



Southern Straits Inshore Race

March 30, 2018

West Vancouver, British Columbia

Hosted By
West Vancouver Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 The Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) system [effective January 1, 2017](#), and the rules of PHRF of BC will apply. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations [2016-2017](#) (OSR) with Canadian prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 For monohull yachts racing the Southern Straits Inshore race under PHRF Handicap, all boats must comply with:
- PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements 'Inshore' category (effective March 1, 2016) or
 - ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 (OSR) category 4 (Monohulls)

The following amendments will apply:

1.3.1 PIYA Amendments:

- 2.4.1 Hull and Structure: Lifelines; Is recommended
- 2.4.6 Hull and Structure: Lifelines; Shall apply to boats under 30 feet
- 2.4.7 Hull and Structure: Lifelines; Shall apply to boats 30 feet and over
- 3.26 Gear: Radar Reflectors; A tubular radar reflector is acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical.
- 3.33.3 Sails: Headsails; is replaced with the following:

Unless the person in charge of the boat has an alternative sail plan for dealing with heavy weather, a boat shall have a mainsail reefing capable of reducing the luff length by at least 10%.

1.3.2 OSR Amendments:

Designated one design boats (e.g. Martin 242, Melges 24) whose one design class rule conflicts with OSR section 3 requirements (structural features, stability, fixed equipment) and who are racing in handicap classes:

- a) shall not be penalized for non-compliance with OSR section 3 that is a result of conflict with their one design class rule,
- b) shall have all crew wearing lifejackets or PFDs while racing,
- c) shall carry at least two thermal protective aids or other devices for treating crew following a crew overboard incident,
- d) in the absence of compliance with OSR 3.14 (pulpit, stanchion and lifelines), shall carry at least one harness and safety line (tether) and have attachment point(s) to reduce crew overboard risk when working forward of the mast.

4.10.1 A tubular radar reflector is acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical.

1.5 Boats shall carry the equipment required by law. Particular attention is drawn to the Small Vessel Regulations.

1.6 Boats racing in a one design class shall also comply with the safety requirements of their class rule.

1.7 RRS 51 is amended to include: A boat issued a current PHRF Handicap that assumes her use of a built-in system for moving, taking on or discharging water ballast, is permitted to use that system.

RRS 52 is amended to include: Boats entered as a Double-Handed crew are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other situations where having one crew member assigned to steering the yacht may compromise the safety of crew and craft.

A Boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to protest and penalization up to and including disqualification.

All changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 All Boats shall comply with RRS 75.1. and ensure they are members of clubs in good standing with their respective national authorities.

3.2 Skippers holding a valid PHRF certificate for their boat will be eligible to compete. Ratings will be adjusted if required by the WVYC Handicapper at no charge in order to align PHRF Northwest ratings and BC Sailing PHRF ratings.

3.3 All entries **and required documentation** must be received by end of day Sunday, March 25th, 2018.

3.4 Registration:

Beginning January 1st, 2018, complete registration online at www.southernstraits.ca

Payment by VISA, MASTERCARD or WVYC chit is necessary to complete your registration.

- 3.5** Competitors are required to review and accept the terms of the waiver in order to complete your registration.
- 3.6** Competitors shall send the following required documentation to the Southern Straits Race Office by no later than end of day Sunday, March 25, 2018:
- A copy of your current Rating Certificate
 - A copy of your current Insurance Certificate
- 3.7** Required documents may be dropped off at WVYC or sent to the Southern Straits Race Office :
- As a PDF or scan in an email attachment to raceoffice@southernstraits.ca
 - By FAX to 604-921-7599 (please confirm receipt by calling 604-921-7575 after transmittal)

Please ensure that your Sail #, Boat Name and Order ID# (provided through online registration tool) are prominently noted on supporting documents.

4 FEES

- 4.1** The entry fee for all Inshore course boats will be \$35 plus tax.
- 4.2** Entry fee DOES NOT include a club-provided SPOT transponder, dinner tickets or a participation plaque. These can be purchased as separate items during online registration.
- 4.3** Entry fees does include participant moorage and/or boat launching where possible.
- 4.4** There will be no refunds after end of day March 25th, 2018
- 4.5** Special consideration may be given in support of training vessels representing recognized training organizations to encourage their participation.

5 SCHEDULE

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| Thursday March 29 th 12:00 hours | “Registration Confirmation” desk opens. Skippers may pick up any additional items purchased during registration (i.e. dinner tickets, SPOT trackers). Please note there are no formal skipper kits to pick up for the Inshore race. |
| Thursday March 29 th 17:00 hours | Event pre-party / dinner in the Main Clubhouse. |
| Thursday March 29 th 20:00 hours | “Registration Confirmation” desk closes. |
| Thursday March 29 th 20:00 hours | including a professional weather briefing, will be held in the main Clubhouse. This will be followed by a “Captains’ Keg” sponsored by Okanagan Spring Brewery and the presentation of the 2017 awards |
| Friday March 30 th 06:30 hours | Breakfast available in the main Clubhouse. |
| Friday March 30 th 10:25 hours | First warning signal for the Classic Race. |
| Friday March 30 th 18:30 hours | Inshore course racing must be completed. |
| Friday March 30 th 17:00 hours - onward | Dinner available in the mMain Clubhouse |
| Saturday March 31 st 07:30 hours | Breakfast will be available in the Main Clubhouse. |
| Saturday March 31 st 17:00 hours | There will be a casual post-Race event in the main Clubhouse.
Reservations would greatly assist the Galley staff in their preparations. Informal post-race/social in the Main Clubhouse. |

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF certificate submitted as per Section 3. The copy of their valid PHRF certificate must show the dimensions used to calculate their rating.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after Friday March 23rd, 2017 at www.southernstraits.ca

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The Inshore Course*, ** (Distance approximately 20 nm):

* The inshore course will be decided by the Race Committee before the start as set out in the Sailing Instructions

** The inshore race will only be offered if 7 or more Boats register.

8.2 All Boats will race in one division.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 Inshore PHRF boats will be scored using the Time on Time formula.

10.2 Any recognized one-design fleet that registers five (5) or more boats in a specific course will also be scored as a one-design fleet as a courtesy supplement to divisional scoring.

11 MOORAGE

The WVYC will provide moorage for this event at no cost in the Fisherman's Cove Basin. It is required that crew delivering prior to the event contact WVYC to provide approximate arrival times and vessel details. Slip assignments will be communicated prior to arrival.

We recommend that boats over fifty feet or with deep draft requirements request moorage at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Phone 604-224-1344) or Vancouver Rowing Club (Phone 604-687-3400).

Mooring assistance at the West Vancouver Yacht Club available: 604-921-7575

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency or with the Race Committee, a Boat while racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Skipper of each boat placing first, second or third in their Division.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organizing Authority emphasizes that competitors participate in this Race entirely at their own risk. Responsibility for the safety of each vessel and crew and the decision whether to start a race or to continue racing ultimately rests with the Person in Charge/Skipper, as per fundamental Rule 4. 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance lobby of the Main Clubhouse.

17 AMERICAN ENTRANTS

17.1 No customs personnel will be present at the WVYC Clubhouse. However Customs can be cleared via the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's main "dinner dock" at their Jericho facility.

17.2 An additional customs dock is located at the False Creek Government dock (Fisherman's Pier).

17.3 Canada Customs can be reached at 1-800-461-9999 or 604-666-0545.

18 EXCHANGE & CREDIT CARDS

American participants are encouraged to convert their cash to Canadian Funds prior to their arrival. We accept VISA and MasterCard.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Race Chair through one of the following:

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