

Event Rules

(Incorporating the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions)

VRC Summer Regatta 2025

July 12th – 13th



Event Rules (ER)

Vancouver Rowing Club (VRC) Summer Regatta – 12th and 13th July 2025.

The 2025 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://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>.

Event Website: <https://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta>.

See Event Rule 31.1 for additional contact 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 event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”).
- 1.2** The event will also be governed by rules specified by the VARC 2025 NOR (“VARC NOR”). This document is available on the VARC website at: <https://varc.bc.ca/>.
- 1.3** Class Rules for all divisions except for Division 5 are defined by VARC NOR 1.3.
- 1.4** Safety Requirements except for Division 5 are defined by VARC NOR 1.4. Boats entered into “Cruising” Division 5 shall comply with all Canadian Government safety regulations as required by law applicable to the vessel.
- 1.5** The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
- 1.5.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies to all boats with two or fewer crew. This changes RRS 40.1.
 - 1.5.2 Boats entered as a Single-Handed or Double-Handed crew are allowed to use self-steering and/or autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other temporary situations, where having one crew member assigned to steering the yacht may compromise the safety of crew and craft. 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).

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any change to the Event Rules prior to 1900 hours on Thursday July 10, 2025 will be a complete replacement of the revised document, available online at the event website: <https://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta/>.
- 2.2 Any change to the Event Rules after 1900 hours on Thursday July 10, 2025 will be posted as a notice to competitors before 0900 hours 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://vrccracing.ca/summerregatta/>.
- 3.2 The race committee may be reached at racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 12, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio 68 (called the “Event VHF” hereafter). Boats may ask questions of the race committee by Event VHF for course clarification only prior to their warning signal.
- 3.5 The race committee may attempt to hail the fleet by the Event VHF. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. Failure to note a shortened course, OCS courtesy call, or other race instruction due to not monitoring your radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 3.6 All boats shall notify the race committee of their intention to race prior to 1045 hours each race date by providing their boat name and sail number to the Event 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.
- 3.7 A boat may ask questions of the race committee by Event VHF for course clarification only prior to their warning signal.
- 3.8 See also VARC NOR 14.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all keelboats that qualify under one of the following classes:

<u>VARC Classes</u>	<u>See VARC NOR 3.2.1 for more specific information</u>
Division 0:	ORC APH less than 480.0
Division 1:	ORC APH 480.0 to less than 530.0

Division 2: ORC APH 530.0 to less than 580.0

Division 3: PHRF BC 100–173

Division 4: VARC Sport Boat Class Rules

Division 7: PHRF BC 174–275

Open Classes

Division 5: Cruising Division - PHRF rating white sails only

- 4.2** 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 a valid rating required by their division prior to 1900 hours Thursday July 10, 2025 will not be entered into the race or alternatively included with Cruising Division with a VRC club rating.
- 4.3** Boats with a valid 2025 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).
- 4.4** Boats registered in Division 5 (Cruising) may request a VRC club rating. Club ratings shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.5** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry online and submitting payment for the event entry fee.
- 4.6** Registration and payment: <https://vrc.jotform.com/form/241645753234962>.
- 4.7** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Boats that fail to register and pay the applicable fee will not be scored.
- 4.8** All boats are reminded that full compliance with the rules and prescriptions of their rating system are required.
- 4.9** If a minimum of five (5) Division 4 VARC Sportboat entries are received, a second day of short-distance course races will be scheduled for the division on Sunday July 13, 2025. Otherwise, the division will be included in the mid-distance race.
- 4.10** We require a minimum of 10 entries to be received before end of day June 30, 2025 or the event will be cancelled.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees for racing are as follows:

Early Registration (until June 30)	Regular Registration (until close)
<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>

6 EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration will be open until 1900 hours July 10, 2025. The race committee may accept late entries up to the beginning of the Skippers Greeting reception 1800 hours on July 11, 2025.

6.2 Onshore activities are planned Friday July 11 through Sunday July 13, including the return of the Saturday Lobster Bash. The complete schedule of onshore activities will be available on the VRC Summer Regatta website at <https://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/>.

