

**Canadian Yachting Association**  
**WOMEN'S NATIONAL KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**September 11 - 13, 2009**

**Hosted by the West Vancouver Yacht Club**

Preliminary Notice of Race September 3, 2009

**1. Organization Authority**

- 1.1. The organizing authority is the West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC) West Vancouver, British Columbia in conjunction with the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA).

**2. Rules**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.  
2.2. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**3. Advertising**

- 3.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

**4. Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1. This regatta is open to all women who are members of ISAF member National Authorities.  
4.2. There will be a maximum of 20 boats.  
4.3. Entries will be time stamped upon receipt by the registrar, starting on the registration opening date. Should there be twenty or fewer entries by the closing date, all entries will be accepted and registered for the regatta. If there should be more than twenty entries, acceptance into the regatta shall be determined as follows: First and second boats registered from each province or territories are guaranteed an entry position. Thereafter, an alphabetical rotation will take place by province or territory, in order of entry receipt.  
4.4. Entrants bringing their own boats will be assigned places up to the maximum boats allowed to enter.  
4.5. All sailors will be required to present proof of membership with an ISAF member National Authority. For sailors with membership at CYA member clubs, the CYA membership card is the method of proof.  
4.6. Eligible teams shall enter by completing the registration form, and paying the registration fee.  
4.7. Teams must submit a brief sailing resume for the skipper and each crew, by close of registration.  
4.8. Teams requesting a boat charter must also complete the boat charter agreement form at the registration desk at the opening of the regatta.  
4.9. Teams may enter through:

On-line registration at [www.wvyc.bc.ca](http://www.wvyc.bc.ca)

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- 4.10. **Registration opens May 19th, 2009.**
- 4.11. **Registration closes June 30th, 2009.**

## 5. Fees

- 5.1. \$325.00 plus GST (\$341.25) per boat. Payment may be made using Visa or MasterCard
- 5.2. Payment will be processed after the entry has been accepted.

## 6. Boats

- 6.1. The event will be sailed in J 24's, with spinnakers by a skipper and a maximum of six crew and the class maximum of total crew weight of 400kg will not apply.
- 6.2. Genoas will not be used.
- 6.3. A team is encouraged to bring their own J24's.
- 6.4. A limited number of boats will be available for charter.
- 6.5. A \$500 refundable damage deposit will be required from all teams using a chartered boat.
- 6.6. Through a random draw, charter boats will be allocated to teams in the order that entries are accepted.

## 7. Schedule

- 7.1. Registration.
- 7.2. The registration desk will be open Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1600 and 2200 and Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 0900 and 1200.
- 7.3. Schedule:

Date	Time	Event
September 11	0900	Competitors information session
	1000	On-shore J24 Clinic
	1200-1600	On-water practice
	1500	Warning Signal – First Race of Day
	1700	Opening Ceremonies
September 12	1000	Warning Signal – First Race of Day
September 13	1000	Warning Signal – First Race of Day
		No warning signal after 1430

## 8. Measurement

- 8.1. All boats entered in the regatta will be inspected to ensure they meet measurement requirements. Regatta representative will have all boats adjusted so they are matched fairly. Approval of equipment substitution must have written permission of the race committee. The race committee may authorize equipment that has not been measured,.

## 9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Official Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration Desk.

## 10. Venue

- 10.1. Racing will take place on the waters of Howe Sound, adjacent to WVYC. Course location will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. 7 races are scheduled.
- 11.2. One race is required to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score for the regatta will be the sum of her total race scores.
- 11.4. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score for the regatta will be her total score less her worst score.

## **12. Berthing**

- 12.1. All boats shall be kept within their assigned places in WVYC's basin.
- 12.2. All boats shall be launched by 2000 on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, except with and according to the terms of written permission from the organizing authority.
- 12.3. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission from the jury.

## **13. Radio Communication**

- 13.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 13.2. The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate with competitors. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio.

## **14. Prizes**

- 14.1. CYA will recognize the top 5 finishers.
- 14.2. CYA Trophy for Canadian Women's Sailing Championship will be awarded to the top Canadian finisher.

## **15. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2. The Canadian Yachting Association, West Vancouver Yacht Club and all other individuals and entities involved in the organization of this regatta shall accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage or loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred or inflicted to participants before, during or after this regatta.

## **16. INSURANCE**

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 2 million per event or the equivalent.
- 16.2. All sailors are responsible to ensure they are covering adequate liability insurance.
- 16.3. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a competitor is insured.

## **17. Rights to Use Name and Likeness**

- 17.1. In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in these events event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the events without compensation.

## **18. Accommodations**

18.1. Accommodation options will be posted on the regatta website.

## **19. Further Information**

For further information please see the event website at [www.wvyc.bc.ca](http://www.wvyc.bc.ca)

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