



**WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB**  
**Collingwood Channel Race**

**April 29 , 2023**

**West Vancouver, British Columbia**

**Hosted by:**

**West Vancouver Yacht Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of 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 VARC Notice of Race, the 2023 Collingwood Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 2023 PIYA SER Category Nearshore + (plus) shall also apply as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 This event is designated Category "C" in accordance with World Sailing 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 at [www.wvyc.ca/on-the-water/racing/halibut-bank-collingwood-channel-race](http://www.wvyc.ca/on-the-water/racing/halibut-bank-collingwood-channel-race)

**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 600.0 or less  
Div. 2 (pennant 2): ORC – GPH 600.0 – 640.0  
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  
Sport Boat (pennant 4): PHRF  
Melges 24 (class flag)

## 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, and boat name to the Race committee prior to the first warning signal, by RADIO VHF channel 73.
- 6.2 Failure to comply with this notification may result in the boat being scored “DNS”

## 7 SCHEDULES OF RACES

- 7.1 One race for each Division will be held Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023
- 7.2 The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 hours.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1300 hours.
- 7.4 Racing will take place in Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 For Divisions (1,2,3,7,5) and the Sport Boats:
  - 8.1.1 From the starting line, located approximately 0.6 miles southeast of Passage Island, leaving a beacon located approximately 49° 23.338' N, 123°24.640' W in Collingwood Channel to PORT, to the finish line southeast of Passage Island
  - 8.1.2 Distance 16.8 nautical miles
  - 8.1.3 Course will not be shortened
- 8.2 For the Melges 24
  - 8.2.1 Around the Can course: See appendix A

## 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 RED inflatable mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose class 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 finishing line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the race committee boat and a nearby YELLOW inflatable mark for Divisions (1,2,3,7,5) boats and Sport Boats.
- 10.2 The finishing line for the Melges 24 will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a RED inflatable mark.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit for the Collingwood Channel Race is Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1700 hours for all divisions and the Sport Boats. No finish time will be recorded after this time.
- 11.2 For the Melges 24 the time limit be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish

- 11.3 Melges 24: boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF

## 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 Protest forms are to be delivered to the Club office and an email sent to [admin@wvyc.ca](mailto:admin@wvyc.ca) notifying a protest is filed.
- 12.4 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 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 1900 hours on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. 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.

## 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.
- 14.3 All boats, except boats racing by their one design class rules, shall comply with the PIYA SERS Category Nearshore 2023 with the following modifications:
- 14.3.1 Navigation lights shall read: A boat shall have navigation lights that meet Coast Guard and Dept of Transport requirements.
- 14.3.2 Radar reflectors shall include Tubular type commercially available radar reflector permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical and meeting the minimum effective height requirement.
- 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 \$2,000,000 liability. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times.

## 18 SPONSORS

- 18.1 The West Vancouver Yacht Club and VARC wish to acknowledge and thank our Sponsors: Martin Marine and Mustang.

## Appendix A

### Melges 24 Course

Course: Start Line, Orange Mark, Gate (between Red mark and Committee Boat),  
Orange Mark, Finish.

