



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB



Sailing Instructions

2007 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 Canadian Yachting Association (CYA).
- 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 Martin 242 Class Rules as amended by Fleet One, the International J/24 Class Rules, the VARC Notice of Race, this Notice of Race, and the 2007 Halibut Bank Popham Island Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Race Category 4 shall apply to all divisions except the one-design classes.

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 1000 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 as follows:
 - Div. 1 (pennant 1): ORC – GPH 600 or less
 - Div. 2 (pennant 2): ORC – GPH between 600.1 and 630
 - Div. 3 (pennant 3): ORC – GPH between 630.1 and 675
 - Div. 5 (pennant 5): PHRF rating of 134-164
 - Div. 6 (pennant 6): PHRF rating of 165 -275
 - Div. 0 (pennant 0): PHRF rating of 0 – 275 "Open Class"
 - Div. M (M242): The Martin 242 class will race as one-design in their fleet sanctioned events.

Div. J (J/24): The J/24 class will race as one-design in their fleet sanctioned events.

5.2 All boats with the exception of divisions "M" and "J" must fly their division pennants from their backstay. Boats failing to do so are subject to protest by the race committee but not by competitors.

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

6.2 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, May 5th, 2007

7.2 The first signal will be made at 1055 hours. Subsequent warning signals will be made as soon as practicable.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

7.4 Racing will take place in Howe Sound and the Straight of Georgia.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Divisions 1,2, and 3 (Long Course) will sail to, and round, **Halibut Bank** to port. Approximate location **49°20'4" N 123°43'6" W**

8.2 All other divisions (Short Course) will sail to, and round to port, an inflatable mark located offshore of the South West Corner **Popham Island**. Approximate location **49°21'8" N 123°29'8"**

8.3 Courses will not be shortened.

8.4 The pin end of the start / finish line will be an inflatable shape.

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 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS"

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby inflatable shape.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit for the Halibut Bank Race is 2200 hours. No finish time will be recorded after this time.

11.2 The time limit for the Popham Island Race is 1800 hours. 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 and are to be lodged there within the protest time limit on the day of the race.
- 12.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after racing is completed for the day. 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 shall comply with ORC Offshore Regulations Category 4 Mono-hulls, except boats racing within their one design class.
- 14.4 All boats may be inspected by the Race Committee to verify compliance with the minimum equipment standards. Boats found 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.