



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

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PRESENT

2007 VARC Howe Sound Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2007-09-12 Includes Amended section 6.1

Event Date: Saturday September 15, 2007
Host Club: West Vancouver Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, the Equipment Standards of PIYA, the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules for ORC club, the International Martin 242 Class Rules as amended by Fleet One and the International J 24 Class Rules.

1.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration online at the West Vancouver Yacht Club website prior to 2200 hours the day before the race. Go to:
<http://www.wvyc.bc.ca/racing/2007VARCatWVYC.htm>

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it takes 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 in front of the WVYC Clubhouse.

4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1055 hours.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

5.3 The number and duration of races will be determined by conditions on race day.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags are as follows:

- Division 1 - Numeral Pennant 1 ORC – GPH 600 or less
- Division 2 - Numeral Pennant 2 ORC – GPH 600.1 to 630
- Division 3 - Numeral Pennant 3 ORC – GPH 630.1 to 675
- Division 5 - Numeral Pennant 5 PHRF 124 to 164
- Division 6 - Numeral Pennant 6 PHRF 165 to 231
- Division 7 - Numeral Pennant 7 PHRF 232 to 275
- Open Class - Numeral Pennant 0 PHRF 0 to 275
- M242 - M242 Class Flag

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will take place in any of Howe Sound, portions of the Southern Strait of Georgia and English Bay.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be indicated by letters displayed on the Race Committee boat. The course board will show divisions and marks in the order they are to be rounded.

For Example:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
1 - 2	A F Q B Z
3	A Z
5-6-7	B F Q B Z
M242	Y Z T

8.2 A red panel displayed on the course board indicates that marks are to be rounded to port. A green panel displayed on the course board indicates that marks are to be rounded to starboard. If neither a red or green panel is displayed on the course board, marks will be rounded to port.

8.3 When the letter “T” is displayed on the course board all boats in the indicated division must sail the course indicated twice around and must pass through the “start / finish” line on the completion of the first round.

9. MARKS / GATES

9.1 Designation	Description	Approximate Position
A	Cates Bay	49° 24.9'N 123° 18.6'W
B	Bird Islets and Beacon	
C	Start Mark	
D	Inflated Mark	Approx. 0.5 NM offshore between Cowan Point and Roger Curtis.
E	QB	49° 19.1'N 123° 12' W
F	Passage Island	
G	Pt. Grey Bell Buoy	49° 17.4'N 123° 15.9'W
H	QA	49° 17.0'N 123° 19.2'W
J	Q52 (False Creek, Red Spar)	49° 16.9'N 123° 08.9'W
K	Inflated Mark	Vicinity of Pt. Atkinson
L	Inflated Mark	Vicinity of Cowan Point, Bowen Island
M	Kits Barge Buoy	49° 16.9'N 123° 09.9'W
N	Inflated Mark	Vicinity of south end of Passage Island
P	Inflated Mark	Vicinity of north end of Passage Island
Q	Gate consisting of Start Mark and Committee Boat. Proceed through the gate in the direction from the last mark.	
R	Red Inflated Mark	Located to windward of the RC boat.
Y	Yellow Inflated Mark	Located to windward of the RC boat.
Z	Inflated Mark	Located to leeward of the RC boat.

* Grebe Islets must be left in-shore in all races.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and nearby Mark C.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat in the affected division has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and nearby inflatable shape with a blue cover or blue flag.

The Race Committee will endeavor to set a finish line separate from the start line to facilitate starting and finishing different divisions simultaneously.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 3 hours from their actual start time or 1800 hours which ever comes first will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their division finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1.1 Protest time limit will be 1 hour after RC boat docks. The exact time shall be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Protests should be filed at the front desk of the WVYC Club House within the time limit posted or as otherwise specified on the official Notice Board.

15.3 Protests will be heard on the Tuesday following the event beginning at 1800 hours at the WVYC Clubhouse.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of appendix A will apply.

16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All boats shall comply with Category III of the PIYA Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation.

17.2 All boats may be inspected by the Race Committee to verify compliance with the minimum equipment standards. Boats found to be not in compliance will be subject to protest from the Race Committee.

17.3 Prior to the first warning signal of the day for the first starting class, all boats must check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the Race Committee boat.

17.4 The Race Committee Shall monitor VHF channel 73.

17.56 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18 PRIZES and POST RACE SOCIAL EVENT

18.1 Door Prizes will be awarded after racing at a BBQ social event at the West Vancouver Yacht Club.

18.2 All efforts will be made to accommodate visiting yachts during the social.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 million per event or the equivalent.

21 Sponsor

21.1 VARC, the West Vancouver Yacht Club and all the participating sailors greatly appreciate the kind support from **INSTAFUND** – www.instafund.com