



# Southern Straits Inshore Race

April 19, 2019

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* (“RRS”) with the following exceptions:

1.1.1 RRS 51, Moveable Ballast, 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.

1.1.2 RRS 52, Manual Power, 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.

1.2 Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic. [DP]

1.3 The Prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply (see Attachment A).

1.4 PHRF Rules will apply to boats in the PHRF Division.

1.5 Monohull boats racing in the PHRF Handicap Division and Sport Boat Division shall comply with either:

(a) The [2018 Pacific International Yachting Association Safety Equipment Requirements – Inshore Category \(“PIYA SER”\)](#) amended as follows:

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

3.18 Safety Equipment: Depth Sounder is recommended

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 12.5%.

(b) The [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2018-2019 with Canadian prescriptions – Category 4 \(“WS OSR”\)](#) amended as follows:



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.

- 1.6 Multihull boats racing the Southern Straits Classic shall comply with the [Safety Equipment Requirements for Multihulls for the 2019 Southern Straits Classic](#), as posted on the Southern Straits website.
- 1.7 Boats shall carry the equipment required by law. Particular attention is drawn to the Small Vessel Regulations. [DP]
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.9 All changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

NOTE: The notation of '[DP]' in a rule in this NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 2 ADVERTISING

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

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all monohull boats that meet the safety requirements identified in NOR Section 1.5 and multihull boats that meet the safety requirements identified in NOR Section 1.6.
- 3.2 Boats racing under their PHRF Handicap in the PHRF Division:
  - 3.2.1 Monohull boats shall have a valid PHRF certificate.
  - 3.2.2 All ratings are subject to verification with the PHRF issuing organization.
  - 3.2.3 Failure to provide a valid and correct rating may result in protest by the race committee.
  - 3.2.4 Monohull boats with a PHRF-NW or PHRF rating from elsewhere in North America will be normalized and aligned with the PHRF BC fleet by the West Vancouver Yacht Club handicapper at no charge.
  - 3.2.5 In the event that a boat's PHRF rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted, the organizing authority shall be advised by emailing [raceoffice@southernstraits.ca](mailto:raceoffice@southernstraits.ca). No rating changes will be accepted after Sunday April 14th, 2019.



- 3.3 Sport boats racing in the Southern Straits Sport Boat Regatta will also be entered and scored in this Inshore Race in the Sport Boat Division and as a race of that series: separate registration is not required.
- 3.4 All entries and required documentation must be received by end of day Sunday April 14th, 2019.
- 3.5 Registration:  
Beginning January 1st, 2019, register online at [www.southernstraits.ca](http://www.southernstraits.ca).  
Payment through VISA, MASTERCARD, or WVYC chit is necessary to complete your registration.
- 3.6 Boats are required to review and accept the terms of the waiver in order to complete your registration.
- 3.7 Boats shall send the following required documentation to the Southern Straits Race Office by no later than end of day Sunday April 14th, 2019:
  - (a) A copy of your current Rating Certificate(s)
  - (b) A copy of your current Insurance Certificate

**Early submission is appreciated.**

- 3.8 Required documentation may be dropped off at WVYC or sent to the Southern Straits Race Office:
  - (a) As a PDF or scanned email attachment to [raceoffice@southernstraits.ca](mailto:raceoffice@southernstraits.ca)
  - (b) By FAX to 604-921-7599 (please confirm receipt by calling 604-921-7575 after end of transmission)

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

**4 FEES**

- 4.1 The entry fee for Inshore Race boats shall be \$35 plus tax. However, if the boat is registered as a participant in the Southern Straits Sport Boat Regatta, and has paid the regatta fee, then the Inshore Race fee shall be waived.
- 4.2 Entry fee DOES NOT include a club-provided SPOT tracker, dinner tickets or a participation plaque. These can be purchased as separate items during online registration.
- 4.3 Entry fee does include participant moorage, trailer parking and/or boat launching where possible.
- 4.4 There will be no refunds after end of day April 14th, 2019.
- 4.5 Special consideration may be given in support of training vessels representing recognized training organizations to encourage their participation.

**5 SCHEDULE**

Thursday April 18th 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 April 18th 17:00 hours

Event Gala with dinner, door prizes and 2018 awards will be held in the main Clubhouse.



Thursday April 18th 20:00 hours	“Registration Confirmation” desk closes.
Thursday April 18th 20:00 hours	A Skippers’ meeting, 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 2018 awards.
Friday April 19th 06:30 hours	Breakfast will be available in the main Clubhouse.
Friday April 19th 09:00 - 10:00 hours	There will be a parade of boats at the start area prior to the Race.
Friday April 19th 10:25 hours	The first warning signal for the Classic Race.
Friday April 19th 18:30 hours	Inshore course racing must be completed.
Friday April 19th 17:00 hours - onward	Dinner will be available in the main Clubhouse
Saturday April 20th 07:30 hours	Breakfast will be available in the main Clubhouse.
Saturday April 20th 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.

