



WEST VANCOUVER  
YACHT CLUB



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Sailmakers

**Notice of Race**  
**Howe Sound Regatta**  
**September 14<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the 2019 Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC) NOR..
- 1.2 PHRF boats will sail according to the rules of PHRF BC; ORC and ORCi Club boats will sail according to the rules of the Offshore Racing Congress; The Sport Boat Division boats will sail according to their Class Rules.

**2. ADVERTISING**

Boats wishing to be scored in VARC season calculations shall display required advertising in accordance with the VARC Notice of Race. See: VARC Notice of Race section 2

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats that have a valid PHRF, ORCi, or ORC Club certificate, and to sport boats as classified in VARC Notice of Race section 3.2.1
- 3.2 The Sport Boat Division will require a minimum of five entries.
- 3.3 A Cruising Division (Pennant 5) will be added. This Division is restricted to “No Flying Sails”
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) before 1600 hrs Friday September 20, 2019.
- 3.5 Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the VARC Notice of Race.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1 The race entry fee is \$70.00 plus tax for all Divisions, except the Cruising Division whose single race entry fee is \$50.00 plus tax.

**5. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

Boats will be assigned to divisions based on their handicap rating or classification as per the 2019 VARC Notice of Race section 3.2, with the exception of the Cruising Division which will be assigned as Division five (5).

## **6. SCHEDULE**

### **6.1 Friday, September 15:**

1800hrs – Surf & Turf Dinner and cocktails in the Clubhouse

### **6.2 Saturday, September 16:**

1055hrs – First scheduled warning signal

1600hrs – No starts will be made after this time

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### **6.3 Sunday, September 17:**

1055hrs – First scheduled warning signal

1500hrs – No starts will be made after this time

1800hrs – Refreshments and Awards Presentation in the Yachting Centre

Onshore festivities: WVYC invites all race participants to join in the onshore festivities Saturday evening with live music, dinner and drinks in the clubhouse post-race.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) no later than 1200 hrs on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **8. VENUE**

Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Howe Sound. Onshore activities will be hosted at the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

## **9. COURSES**

### **9.1 Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

- All Divisions

Windward-Leeward Course Races - Course diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

### **9.2 Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

- ORC and PHRF Divisions

One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 12 – 18 nm). Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

- Sport Boat Division

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## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

10.2 **Sport Boat Division Only:** A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the Zone of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 Division One (1) and Two (2) boats racing under an ORC Club or ORCi certificate: results will be calculated by Time on Time using the Coastal Triple Number scoring coefficient for one of the following three speed ranges:

- Low Range (9 knots or less)
- Medium Range (between 8 and 14 knots)
- High Range (equal to or greater than 14 knots)

The race committee will advise the fleet of the Declared Wind Speed Range that it plans to use prior to the start of the race.

11.2 Division Three (3), Five (5) and Seven (7) boats racing under a PHRF certificate: results will be calculated by using the PHRF-BC Time on Time formula.

11.3 The Sport Boat Division will be scored in order of finish with no handicap modification.

11.4 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When between five and nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When ten races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

## **12. BERTHING**

Skippers who wish temporary moorage at the West Vancouver Yacht Club may call the Club Office to make a reservation at 604-921-7575. Moorage is subject to availability and rafting may be required.

Billeting may be available for Sport Boats, Contact Matt Wagstaffe @ [waggy2181@gmail.com](mailto:waggy2181@gmail.com) for more information

## **13. PRIZES**

Awards will be presented to the top three boats in each division as established in the Sailing Instructions. Prizes from Evolution Sails will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place

winners in each division. There will be door prizes during the awards on Sunday after racing.

#### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/INDEMNITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. The owners and operators of participating vessels are expected to know the capabilities of their vessel and crew under all conditions. Competitors recognize that sailing and racing involve inherent risks including but not limited to, drowning, hypothermia, physical injury and death. Competitors voluntarily accept these risks, and waive all liability and any right to claim against the West Vancouver Yacht Club, and all those involved in the organization of the event (Hereafter referred to collectively and individually as WVYC). It is the responsibility of the owner and operator of each vessel to ensure that their vessel is safe, properly equipped, and suitable for the event and further, that all crew members are properly trained and equipped to participate in light of anticipated environmental conditions. The decision to race or not to race resides solely with the owner and operator of each vessel and any advice received or the failure to provide any particular advice from WVYC, shall not result in any liability. Any safety procedures put in place, or information provided by WVYC, are not a substitute for the obligations and responsibilities of the owner or operator of the vessel and the failure to implement any such procedures, or the performance of such procedures or any deficiency in information provided shall not be relied upon by the owner or operator of the vessel or result in any liability for WVYC. Vessel requirements, including any safety requirements in order to qualify for entry shall not constitute a representation or warranty of fitness or safety. Any modification of requirements for any particular vessel or class of vessels, shall not constitute a representation or warranty that such vessels are safe to participate in the event, the responsibility for which remains solely with the owner and operator of the vessel. The owner or operator of each vessel must ensure that the vessel and crew members comply with all applicable legislation and regulations in accordance with Canadian law. The owner and operators of each vessel agree to indemnify WVYC for any claims by or on behalf of any crew members resulting from participation in the event.

#### **16. INSURANCE**

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

#### **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further further information, please email WVYC Fleet Captain at [FleetCaptain@wvyc.ca](mailto:FleetCaptain@wvyc.ca)

## 18. SPONSORS

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