



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

## 2008 Wednesday Evening Series

### NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amended 2008-05-05 with the addition of paragraphs 14.4 & 23.2

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 will govern the Regatta.
- 1.2. The equipment standards of PIYA category III will apply.
- 1.3. ,The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.
- 1.4. The rules of the PHRF of BC will apply.
- 1.5. , Any and all subsequent amendments to these Sailing Instructions will apply.

#### 2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1. Participants may register online using the WVYC website in the Racing section. Registrations must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the first race they wish to compete in. Boats not registered will not be scored.

#### 3. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Division 1, ORC scoring will be used.  
Divisions 2, 3, 5 & J, PHRF speed potential ratings will be used. All Skippers must supply a copy of their boat's PHRF certificate as issued by the PHRF of BC with their entry form. Finish times will not be posted for boats without a valid PHRF form on file in the Sailing Director's office. Boats registered in Division 5 (Cruising) who do not have a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating.
- 3.2. Ratings shall not be changed during a series.
- 3.3. For Division 5, to be eligible for a "NO FLYING SAILS" rating, boats must use working sails only; attached by their luff to permanent stays or spars. Not less than 90% of the luff length must be attached to the permanent stay or spar with not less than 8 (eight) snaps or sail track slides distributed evenly along the luff; or, alternately, attachment may be by a luff-rope groove. Only one (1) working sail luff may be attached to each permanent stay or spar. A boat may not fly more than one jib nor fly any sail forward of the mainmast which does not qualify as a jib. Only one sail may be used forward of the main mast on Sloops, Cutters, Yawls, and Ketches unless the yacht is specifically rated for carrying additional sails. When changing jibs, the "up"--hoisted--jib must be fully lowered to the deck before the replacement jib is raised. Before lowering the "up" jib, the replacement jib MAY be hanked on the forestay, or started in the second headfoil groove up to five feet above deck. The second halyard may be attached before lowering the "up" jib. Jibs may NOT be attached to temporary or detachable stays. NFS ratings exclude such sails as spinnakers, mizzen staysails, streakers, drifters flown from their own temporary stays, bloopers, etc. Spinnaker poles and Whisker poles may NOT be used.
- 3.4. PHRF boats will be scored using the time on time system.

#### 4. FEES

<u>Series</u>	<u>Non-WVYC Member</u>	<u>WVYC Member</u>
Spring	\$75	\$55
Summer	\$75	\$55
Fall	\$45	\$35
All Three Series	\$150	\$125
Single Race	\$20	\$15

#### 5. DIVISIONS

5.1. Division 1 ≤ 110

Division 2 111 – 170

Division 3 ≥ 171

Division 5 Cruising – No Flying Sails

Division J J/24 One Design

5.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter division splits before the start of the first race of each series.

#### 6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

6.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the main floor of the WVYC Clubhouse.

#### 7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 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.

#### 8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed using the flagpole west of the WVYC Clubhouse.

8.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the description of race signal AP.

#### 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

9.1. Dates of racing

Spring - Series 1	May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2008
Summer - Series 2	July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, & 20, 2008
Fall - Series 3	August 27, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2008

Eight (8) races are scheduled in Series 1 & 2 and five (5) races are scheduled in Series 3.

9.2. The first warning signal each day is scheduled:

at 1825 hours for Series 1 and 2

at 1755 hours for Series 3

9.3. No warning signal will be made after:

1930 hours for Series 1 and 2

1900 hours for Series 3.

9.4. Scheduled races not sailed or completed during the series are cancelled.

#### 10. DIVISION FLAGS

10.1. Division flags will be as follows:

**DIVISION**

**FLAG**

1

Numeral Pennant 1

2

Numeral Pennant 2

3

Numeral Pennant 3

5 (Cruising)

Numeral Pennant 5

J

J/24 Class Flag (Blue "J/24" on white)

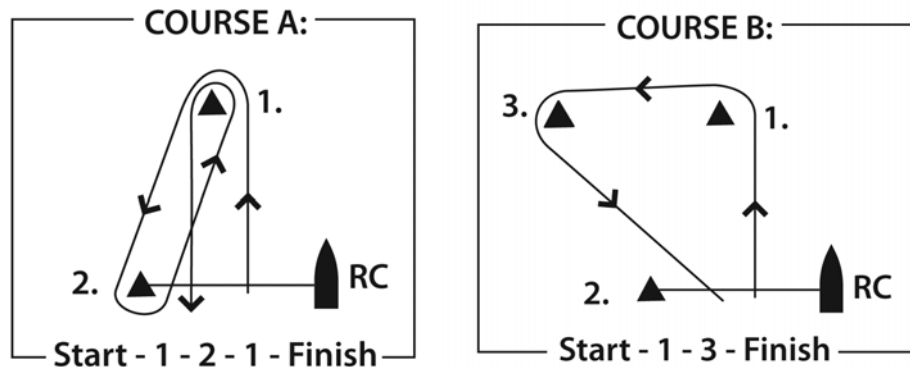
## 11. RACING AREA

- 11.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of the West Vancouver Yacht Club, Passage Island and Whitecliffe Park.

