

THUNDERBIRD MARINA



HOWE SOUND REGATTA 2017

Part of the VARC 2017 Championship Series



Hosted by the West Vancouver Yacht Club

All Fleets September 16, 2017

One Design Fleets Only, depending on early registrations, may be extended into a second day of racing on September 17, 2017

Note: VARC fleets are September 16th, 2017 only

Notice of Race

1.0 RULES

This event will be governed by:
the VARC Notice of Race, the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and all other prescriptions referred to in the event Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ADVERTISING

2.1 ISAF Regulation 20 will apply for all other advertising.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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3.2 All yachts other than Melges 24, Viper 640 and Farr 30 One Design must have a valid 2017 BC Sailing PHRF or ORC certificate to enter. Non local Yachts registered with another regional PHRF handicapper may also apply.

3.3 Cruising class yachts without a certificate will be given a one-time rating.

3.4 Skippers may register online through WVYC until 1600hrs PDT on Friday September 15th, 2017 at <https://www.wvyc.ca/racing/howe-sound-regatta>

3.5 Farr30's that are stored on the West Dry Dock must be hauled on Saturday night.

3.6 Viper 640's must be hauled on the east dry dock on Saturday night.

4.0 FLEETS

- 4.1 Classes presenting with 5 or more boats may be started as their own fleet at the discretion of the Race Committee. An indication for these fleets will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 Cruising boats will be inserted into the appropriate VARC Division.

5.0 REGISTRATION FEES

- 5.1 A registration fee of \$50 (\$80 for One Design Fleets if two days of racing are held) must accompany every entry. Fees are payable online at the time of registration

6.0 SCHEDULE

Friday, September 15:

1800- Crab & Corn cocktails and Dinner in the Clubhouse

Saturday, September 16:

1055hrs First scheduled warning signal

No warning signal will be made on Saturday after 1600hrs

1800hrs Burn-Your-Own BBQ and Awards Presentation in the Main Clubhouse

Sunday, September 17 (potential second day for Farris/Melges/Vipers ONLY):

1055hrs First scheduled warning signal

No warning signal will be made on Sunday after 1500hrs

After racing Burn-Your-Own BBQ and Awards Presentation in the Yachting Centre

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website and on site at the West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC) at least one week prior to the event.

8.0 VENUE

8.1 The regatta office is located on the upper level of the Yachting Centre just west of the main Clubhouse on the grounds of the WVYC.

8.2 All facilities of the WVYC will be made available to guest racers. Meals and other events may be held in the Club's main dining room.

8.3 Racing will be held in Howe Sound in the vicinity of Passage Island.

9.0 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams to be included in the Sailing Instructions will show 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 left.

9.2 Additional course information including mark descriptions will also be included in the Sailing Instructions.

10.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 will apply unless otherwise amended by the sailing instructions. Melges 24, Viper 640 and Farr 30 class rules will apply.

11.0 SCORING

- 11.1 The low-point scoring system will be used.
- 11.2 One or more sailed races will constitute a regatta.
- 11.3 If 6 or more races are sailed there will be one throw-out.
- 11.4 All races scored will count toward the regatta summary.

12.0 BERTHING AND HAULOUT

- 12.1 Berths for visiting yachts can be booked by calling the WVYC administration office at 604-921-7575.
- 12.2 Yachts shall not be hauled out for the entire duration of the regatta without prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 12.3 Launching available Friday until 2000 hours and Saturday morning until 0800 hours. If launching Saturday morning, booking times are required. Call sailing director see below. **A DESIGNATED WVYC MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT, AND OPERATING THE CRANE, FOR ALL LAUNCHINGS.**

13.0 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around yachts between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make nor receive a radio transmission that is not available to all other boats while racing.
This restriction applies to mobile telephones and all other communication appliances.
- 14.2 All yachts shall check in on VHF radio

15.0 PRIZES

1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded to yachts finishing in these respective positions in the PHRF, ORC and all one-design fleets as established in the Sailing Instructions.

16.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 regatta.

All registrants must agree to the terms set out in the event waiver upon registration.

17.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event.

18.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

19.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on the racing event, please consult the Sailing Instructions. For all other inquiries please contact the WVYC Fleet Captain by email at fleetcaptain@wvyc.ca.