



**12th Annual Women's
Race & Annual Cruise
to Elliot Bay
May 25 & 26 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20212024Finalwithbookmarks-\[27255\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20212024Finalwithbookmarks-[27255].pdf) (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All boats are reminded of Fundamental Rule 1: A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in trouble.
- 1.3 All boats are reminded of Fundamental Rule 3: DECISION TO RACE The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by registering via the Club website by 1600 hours May 23, 2024.
- 2.2 PHRF speed potential ratings will be used. Any boat without a Valid PHRF BC rating will be given a rating by the Race Organiser based on available information.
- 2.3 Start times will be determined using the time on distance system under PHRF using a course length of 8.0 NM.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 No Flying Sails
- 3.2 Monitor Channel 73.
- 3.3 Moorage will be at Elliott Bay east docks.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be made verbally by the Race Chair as needed. Monitor your VHF channel 73.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The event is a Pursuit race with individual start time as assigned by Race Chair based on individual ratings. The first boat will start at 1030 hours. Start times will be posted at the club and emailed to each boat representative 24 hours prior to the race.

6. DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 All boats will be in the same division.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Howe Sound, between Passage Island and Elliott Bay

8. MARKS

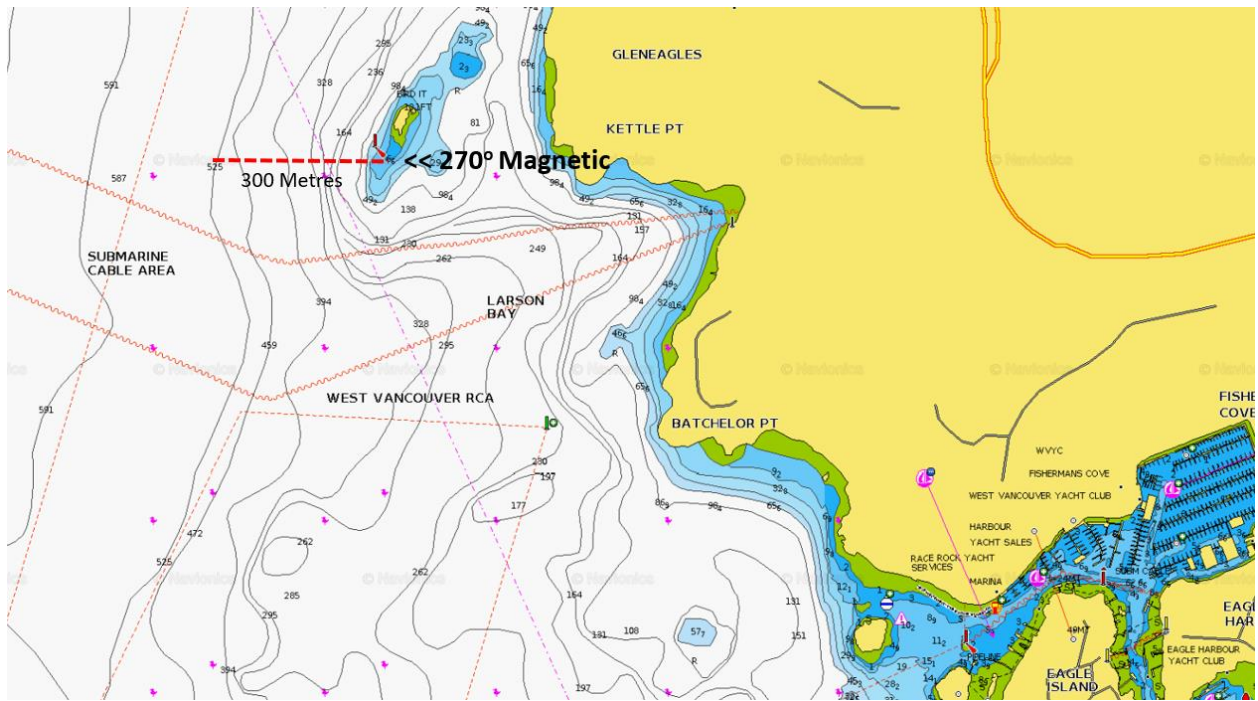
- 8.1 Bowen Island shall be left to port

9. CHECK IN

- 9.1 A team representative for each boat competing in the event must check-in at the Participant's meeting held at 0900 hours May 25, 2024 in the WVYC Clubhouse. All participants in the event are invited to attend the meeting.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The START Line will be between the red-light beacon at Bird Islets and the Race Committee boat holding station approximately 300 metres to the WEST (magnetic 270 degrees). Boats shall start by leaving the Race Committee boat end to PORT.
- 10.2 If the Race Committee boat is not on station, the Start line will be from the red-light beacon at Bird Islets on a line West (Magnetic 270 degrees) for 300 metres, as in the diagram below. The Light will bear Magnetic 090 degrees from your vessel.



11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line is a virtual line between the south end of the rock reef located on the west side of Centre Bay and the end of the breakwater located on the east side of Centre Bay at a heading of 101 degrees magnetic East. (This line is approximately 0.5 NM south of Alexander Island).

11.2 Record your finish time, as well as the names of boats ahead and behind you. Since this is a pursuit race, this will determine your finish position.



12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit will be 1500 hours on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Competitors are reminded that this race involves a wide range of boat sizes and speed potentials, and crews of varying experience. All boats should make an extra effort to appreciate the performance differences of nearby vessels. If fouls do occur, please respect the principles of good sportsmanship, and do a 720 degree turn to exonerate your fault.
- 13.2 Protests will not be heard unless an injury or damage occurs and such protest is required for insurance purposes or for violations of RRS.Rule 41.
- 13.3 The jury will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt starting at 2000 hours at WVYC on the Wednesday evening following the event.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 As this is a pursuit style race, your finish order will represent your final place. Results will be posted on the Club web site <https://www.wvyc.ca/on-the-water/racing/womens-club-races>

15. BOATS NOT FINISHING

- 15.1 If a boat retires or otherwise does not finish a race, skippers must report their retirement as soon as practicable after their retirement. The report shall be made to the Race Chair Jane Mauchan, or Event Chair Leslie Pratt, by VHF radio channel 73 or by phone to the club at 604-921-7575. Failure to notify may lead to Search and Rescue being called out.

16. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- 16.1 All boats shall comply with Transport Canada regulations as outlined in the Safe Boating Guide. https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp_511e.pdf

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The Diva Trophy will be awarded to the boat placing first overall and will be awarded on May 26, 2024 and at the WVYC Annual Awards event. In order to qualify for the Diva Trophy, boats must have only females on board during the race.

18. HOSTING

- 18.1 The host of next year's event will be chosen by random draw of all boats registered, power and sail. The Racing portion of the next event to be organized by a representative of the winning sailboat.

19. PARTICIPANTS MEETING

- 19.1 0900 hrs May 25, 2024 in the WVYC Clubhouse
- 19.2 Please call Race Organiser Jane Mauchan 604.924.4948 with any questions about the race to Centre Bay.
- 19.3 Please email event Chair Leslie Pratt at WCRChair@wvyc.ca or call C 604.351.1974 H 604.921.7761 with any questions about the social activities associated with the event.