

Event Rules

Incorporating the Notice of race and Sailing Instructions

VRC Single-Handed Anything Goes 2025

(aka the SHAG Race)

Saturday September 20, 2025



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The 2025 Single-Handed Anything Goes Race 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://vrcracing.ca/shag/>. See also Section 36 “Further Information” in this Event Rules document.

All those participating in the 2025 Single-handed Anything Goes Race 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 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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Vancouver Rowing Club
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Vancouver, Canada

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

1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing Will be changed as follows:

1.2.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.

1.2.2 Use of autopilot and/or wind powered self-steering gear are permitted. This modifies RRS 52.

1.3 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 1300 hours on Friday September 19, 2025 at <https://vracing.ca/shag/>.

2.2 Any change to the Event Rules after the close of registration will be posted to the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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 online only at <https://vracing.ca/shag/>.

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 channel 73 (called the ‘Regatta VHF’ hereafter).

3.4 All boats shall notify the race committee of their intention to race prior to 1045 hours on the 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” (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

3.5 1.2.3 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).

- 3.6** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the Regatta VHF. Boats may ask questions of the race committee by VHF for course clarification only prior to their warning signal. Failure to hear these communications will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.7** Retiring boats shall confirm the race committee is notified of their retirement before leaving the course area.
- 3.8** [DP] 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** All boats shall be sailed by one individual.
- 4.2** All boats shall have a valid 2025 PHRF BC certificate. VRC may assign a temporary handicap rating to any boat ("Club Rating") entering the race without a valid PHRF certificate or wishes to sail in a non-rated configuration.
- 4.3** PHRF BC certificates will be verified against the BC Sailing PHRF BC database after 1200 hours, Friday September 19, 2025. 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 registrants. Divisions, if any, will be announced prior to racing as a Notice to Competitors.
- 4.5** Boats may enter by completing the entry online at <https://vrcracing.ca/shag/>.
- 4.6** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall have sufficient valid insurance and complete all registration requirements including agreement to any declarations or waivers and ensuring the registration fee has been paid.
- Boats that fail to register at or before 1200 hours on Friday September 19, 2025 may not be scored.

- 4.7** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1** The fee is \$10 for racing in the Single-Handed Anything Goes Race. Payment may be made online via the form linked on the Official Notice Board. Payment may also be arranged and paid offline through the VRC office.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1** See ER 4.1.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 There will be no advertising requirements of boats or competitors.

8 DATA PROTECTION

8.1 Registrations will be received online, via email.

9 EVENT SCHEDULE

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Date	Time	Description
Friday Sept. 19	13:00	Registration Deadline - Closing date for race entries (ER 4.7) - Closing date for competitor-initiated rating changes (ER 4.3)
Saturday Sept. 20	10:55	Scheduled first warning signal (ER 16.2)
	13:30	No warning signals will be made after this time (ER 16.3)
	15:00	No finishes will be recorded after 15:00 unless ER 25.1 is active.
	15:30	Extended finish time (ER 25.1)

10 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

10.1 There shall be no support teams.

11 BERTHING

11.1 [DP] Visiting boats in VRC moorage shall only occupy their assigned slip.

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 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1** 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.

15 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 15.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Notice Board as a Notice to Competitors. Signals made ashore will also be distributed by email to boats shortly afterward.
- 15.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

16 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 16.1** One race is scheduled.
- 16.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1055 hours.
- 16.3** No warning signal will be made after 1330 hours.

17 CLASS FLAGS

- 17.1** Boats are assigned to divisions based upon their PHRF rating and the division splits are as follows:

Division 1: All boats

- 17.2** Division flags for each division will be the numeral pennant equal to the division number.
- 17.3** Depending upon the number of competitors, ER 17.1 may be altered and additional divisions may be added. Changes will be announced after 13:00 on Friday September 19, 2025 on the Official Notice Board. Any notice published under this rule will include the rating band for each division split and the identification number of each division.

18 EVENT VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 18.1** The racing area is within English Bay with the start area located near the QC Buoy unless an alternate start area location is provided to boats on Regatta VHF.

19 COURSES

- 19.1** The race course will be displayed on the course board prior to the warning signal for each Division. The approximate course length will not be more than 10nm.

