



**WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB**

**Notice of Race**  
**2022 Popham Island / Halibut Bank**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the 2022 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.

**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.
- 3.2 A Cruising Division (Pennant 5) will be added. This Division is restricted to "No Flying Sails"
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) before 1600 hrs Wednesday, April 27 2022.
- 3.4 Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the VARC Notice of Race.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1 ORC and PHRF Divisions: The single day race entry fee is \$60.00 plus tax for all Divisions, except the Cruising Division whose single race entry fee is \$40.00 plus tax.

## **5. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

Boats will be assigned to divisions based on their handicap rating or classification as per the 2022 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 ORC and PHRF Divisions:**

The Halibut Bank / Popham Islands Race will take place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

- The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 hours.
- One race is scheduled.
- No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) no later than 16:00 hrs on Friday, April 22, 2022.

## **8. VENUE**

Racing will be conducted in the Strait of Georgia.

## **9. COURSES**

### **9.1 ORC Divisions 1 & 2:**

From the starting line, located approximately 0.6 miles southeast of Passage Island, ORC divisions 1 and 2 will sail to Halibut Bank ODAS buoy leaving it to port and return. The distance is approximately 34 miles.

### **9.2 PHRF Divisions (including Sport Boats):**

From the Start line, located approximately 0.6 miles southeast of Passage Island, to both Popham and Little Popham Islands leaving them to starboard. The distance is approximately 17 nautical miles.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 One race shall constitute a series.

11.2 Division One (1) and Two (2) boats racing under an ORC Club or ORCi certificate: results will be calculated by Time on Time. If used, Triple Number scoring coefficient will be based on the following three speed ranges:

- Low Range (< 9 knots)
- Medium Range (between 9 and 14 knots)
- High Range (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. This may be changed to reflect actual conditions.

11.3 Division Three (3), Four (Sport Boats), Five (5) and Seven (7) boats racing under a PHRF certificate: results will be calculated by using the PHRF-BC Time on Time formula. The Sport Boat Division may be started using a Melges 24 Flag.

## **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.

## **13. PRIZES**

Awards will be presented at the annual WVYC awards dinner to the top three boats in each division as established in the Sailing Instructions.

## **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. 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 nor personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. 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 participation boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

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

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