



**WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB**



**2019 Wednesday Evening Series  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> – SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Note: FIRST WARNING SIGNAL AT 1800

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 will govern the Regatta.
- 1.2. The equipment standards of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations APPENDIX B- Inshore racing
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.
- 1.4. PHRF boats shall sail according to the rules of PHRF BC
- 1.5. Any and all subsequent amendments to these Sailing Instructions will apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the main floor of the WVYC Clubhouse.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1630 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.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed using the flagpole west of the WVYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the description of race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1. Dates of racing:

Series 1	5 races	April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22
Series 2	4 races	May 29, June 5, 12, 19
Series 3	4 races	June 26, July 3, 10, 17
Series 4	4 races	July 24, 31, August 7, 14
Series 5	4 races	August 21, 28, September 4 & 11

Five (5) races are scheduled in Series 1.

Four (4) races are scheduled in Series 2, 3, 4, 5

- 5.2. The first warning signal is scheduled at 1800 hours for Series 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 1845 hours for Series 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.

- 5.4. Scheduled races not sailed or completed during the series, are cancelled.

## 6. DIVISION FLAGS

Division flags will be as follows:

DIVISION	FLAG
1	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Numeral Pennant 2
3	Numeral Pennant 3
5 (NFS/Cruising)	Numeral Pennant 5
Sport Boat	Melges Class Flag

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the West Vancouver Yacht Club, Passage Island and Whytecliffe Park.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Course diagram is both part of this document. See Appendix A. The diagram for course A form part of the sailing instructions. All Divisions, except Division 5, will sail the course twice around unless shortened. Division 5 will only sail one lap. The approximate race duration will be 40 - 70 minutes.
- 8.2. Course "A" is the default course for all Divisions unless otherwise indicated. The order of mark rounding for Course A is: Marks 1, GATE, 1, Finish.
- 8.3. Times will be taken at the GATE on the first lap. If no boat in a division finishes within the time limit, time of the first lap will be used for results. See also 15.3 Shortened Course.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark 1 will be a YELLOW shape for Divisions 1
- 9.2. Mark 1 will be a Orange shape for Division 2, 3, 5, and Sport Boats
- 9.3. GATE will be the Committee Boat and the Start Pin, a YELLOW shape.
- 9.4. New marks, as provided in instruction 16.1, will be an inflatable shape.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26 where the warning signal shall be 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and Start Pin (a yellow inflatable shape).
- 10.3. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. The starting area is defined as a 75 meter radius in all directions from the start line.
- 10.4. Boats are required to check in, each race, prior to the first warning signal by VHF Channel 73. Boats failing to RADIO check in will be scored DNC.

## 11. SHORTENED COURSE

- 11.1. . Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course for any Division(s), Code flag S shall be displayed with the Division flag(s) and the shortened course shall apply only to

the Division(s) displayed. Division flags will not be displayed when the Race Committee intends to shorten course for all Divisions.

- 11.2. Should the race be shortened to one lap, boats shall proceed through the start/finish line in the direction from the last mark. This Instruction clarifies but does not alter rule 32.2 (a).
- 11.3. At the discretion of the RC, in the case of a dying breeze, the race may be called after the first lap, and those times used for finishing, even if a boat has started the second lap.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and Start Pin (a yellow inflatable shape).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The time limit will be 90 minutes for each race.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her Division sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes rule 35.
- 14.3. The Race Committee may assign an estimated finish time to a boat that is significantly delaying the Race Committee from picking up the course, thus delaying awards.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with rule 60 except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the WVYC Clubhouse office and shall be submitted directly to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or slid under the door of the Sailing Director's office within the protest time limit on the day of the race. DO NOT submit to the WVYC front office mail slot.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after racing is completed for the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Yachting Centre on an evening during the 6 days following the event.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. A boat that "Did Not Start (DNS), "Did Not Finish (DNF) or "Retired After Finishing (RAF)", shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the start area. This alters Rule "A 4.2".
- 16.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.3. Each boat's Series scores will be the total of her race scores. Abandoned races are not considered in tallying Series scores.
- 16.4. In Series 1, if 1 to 4 races are sailed, there will be no throw-outs. If 5 races are sailed, there will be 1 throw-out.
- 16.5. In Series 2, 3, 4, & 5, if 1 to 3 races are sailed, there will be no throw-outs. If 4 races are sailed, there will be 1 throw-out.
- 16.6. A boat must compete in 4 of the 5 series to be considered for overall winner in her division. Each boat's score from each of her series will be added together to determine the overall winner for each Division.
- 16.7. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 will be scored using PHRF speed potential ratings and using the Time on Time system.

## **17. VOLUNTEERING**

- 17.1. All boats are welcome to provide a volunteer. In so doing a refund of \$40 will be credited to the person who paid the registration fee. You can provide as many volunteers as you want, providing Race committee has a need for them for the race in question. Volunteers must be able bodied individuals capable of holding a flag or taking times. Please indicate if they are also capable of performing mark set duties.

## **18. SAFETY**

- 18.1. Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be disqualified. The offending boat may be disqualified for the race or for the series at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification for that series

## **19. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

- 19.1. Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) APPENDIX B- Inshore racing
  - 19.1.1. Designated one design boats whose one design class rule conflicts with OSR requirements (structural features, stability, fixed equipment) and who are racing in handicap classes:
    - 19.1.1.1. Shall carry such additional safety measures that the Organizing authority deems necessary, to make up for the requirement deficiencies.
- 19.2. All boats must comply with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard regulations.
- 19.3. Any boat may be inspected by the Race Committee to verify compliance with the minimum equipment standards. Boats found to be not in compliance will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.2. Race Communications will take place using VHF Channel 73.
- 20.3. All boats are advised to monitor VHF 73.

## 21. PRIZES

- 21.1. If there are 4 or more boats racing and finishing in a Division, prizes will be awarded to each boat placing first, second, & third in each race. If there are 3 boats, then only first place prizes will be awarded. If there are 2 boats, recognition only in lieu of a prize will be awarded. Prizes will be presented during each post-race BBQ.
- 21.2. Prizes will also be awarded to each boat placing first, second, and third in each series, and to the boat placing first in each Division for the combined series. A boat must race in four of the five series to be considered for the combined award. These prizes will be awarded at WVYC Annual Awards Night.

## 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. 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.

## 23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times.

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**APPENDIX A**

