

Sailing Instructions

2018 Halibut Bank / Popham Island Race.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the Sail Canada, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The rules for each division as applicable under section 3 include the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules for ORC Club, the, the VARC Notice of Race, the 2018 Halibut/Popham Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The safety standard being used by VARC is the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Extract for Race Category 4 Monohulls JANUARY 2016 - DECEMBER 2017
- 1.4 Skippers of boats who don't normally race in VARC events and who comply with 2017 PIYA Near shore Category only may apply in writing to the WVYC organizing authority at least 2 days in advance of the race for a variance.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 This event is designated Category "C" in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main Clubhouse near the front entrance, and via VHF on channel 73 at 1000.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on 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 race signal AP.

5 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 5.1 Boats will be assigned to Divisions based on their handicap rating or classification as follows:
 - Div. 1 (pennant 1): ORC – GPH 610.0 or less
 - Div. 2 (pennant 2): PHRF rating of 60-99
 - Div. 3 (pennant 3): PHRF rating of 100-173
 - Div. 7 (pennant 7): PHRF rating of 174-275
 - Div. 5 (pennant 5) PHRF open rating –Cruising Division, no flying sails.

6 CHECK IN BEFORE THE START

- 6.1 All boats must notify the Race Committee of their intention to race providing their sail number, division, boat name. Please check in by VHF channel 73.
- 6.2 No check in will be accepted during start sequences.
- 6.3 Failure to comply with this notification may result in the boat being scored "DNS"

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 One race for each division will be held Saturday, April 28th 2018
- 7.2 The first warning signal will be scheduled for 1035 hours
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.
- 7.4 Racing will take place in Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

8 THE COURSES

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1. HALIBUT BANK: Division 1 and 2
From the starting line, located in the vicinity of the south end of Passage Island, leaving the Halibut Bank ODAS Buoy to PORT, to the finish line located in the vicinity of the south end of Passage Island. Distance is approximately 33.6 NM
2. POPHAM ISLAND: Division 3, Div 7, and Div 5 (Cruising)
From the starting line located in the vicinity of the south end of Passage Island, leaving an inflated mark positioned south west of Popham Island to port, to a finish line located in the vicinity of the south end of Passage Island. Distance is approximately 16.9NM

8.2 Courses will not be shortened.

8.3 The pin end of the start / finish line will be an inflatable mark.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 9.2 The start line will be positioned in the vicinity of Passage Island, however if there is insufficient wind, the Race Committee may move the start line. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark.
- 9.3 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 m radius in all directions from the start line.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS"

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line, located in the vicinity of the south end of Passage Island, will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit for the Halibut Bank Race is 1800 hours for all divisions. No finish time will be recorded after this time.
- 11.2 The time limit for the Popham Island Race is 1800 hours for all divisions. No finish time will be recorded after this time.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 `Protests shall be filed in accordance with rule 60 except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 `Protest forms are available at the WVYC Clubhouse office.
- 12.3 `The protest time limit is 0900 hours on the morning after race day. Notices will be posted by 1200 hours on the morning after the race, on the website, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the WVYC clubhouse at approximately 1730 hours on the Tuesday immediately following the race. 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.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 Division 1 will be scored ORC.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be subject to protest from the Race Committee.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- Failure to do so would be subject to protest by Race Committee
- 14.3 All boats, except boats racing by their one design class rules, shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4, Monohulls, 2014-2015 as *amended* by the VARC Notice of Race.
 - 14.4 All boats may be inspected by the Race Committee to verify compliance with the minimum equipment standards. Boats found to be not in compliance may be subject to protest from the Race Committee but not by a competitor.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 73 for race communications. Please monitor this channel.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the races, regattas and race series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the West Vancouver Yacht Club, sponsors and suppliers 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.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 All boats must include with their entries a copy of the certificate of Insurance indicating that their boat is covered with a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times. This changes VARC NOR 18.1.

18 SPONSORS

- 18.1 The West Vancouver Yacht Club and VARC wish to acknowledge and thank our Sponsors: Navis Marine Insurance Brokers – 922-8935 - <http://www.navismarine.ca>