division splits will be used for event scoring. Also see the VARC NOR.
- 11.5** ORC Handicap Fleet: Divisions 1 & 2: results will be calculated by using the appropriate Triple Number Time on Time scoring coefficient representing one of the following three speed ranges:
- Low Range (9 knots or less)



- Medium Range (between 9 and 14 knots)
- High Range (14 knots or greater)

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.

Competitor scratch sheets for the event may be created on the ORC website inside ORC Sailor Services.

11.6 PHRF Handicap Fleet: Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 7: results will be calculated by using the PHRF Time on Time formula.

11.7 ASA Martin 16 Fleet: Division 6: results will be calculated based on finish order.

11.8 Courtesy Scoring:

11.8.1 Double-Handed Courtesy Scoring: If there are five (5) or more double-handed boats registered in a specific Division, they will also be scored as a Double-Handed fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.

11.9 VARC Series Scoring

11.9.1 VARC series scoring will be completed by the VARC scorer in accordance with VARC NOR 10.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

12.1 See VARC NOR 13.

13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. See VARC NOR 17.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Results will be read following racing, on the VRC deck (or Carver Bar in the case of inclement weather)

15.2 Perpetual trophies will be presented to the overall winners of Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 7.

15.3 Pennants will be awarded to the top three overall boats in each Division at the 2024 VRC Volunteer Appreciation & Racing Awards dinner.



16. MOORAGE

16.1 Free moorage at VRC will be available for visiting boats, as space allows on Friday through Sunday afternoon. Arrangements must be made through the VRC office as early as possible. Boats must register with the club office prior to arrival at 604.687.3400.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information:

Vancouver Rowing Club contact information:
tel: 604.687.3400 fax: 604.687.6812 email: office@vancouverrowingclub.ca
Racing Officer:
email address: raceofficer@vrcracing.ca
Registration for the event:
Please register online at https://forms.gle/pSWsdE4m4qNy3FUb9 . Or you may call the club office directly at 604 687 3400 for event registration and dinner tickets.
Official Notice Board:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6403/event
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https://varc.bc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/VARC-NOR-2023-DRAFT-rev-5.pdf