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1** Each PHRF Division boat shall produce a valid PHRF rating certificate submitted as per NOR Section 3. The copy of their valid PHRF rating certificate must show the dimensions used to calculate their rating.
- 6.2** Sport Boats shall race within their respective one-design rule configurations. The Sport Boat Division is not a handicap fleet and will be scored in the order of finish, without time or distance based correction against one another.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available Friday April 12th, 2019 at [www.southernstraits.ca](http://www.southernstraits.ca)

## 8 VENUE

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.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1** The Inshore Course\*, \*\* (Distance approximately 20nm):

\* 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.

- 9.2** All boats will start together.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.



## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race shall constitute a regatta
- 11.2 PHRF Division boats will be scored using the PHRF Time on Time formula
- 11.3 Sport Boat Division boats will be scored in order of finish with no handicap modification on relative finish time.
- 11.4 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 course scoring.

## 12 MOORAGE

The WVYC will provide moorage for this event at no cost in the Fisherman's Cove Basin. Trailer parking will also be provided at no cost. 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

## 13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Radio communications with commercial traffic is encouraged for safety purposes.

## 14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Skipper of each boat placing first, second or third in the PHRF Division. Boats racing in the Sport Boat Division may be awarded prizes based on final Sport Boat Regatta score.

## 15 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 RRS 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 Race.

## 16 INSURANCE

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

## 17 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

## 18 AMERICAN ENTRANTS



- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 An additional customs dock is located at the False Creek Government Dock (Fisherman's Pier).
- 18.3 Customs can be reached at Tel: 1-800-461-9999 or 604-666-0545.

**19 EXCHANGE, DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS**

American participants are encouraged to convert their cash to Canadian Funds prior to their arrival. We do not accept debit cards. We do accept VISA and MasterCard.

**20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact the Race Chair through one of the following:

West Vancouver Yacht Club  
 5854 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC, V7W 2S2  
 Tel: 604-921-7575 Fax: 604-921-7599  
 Email: chair@southernstraits.ca  
 Website: www.southernstraits.ca



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# Attachment A



## Sail Canada Prescriptions 2017–2020

Effective 1 January 2017

### Rule 46 – Person in Charge

*Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.*

### Rule 61.2 – Protest Contents

*Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.*

### Rule 64.3 – Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules

*Sail Canada prescribes that unless otherwise provided in its class rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to all classes racing in Canada.*

### Rule 67 – Damages

*Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.*

### Rule 70.5(a) – Appeals and Requests to a National Authority

*Sail Canada so prescribes.*

### Rule 86.3 – Changes to the Racing Rules

*Sail Canada so prescribes.*

### Rule 88.2 – National Prescriptions

*Sail Canada prescribes that the sailing instructions for events with an international jury or no-appeal protest committee may change or delete any Sail Canada prescription except the prescriptions to rule 61.2, 67 and 91(b). The sailing instructions for other events may not change or delete any Sail Canada prescription.*

### Rule 91(b) – Protest Committee

*Sail Canada prescribes that a request for an international jury formed under rule N1.7 comprised of only three members requires written approval be obtained from Sail Canada before making the request to World Sailing.*

### Appendix E8 – Appendix G Changes to Identification on Sails

*Sail Canada prescribes that this rule applies to Canadian boats in all classes.*

### Appendix R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

*Sail Canada prescribes that it may delegate an appeal or request for confirmation or correction to an association appeals committee, such as a provincial association appeals committee or a racing association appeals committee. Decisions of an association appeals committee may be further appealed to Sail Canada.*

### Appendix R2.1(a) – Submission of Documents

*Sail Canada prescribes that no later than 15 days after receiving the association appeals committee's written decision, the appellant may send a further appeal and a copy of the association appeals*





committee's decision to Sail Canada. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the association appeals committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.

**Appendix R2.2 – Submission of Documents**

Sail Canada prescribes that in the case of a further appeal to Sail Canada, this rule shall apply to the appellant as though it was an initial appeal, and to the appealed committee as though it was the protest committee.

**Appendix R3 – Responsibilities of National Authority and Protest Committee**

Sail Canada prescribes that when an appeal is delegated to an association appeals committee, the responsibilities and actions required of the national authority in this rule, and in rules R4, R5, 71.2 and 71.3, shall be performed by the association appeals committee.

When a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, Sail Canada shall send to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee copies of the appeal. No member of the association appeals committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on the appeal.

**Appendix R4 – Comments and Clarifications**

Sail Canada prescribes that when a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal. Comments on the appeal shall be made no later than 15 days after receiving it from Sail Canada. Sail Canada shall send copies of the comments to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee as appropriate.