Date	Time	Description
June 30	23:59	Early registration deadline
	“”	Minimum entries required deadline
July 10	19:00	Regular registration deadline
	“”	Rating change/submission deadline
	“”	Final version of Event Rules document
July 12	10:55	<i>First Warning Signal – Day One</i>
	--	Divisions 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7: Multiple short-course races
	--	Division 5: One mid-distance race
	15:00	<i>No starts after this time</i>
July 13	10:55	First Warning Signal – Day Two
	--	Divisions 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7: One mid-distance race
	--	Division 4: Racing – see ER 4.9
	15:00	<i>No Starts after this time</i>
	18:00	<i>Prizegiving BBQ</i>

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. Also see VARC NOR 17.

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 scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1055 hours. No warning signals will be made after 1500 hours.

12.2 Multiple races may be sailed in a day.

12.3 No finishes will be recorded after 1600 hours, unless rule ER 21.1 is active.

13 CLASS FLAGS

13.1 Boats will be assigned to divisions with the following class flags based on handicap ratings or classification specified in ER 4.1.

- Division 0: Numeral Pennant 0
- 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 7	Numeral Pennant 7

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 COURSES

15.1 Saturday July 12, 2025

15.1.1 Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7: Windward-Leeward Course Races. Course information including marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left is included in ER 15.3.

15.1.2 Division 5: One mid-distance Coastal Race. Course descriptions including marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left is included in ER 15.4.

15.2 Sunday July 13, 2025

15.2.1 Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7: One mid-distance Coastal Race. Course descriptions including marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left is included in ER 15.4.

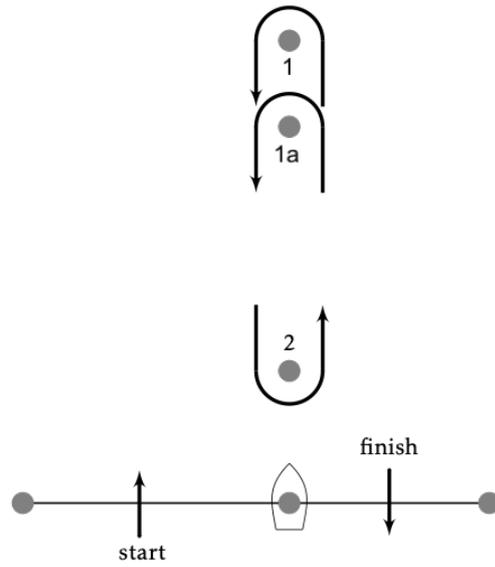
15.2.2 Division 4: If ER 4.9 is fulfilled, Windward-Leeward Course Races. Course information including marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left is included in ER 15.3. If ER 4.9 is not fulfilled, Division 4 shall sail under ER 15.2.1.

15.3 Short Course Races

Course designations will be communicated to competitors using a course board located on the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each Division.

The diagram below shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. Rounding marks will be located to windward of the start and finish lines.

Divisions 0, 1 and 2 shall use mark 1 and mark 2. Divisions 3, 4 and 7 shall use mark 1a and mark 2.



Course L1: Start – 1(a) – Finish
 Course L2: Start – 1(a) – 2 – 1(a) – Finish
 Course L3: Start – 1(a) – 2 – 1(a) – 2 – 1(a) – Finish

15.4 Mid-Distance Coastal Races

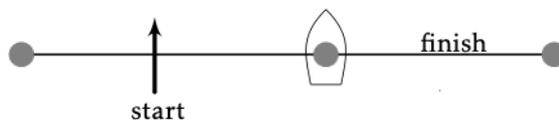
Mid-distance coastal race courses will be displayed on the course board using the letters corresponding to marks identified in Addendum A prior to the warning signal for each Division. The approximate course length is 10 NM to 15 NM.

The Marks are to be rounded in the sequence they appear on the course board, which shall be displayed on the race committee signal vessel.

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.

The race committee may fly signal flag T (“TANGO”) indicating the course is to be sailed twice around, using the start line as a gate beginning the second lap around the course

marks as per course board



16 MARKS

16.1 Short Course Races

Mark 1 will be an orange MarkSetBot inflatable robotic mark.

Mark 1a will be a yellow MarkSetBot inflatable robotic mark.

Mark 2 will be a yellow MarkSetBot inflatable robotic mark.

The starting mark will be a floating staff displaying an orange flag.

The finishing mark will be a floating staff displaying a blue flag.

16.2 Mid-Distance Coastal Races

Marks and corresponding letters to be posted on the Course Board are listed in Event Rules Addendum A.

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 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

18.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark displaying an orange flag or an orange MarkSetBot inflatable robotic mark.

18.3 There may be an inflated tetrahedron attached to the race committee signals 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.

18.4 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

18.5 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).

