

2025 Remembrance Day Race

Vancouver Rowing Club

November 11, 2025

Vancouver, Canada

Event Rules (ER)

Incorporating the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

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 event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The PHRF BC Rules as updated January 29, 2024, shall be the class rules: located at <https://bcsailing.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PHRF-BC-Rules-and-Measurement.pdf>

1.3 The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:

1.3.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies to all boats with two or fewer crew.

1.3.2 Boats competing singlehanded are permitted the use of autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear. This modifies RRS 52.

1.4 All boats must comply with Transport Canada regulations.

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

2.1 Any change to the Event Rules prior to the close of registration will be a complete replacement of the revised document, available after 2000 hours on November 10 at <https://vrcracing.ca/remembrance>.

2.2 Any change to the Event Rules after the close of registration will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://vrcracing.ca/remembrance>.

3.2 The race office is located at Vancouver Rowing Club, 450 Stanley Park Drive, Vancouver BC. Telephone: (604) 687-3400; Email: racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca.

3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 12, 16, 68, 69, 72 & 73.

3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on

VHF radio 68 (called the Regatta VHF hereafter).

- 3.5** The following communications may be made by the race committee on the Regatta VHF.

3.5.1 The race committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS (On Course Side) by Regatta VHF before their scheduled start. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).

3.5.2 The race committee may attempt to hail the fleet by the Regatta VHF. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. Failure to note a race instruction due to not monitoring the Regatta VHF will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).

- 3.6** [DP] While racing, 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.

- 3.7** All Boats shall notify the race committee of their intention to race prior to 1045 hours at the beginning of each day by providing their boat name and sail number to the race committee by Regatta VHF, or by approaching the signal vessel and hailing. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in the boat being scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to all boats with valid 2025 PHRF certificates or club rating provided by the race committee. PHRF BC certificates will be verified against the BC Sailing PHRF BC ratings database.

- 4.1.1** Boats that do not have a valid certificate will be provided a club rating by the race committee. Club ratings are not subject to appeal.

- 4.1.2** Boats with a valid PHRF certificate from a jurisdiction outside of PHRF BC will be provided a PHRF BC equivalent rating. This rating is not subject to appeal.

- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry instructions located on the event website: <https://vrcracing.ca/remembrance>.

- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements listed on the event website prior to 1900 hours, November 10, 2025.

5 FEES

- 5.1** The entry fee for racing is \$0.00.

6 EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6.1** The final pursuit start times and order will be published as ER “Attachment A – FINAL VERSION,” posted on the Official Notice Board after 2000 hours on November 10, 2025.

6.2 The Remembrance Day Pursuit Race takes place on November 11, 2025.

6.3 There will be two minutes of silence at 1100 hours. No engine use is permitted except in an emergency during the two minutes of silence.

6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start is 1105 hours.

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1300 hours.

7 RISK STATEMENT

7.1 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.**

8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 series.

9 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

9.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

10 INSURANCE

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

11 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

11.1 Signals made ashore will be delivered to the fleet via email to the address supplied to the Vancouver Rowing Club during registration.

11.2 When an email message is delivered to the fleet signalling a postponement in lieu of raising flag AP, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

12 SCHEDULE OF RACES

12.1 The sequence and timing of the pursuit start will be posted to the Official Notice Board before 2200 hours on November 10, 2025.

12.2 One race is scheduled beginning at 1100 hours on November 11, 2025.

12.3 No finishes will be recorded after 1500 hours unless ER 20.1 is active

13 CLASS FLAGS

13.1 The class flag will be the Numeral Pennant One.

14 EVENT VENUE AND RACING AREA

14.1 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.

15 COURSE

15.1 The 10 NM course is from the Starting Line to the Point Grey Bell Buoy, then a yellow inflatable or robotic mark in the vicinity of the missing Kitsilano Barge Buoy, then to the QC Buoy, leaving all marks to port; then return to the Finish Line.

15.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

15.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

16 MARKS

16.1 Mark “Point Grey Bell Buoy” is a fixed mark at approximately N 49°17.35’ W 123°15.9’.

16.2 A yellow inflatable or robotic mark in the vicinity of the missing “Kitsilano Barge Buoy” formerly located at N 49°16.967’ W 123°9.866’

16.3 Mark “QC Buoy” is a fixed mark at approximately N 49°18.207’ W 123°10.012’

16.4 Start and Finishing Marks are a staff displaying an orange shape on the signal vessel on one end of the line. On the other side of the line is either a floating staff displaying an orange shape or an inflatable orange mark.

