



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

## Sailing Instructions

### 2022 Halibut Bank and Popham Island

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the 2022 VARC Notice of Race.
- 1.2 PHRF boats shall sail according to the rules of PHRF BC; ORC Club and ORCi boats will sail according to the rules of the Offshore Racing Congress

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main Clubhouse near the front entrance.

#### 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.

#### 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 in Section 3.2.1 of the VARC Notice of Race, and as shown below:

Div. 1 (pennant 1): ORC – GPH less than 600 (See also Div 2 definition)

Div. 2 (pennant 2): ORC – GPH between 600 and 640

[Division 2 will be scored ORC and boats rating faster than ORC GPH 600 who also rate slower than or equal to PHRF-BC 60 may elect to race in Div 2]

Div. 3 (pennant 3): PHRF rating of 100 – 173

Div. 4 (pennant 4): PHRF Sport Boat:

- Length Overall LOA (m) 5.5 to 8.5
- Displacement in measurement Trim DSPM (kg) < 2000
- Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM03 < 3.70
- Spinnaker is Asymmetric on CL (Centerline).

Div. 5 (pennant 5): PHRF open rating – Cruising Division, no flying sails

Div. 7 (pennant 7): PHRF rating of 174 – 275



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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. Failure to provide this notification may result in the boat being scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This modifies RRS A4 and A5

7 SCHEDULES OF RACES

- 7.1.1 ORC Divisions 1, 2, Halibut Bank, one race for each Division will be held Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 7.1.2 The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1055 hours.
- 7.1.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.
- 7.1.4 Racing will take place in Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

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9 THE COURSES

- 8.1 ORC Divisions 1, 2, Halibut Bank
- 8.1.1 From the Start line, located approximately 0.6 miles southeast of Passage Island, leaving Halibut Bank ODAS buoy to port.
- 8.1.2 The distance is approximately 34 nautical miles.
- 8.1.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 8.2 All PHRF Divisions; 3,4(Sport Boats), 5, 7
- 8.2.1 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.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 ORC and PHRF Handicap Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4(Sport Boats), 5, 7, – Halibut Bank and Popham Islands:
- 9.1.1 The Pin end of the Start line will be an ORANGE inflatable mark.
- 9.1.2 The Pin end of the Finish line will be an ORANGE inflatable mark.
- 9.2 THE START for all Divisions:
- 9.2.1 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 Signal boat and a nearby ORANGE inflatable mark.
- 9.2.2 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.
- 9.2.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This modifies RRS A4 and A5.



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## 10 THE FINISH

10.1 ORC and PHRF Handicap Divisions 1, 2, 3,4(Sport Boats), 5, 7,– Halibut Bank and Popham Islands

10.1.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby ORANGE inflatable mark on the Pin end.

## 11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1 ORC Divisions 1, 2,– Halibut Bank and PHRF Divisions 3,4(Sport Boats), 5, 7,

11.2 The time limit for both races is Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1800 hours for all divisions. Boats finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 ORC and PHRF Handicap Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4(Sport Boats), 5, 7 ,– Halibut and Popham Islands:

12.1.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

## 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the WVYC Clubhouse office.

13.2 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.

13.3 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 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 19:00 hours on the Thursday immediately following the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

## 14 SCORING

14.1 ORC Divisions 1, 2 and PHRF Handicap, 3, 4(Sport Boats), 5, 7 :

14.1.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

14.1.2 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 that it plans to use prior to the start of the race.

14.1.3 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.



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15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 All boats are reminded of the VARC Safety Requirements specified in the VARC Notice of Race, Section 1.4.
- 15.3 All boats may be inspected by the Race Committee to verify compliance with the minimum equipment standards specified in VARC NOR 1.4. Boats found not in compliance may be subject to protest by the Race Committee but not by a competitor.
- 15.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16 COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.
- 16.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 73 for race communications. Please monitor this channel.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 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.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.