- 19.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the marks to be rounded on the course board, in the sequence they appear.
- 19.3** When the race committee displays a green flag, all non-gate marks are to be rounded to starboard. When the race committee does not display a green flag, all non-gate marks are to be rounded to port. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 19.4** The race committee may fly signal flag “TANGO” indicating the course is to be sailed twice around, using the start line as a gate beginning the second lap around the course.
- 19.5** Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 19.6** Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 20 MARKS**
- 20.1** Marks are identified by letters documented in Addendum A of this Event Rules document. Letters will be displayed in the order of rounding prior to the warning signal on a course board located on the race committee signal vessel.
- 21 OBSTRUCTIONS**
- 21.1** 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.
- 21.2** Boats may not enter City of Vancouver swim areas off Jericho Beach, Kitsilano and Spanish Banks. These are designated as an obstruction.
- 22 THE START**
- 22.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 22.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and a mark pin displaying an orange flag.
- 22.3** [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions, if applicable.
- 22.4** There may be an inflated tetrahedron attached to the race committee signal vessel as a spacer mark. The spacer mark and any lines attached to it are part of the race committee signals vessel. Boats shall not sail between the spacer mark and the signals vessel. Any boat sailing between the spacer mark and the race committee signals vessel shall be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 22.5** If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail

number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 22.6** A boat that does not start within fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

23 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 23.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

24 THE FINISH

- 24.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag and a mark pin displaying an orange flag.

- 24.2** 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.

25 TIME LIMIT(S).

- 25.1** No finishes will be recorded after 1500 hours unless at least one boat in a division finishes the current race before 1500 hours, whereafter the deadline for that division will be extended to 1530. Boats failing to finish in that division (but still racing) after 1530 hours will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

26 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

27 HEARING REQUESTS

- 27.1** The hearing request time limit is 1700 hours on the day of the race.

- 27.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race committee signal vessel while it is on station in the finishing area or may be downloaded from Sail Canada's website: <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/>. Protests must be submitted in person to the Race Officer or by email to racing@vrancouverrowingclub.ca prior to the expiry of the hearing request time limit.

- 27.3** Notices of Protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will be heard beginning at 1900 hours on Tuesday September 23, 2025. Parties to a protest will be informed by telephone or email after the race and at least 24 hours before the hearing. Parties are responsible for informing their own witnesses and ensuring their witnesses' attendance.

- 27.4** Hearings will be heard in person or on Zoom at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

27.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

28 SCORING

28.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

28.2 The race will be scored using PHRF Time on Time handicap calculations.

29 SAFETY REGULATIONS

29.1 [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.

29.2 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Also see ER 3.7.

30 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

30.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

31 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

31.1 Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with PHRF rules or event rules.

32 OFFICIAL VESSELS

32.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

The signal vessel shall be either a power or sail boat anchored in the vicinity of the QC buoy unless alternate instructions are provided over the Regatta VHF (See ER 18.1).

33 MOORAGE

33.1 Free moorage at VRC will be available for visiting boats, as space allows on Friday through Saturday 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.

34 TRASH DISPOSAL

34.1 See RRS 47.

35 PRIZES

35.1 Race results will be read out at the Vancouver Rowing Club Carver Bar following racing.

35.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats at the next annual VRC Volunteer

Appreciation and Awards dinner.

35.3 Prizes may be awarded for additional accomplishments documented on the Official Notice Board.

36 FURTHER INFORMATION

36.1 For further information:

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Official Notice Board: https://vrcracing.ca/shag/

ADDENDUM A

Single-Handed Anything Goes Race Course Marks

“A”	Point Grey Bell Buoy N 49°17.3’ W 123°15.9’
“B”	Kits Barge Buoy N 49°16.9’ W 123°09.8’
“C”	QC Buoy N 49°18.2’ W 123°10.0’
“D”	QB Buoy N 49°19.0’ W 123°12.1’
“E”	VRC Anchored Mark: Committee shall communicate position
“F”	This course utilizes a separate Finish Line
“G”	Race Start/Finish Pin: On course as a floating staff w/orange flag
“H”	Start Line Gate: On course between Signal Boat and Race Start/Finish Pin
“K”	VRC Windward Inflatable: Committee shall communicate position and colour
“L”	"English Bay 46304" weather buoy N 49°18.0’ W 123°21.36’
“P”	Passage Island
“W”	VRC Windward Inflatable: Committee shall communicate position and colour
“X”	Anchored Freighter: Committee shall communicate position
“Y”	VRC Leeward Inflatable: Committee shall communicate position and colour
“Z”	Anchored Freighter: Committee shall communicate position