17 OBSTRUCTIONS

17.1 A line beginning at the northwest corner of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho breakwater, through a series of orange and white can buoys ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at Jericho Sailing Centre, delimits an obstruction. Boats may not pass south of this line.

17.2 Boats may not enter City of Vancouver swim areas off Jericho Beach, Kitsilano and Spanish Banks. These are designated as an obstruction.

18 THE START

- 18.1** The race will be started as set out by the signals in Attachment A: REMEMBRANCE DAY START TIMES. This changes RRS 26.
- 18.2** The first boat to start will be identified in the amended “Attachment A – FINAL VERSION” document and will start at the first start signal (five minutes after the warning signal).
- 18.3** Start Offset of all other boat starts will be determined by using the Time on Distance formula using the following calculation below and indicated by a single sound only:
- TA = D * PHRF/60, where;
TA = the Time Allowance in minutes
D = course length in nautical miles
PHRF = rating in seconds per nautical mile
- Start Offset = TA of the first boat to start – subsequent boat’s TA
- 18.4** Should there be a postponement due to any reason, a restarted start sequence will be timed to place the start signal at a subsequent ten-minute increment following the scheduled start time, to enable an easier recalculation of starting times by boats using their Start Offset.
- 18.5** In the event it is necessary to postpone the start pursuant to RRS 27.3. the “Time” set out in Attachment A will no longer apply. Boat starting times will be governed by the Start Offsets relative to the first start signal of the new start sequence.
- 18.6** The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks, unless an inflatable mark is used for a pin mark—in which case the starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the inflatable starting mark on the opposite end of the line.
- 18.7** A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 19 THE FINISH**
- 19.1** The finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark or floating pin displaying an orange shape.
- 19.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20 TIME LIMIT(S)**
- 20.1** No finishes will be recorded after 15:00 hours unless at least one boat finishes the race before 15:00 hours, whereafter the deadline will be extended to 15:30. Boats failing to finish (but still racing) after 15:30 hours will be scored ‘Did Not Finish’ (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

21 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 21.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply. This changes RRS 44.3.

22 HEARING REQUESTS

- 22.1** The protest time limit is 1700 hours on the date of the race.
- 22.2** Hearing request forms shall be completed online using the RRS.org website: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=12594.
- 22.3** Questions regarding hearings may be sent to the race officer at raceofficer@vrcracing.ca.
- 22.4** Notices of hearings will be posted on the Racing Rules of Sailing event page at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/12594/event> to inform competitors of hearings. Parties to a hearing will be informed by telephone or email at least 24 hours before the hearing. Parties are responsible for informing their own witnesses and ensuring their witnesses' attendance.
- 22.5** Hearings will be heard in the week following the race, if possible—either in person at Vancouver Rowing Club or online using Zoom, at the discretion of the Chief Judge. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received.
- 22.6** Hearing decisions will be posted on the Racing Rules of Sailing event page at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/12594/event>.
- 22.7** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

23 SCORING

- 23.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 23.2** Start order and times will be determined using a PHRF Time on Distance Handicap calculation based on a 10NM course length.
- 23.3** No race result will be excluded from a boat's score.
- 23.4** Placement of boats will be recorded in the order of finish.

24 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 24.1** [DP] During the event, boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic. The penalty may be up to disqualification from the series and/or a Rule 69 hearing. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 24.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

25 OFFICIAL VESSELS

25.1 The signal vessel will be a volunteer-provided boat that may be power or sail.

26 PRIZES

26.1 Results will be announced at the VRC Carver Bar following racing.

26.2 Awards will be presented to the top three boats at the VRC Awards and Volunteer Appreciation dinner to be held in 2026.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

27.1 Vancouver Rowing Club contact information:

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Registration for the event:





<https://vrcracing.ca/remembrance/>

Official Notice Board:

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ATTACHMENT A — REMEMBRANCE DAY STARTING SEQUENCE

*This **initial placeholder** “Attachment A” will be amended by “Attachment A-FINAL VERSION” published after 2000 hours on November 10, 2025 as a separate document at: <https://vrcracing.ca/remembrance/>.*

Time	Horn	Signal	Boat	Rating	Start Offset
11:00:00	1	Two minutes of silence			
11:02:00	1	End of two minutes silence			
11:05:00	1	Up 			
11:06:00	1	Up 			
11:09:00	1	Down 			
11:10:00	1	Down Start 	< boat tbd >	tba	00:00:00
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