18.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

19 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

20 THE FINISH

20.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of a finishing mark displaying a blue flag.

20.2 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.

21 TIME LIMIT(S)

21.1 No finishes will be recorded after 1600 hours. If at least one boat finishes by 1600 hours, the deadline will be extended by half an hour. In this situation, boats failing to finish (but still racing) by 1630 hours will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

22 PENALTY SYSTEM

22.1 1.3.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will not apply. This changes RRS 44.3.

23 HEARING REQUESTS

23.1 The protest time limit is 1800 hours on the date of the race.

23.2 Hearing request forms shall be completed online using the RRS.org website: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=11327.

23.3 Questions regarding hearings may be sent to the organizing authority at racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca.

23.4 Notices of hearings will be posted on the Racing Rules of Sailing event page at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/11327/event> to inform competitors of hearings.

23.5 Hearings will be heard beginning at 1900 hours on Tuesday July 15, 2025. 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. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received.

23.6 Hearing decisions will be posted on the Racing Rules of Sailing event page at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/11327/event>.

24 SCORING

24.1 One race shall be required to be completed to constitute a series.

24.2 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

24.3 Mid-distance Coastal race scores are non-discardable.

24.4 The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and together with length of course, directions of leg and the wind direction and speed will not be grounds for request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

24.5 Races will be scored using Time on Time handicap calculations

24.6 ORC Handicap Fleet: Divisions 0, 1 & 2 results will be calculated by using the boat's W/L, All Purpose, Predominant Upwind, Predominant Downwind or Predominant Reaching 5-Band TCF representing one of the following five speed ranges:

- Low Range (average TWS 6.5 knots)
- Low/Medium Range (average TWS 9 knots)
- Medium Range (average TWS 12 knots)
- Medium/High Range (average TWS 16 knots)
- High Range (average TWS 20 knots)

The race committee will advise the fleet of the scoring option that it plans to use prior to the start of each race via Event VHF but reserves the ability to adjust the scoring option should conditions of the race change.

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

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

25 SAFETY REGULATIONS

25.1 [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.

25.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

26 MEDIA RIGHTS

26.1 By participating in the series, boats automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the boat during the period of the series without compensation.

27 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

27.1 A boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules or event rules.

28 OFFICIAL VESSELS

28.1 The signal vessel will be a volunteer club member boat that will fly the orange flag as soon as it is on station.

29 PRIZES

29.1 Results will be read following racing at the Prize Giving BBQ following racing on Sunday June 13, 2025.

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

29.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall boats in each Division at the 2025 VRC Volunteer Appreciation & Racing Awards dinner.

30 MOORAGE

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.

31 FURTHER INFORMATION**31.1** For further information please contact:

Vancouver Rowing Club:
Tel: 604.687.3400 Fax: 604.687.6812 Email: office@vancouverrowingclub.ca
Racing Officer:
Email address: racing@vancouverrowingclub.ca
Registration for the event:
Please register online at https://vrc.jotform.com/form/241645753234962 . You may call the club office directly at 604 687 3400 for event registration.
Official Notice Board:
https://vrcracing.ca/summerregatta/

2025 Summer Regatta Event Rules
Addendum A
Medium Distance Course Marks

“A”	Point Grey Bell Buoy at approximately N 49°17.3’ W 123°15.9’
“B”	Kits Barge Buoy at approximately N 49°16.9’ W 123°09.8’
“C”	QC Buoy at approximately N 49°18.2’ W 123°10.0’
“D”	QB Buoy at approximately N 49°19.0’ W 123°12.1’
“E”	Anchored Inflatable: RC will communicate position & colour by Event VHF
“F”	This course utilizes a separate Finish line between two staffs flying a blue flag (ER 20.2)
“G”	Race Start Pin: Floating staff w/orange flag in proximity to signal vessel, OR Orange or yellow inflatable mark in proximity to signal vessel
“H”	Start Line Gate: A gate is formed between signal vessel and Start pin.
“K”	Windward Inflatable: RC will communicate position & colour by Event VHF
“L”	"English Bay 46304" weather buoy at approximately N 49°18.0’ W 123°21.36’
“P”	Passage Island
“W”	Windward Inflatable: RC will communicate position & colour by Event VHF
“Y”	Leeward Inflatable: RC will communicate position & colour by Event VHF
“X”	Anchored Freighter: RC will communicate details by Event VHF
“Z”	Anchored Freighter: RC will communicate details by Event VHF