## 12. THE COURSES

- 12.1. The diagrams for course options "A & B" below form part of these sailing instructions. Course "A" is the default course unless otherwise indicated. The course diagrams indicate the order and direction in which the marks are to be rounded. The approximate race duration will be 40 - 70 minutes.

Division 5 (Cruising) will sail only one lap.



- 12.2. Course option "B" will be indicated in the start sequence by the presence of the red code flag "B" along with the Division flag. This course will involve a reaching mark "3".

## 13. MARKS

- 13.1. Mark 1 will be a yellow shape for divisions 1 & 5.  
Mark 1 will be a red shape for divisions 2, 3, & J/24.  
Mark 2 will be an orange shape for all divisions.  
Mark 3 will be located on the port side of the course as viewed from the start line.
- 13.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 16.1, will be an inflatable shape.

## 14. THE START

- 14.1. Races will be started using rule 26 where the warning signal shall be 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 14.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark 2 (an orange inflatable shape).
- 14.3. 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 meter radius in all directions from the start line.
- 14.4. Boats are required to check in prior to each race by VHF Channel 73. boats failing to check in will be scored DNC.

## 15. SHORTENED COURSE

- 15.1. Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course for a particular class or classes, Code flag S shall be displayed with the class flag and the shortened course shall apply **only to the class or classes displayed**. Class signals will not be displayed when the Race Committee intends to shorten course for all classes.

- 15.2. Should the race be shortened to one lap, boats shall proceed through the start / finish line in the direction from the last mark. This Instruction clarifies but does not alter rule 32.2 (a).

## **16. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 16.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 16.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

## **17. THE FINISH**

- 17.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and Mark 2 (an orange inflatable shape).

## **18. TIME LIMITS**

- 18.1. The time limit will be 120 minutes for each race.
- 18.2. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her division sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes rule 35.
- 18.3. The RC may assign an estimated finish time to a boat that is significantly delaying the RC from picking up the course, thus delaying awards.

## **19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 19.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with rule 60 except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2. Protest forms are available at the WVYC clubhouse office and shall be submitted directly to the RO or placed in the mail tray located just outside the Sailing Director's office within the protest time limit on the day of the race. DO NOT submit to the WVYC front office mail slot.
- 19.3. The protest time limit is 45 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.
- 19.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Yachting Centre on an evening during the 6 days following the event.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply
- 20.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3. Each boat's Series scores will be the total of her race scores.  
Abandoned races are not considered in tallying Series scores.
- 20.4. In Series 1 & 2, if 1 to 4 races are sailed, there will be no throw-outs.  
If 5 or 6 races are sailed, there will be 1 throw-out  
If 7 or 8 races are sailed, there will be 2 throw outs.
- 20.5. In Series 3, if 1 to 4 races are sailed, there will be no throw-outs.  
If 5 races are sailed, there will be 1 throw-out.
- 20.6. A boat must compete in all 3 series to be considered for overall winner in her division. Each boat's score from each series, as determined by instructions 20.3, 20.4, and 20.5, will be added together to determine the overall winner for each division. Where Divisions 2 and 3 are merged in the Summer Series, the overall scores will be calculated as if the divisions were separate (as in the Spring and Fall series).
- 20.7. Division 1 will be scored using the ORC system that provides wind index options of light, medium and strong.

Divisions 2, 3, 5 and J will be scored using the standard PHRF Time on Time system.

## **21. SAFETY**

- 21.1. Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be disqualified. The boat may be disqualified for the race or for the series at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 21.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **22. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

- 22.1. All boats shall comply with Category III of the PIYA Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation. A signed and dated copy of which must remain on board.
- 22.2. Any or 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.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 23.2. Race Communications will take place using VHF Channel 73.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. Prizes will be given to each boat placing first, second, and third in each race if there are 4 or more boats racing and finishing.  
If there are 3 boats, then only first and second place prizes will be awarded.  
If there are 2 boats, only a first place prize will be awarded. Prizes will be presented during the post race BBQ.
- 24.2. Prizes will also be awarded to each boat placing first, second, and third in each series, and to the boat placing first in each division for the combined series. A boat must race in all 3 series to be considered for the combined award. These prizes will be awarded at WVYC Annual Awards Night.

## **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. 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.

## **26. INSURANCE**

- 26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times.