

**VERNON YACHT CLUB
2017
RACING FLEET
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES:

The 2017 club races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - (2017 – 2020), the prescriptions of the CYA, the rules of each class racing, any changes posted on the official notice board, and by the following sailing instructions.

2. RACE SCHEDULE:

Schedule will be posted on the VYC web site along with those persons responsible for race committee boat on each given day. This will also be available from the racing fleet secretary-treasurer.

Sunday racing first warning signal will commence at 1:00 pm (13:00 hrs), except for the winter series which will commence at noon (12:00 hrs), and races to be held in the bay in front of the Yacht club or at the discretion of the racing fleet, the main lake.

Wednesday night racing will commence at 6:15 pm (18:15 hrs) and will be held in the bay in front of the Vernon Yacht Club, or as posted prior to the race(s).

3. AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Award presentations are planned for 6:00PM (18:00 hrs) Saturday November 4th 2017 at the Vernon Yacht Club.

4. ORDER OF CLASS STARTS:

The planned order of class starts will be as follows:

- a. X cruising fleet (white fleet flag)
- b. B fleet (red fleet flag)
- c. A fleet (yellow fleet flag)

The starting order may be modified by the committee boat on race night. However, every attempt will be made to start fleets **separately**. Please watch for your fleet flag to confirm your starting time. Please note the Race Committee may not always start all the fleets using the same sequence. If one or more fleets have finished a race and the other fleets have not yet finished the race committee may start those fleets that have already finished, on their next race, before the other fleets have completed their race. Therefore, please watch the committee boat for your fleet warning flag (indicating another race will be starting) as soon as your fleet has completed its race.

5. COURSES AND MARKS:

A. For courses in the bay in front of the Vernon Yacht Club -

X = the start line (between the RC flag on the committee boat and north yellow tower)

F = the finish line (between the RC flag on the committee boat and south yellow tower)

Mark 'A' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy. It is the most westerly placed buoy.

Mark 'B' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy

It is the first buoy to the west of the start line.

Mark 'C' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy marked 'Creative Connectors' -

Sponsored by Lyle Enns. It is the first buoy to the east of the start line

Mark 'D' is a yellow tower shaped buoy. It is the most easterly place buoy.

Mark 'E' is a yellow tower racing buoy. It is between A and B and to the south.

Mark 'Y' is the south yellow racing tower south of the committee boat.

Courses 1 to 14

Marks are to be left to PORT

Course 1	XBEYBFCF	2.60NM
Course 2	XEYBFCF	2.52NM
Course 3	XBFD	1.96NM
Course 4	XBEFD	2.28NM
Course 5	XAEFCF	2.43NM
Course 6	XAEFD	2.93NM
Course 7	XCYCFF	2.34NM
Course 8	XDFBF	1.96NM
Course 9	XDFBF	2.28NM
Course 10	XCYCFBF	2.42NM
Course 11	XDFAEF	2.93NM
Course 12	XCFAEF	2.43NM
Course 13	XEYBF	1.88NM
Course 14	XForestryCampF	8.46NM

B. For courses in the Main Lake

y = the start line which is an imaginary line between the RC flag on the committee boat and a round orange buoy

x = the finish line which is an imaginary line between the RC flag on the committee boat and a round orange buoy. **The finish line will be the same line as the start line for races in the main lake**

Mark 'C' is a large yellow inflatable regatta buoy
 Mark 'E' is a triangular green buoy marked KPMG
 Mark 'B' is the most northerly anchoring buoy at the Forestry Camp anchoring site

Course 1	yEBCx	leave marks to starboard
Course 2	yExCx	leave marks to starboard
Course 3	yExCxEx	leave marks to starboard
Course 4	yCBEx	leave marks to port
Course 5	yCxEx	leave marks to port
Course 6	yCxExCx	leave marks to port
Course 7	y to finish at the finish line in front of the yacht club as described in the courses in the bay on page 2	

6. STARTING SYSTEM: The starting system will be as follows:

		<u>Time before start</u>	
Warning signal	Fleet flag up	1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory signal	Blue c/w white square flag up	1 sound	4 minutes
One-minute signal	Blue c/w white square flag down	1 long sound	1 minute
Start signal	Fleet flag down	1 sound	0 minutes

There will be at least one minute between the starting signal of one fleet, and the 5-minute warning signal for the start of the next fleet.

7. RECALLS:

A. Individual Recall - Flag X will be displayed (with one sound) until all the boats that are over early are completely on the prestart side of the line.

B. General Recall - First Substitute Flag will be displayed (with 2 sounds). The flag will be displayed for at least one minute. This fleet's start sequence will then begin again after all the other fleets' normal start orders have occurred (i.e. the fleet must move to the last of the classes to start). Watch the committee boat for your Class Flag to go up which will be the beginning of your 5-minute start sequence.

8. TIME LIMIT:

For Wednesday races in the bay the maximum time for the first yacht in each class to finish shall be 90 minutes. All other yachts in that class must finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht in that class to avoid being scored DNF. For races in the main part of the lake and for all Sunday afternoon races, the maximum time for the first yacht in a class to finish shall be 120 minutes, or as posted prior to the race. All other yachts must finish within 45 minutes after the first yacht to avoid being scored DNF.

9. SCORING

Shall be by the low point system as per appendix A of the RRS.

Penalty scores shall be assessed based upon the number of boats racing in that particular race, as follows:

DNS	Number yachts registered in that fleet for racing plus 3
DSQ	Number yachts started in that fleet plus 2
DNF	Number yachts started in that fleet plus 1

10. HANDICAPPING

Will be by BC Sailing PHRF. The VYC Handicapper reserves the right to assign handicaps to yachts that do not have a current BC Sailing PHRF Certificate, and to assign yachts to certain fleets. The handicapper also reserves the right to request yachts and sails are measured. Skippers may be required to pay extra funds in order to obtain a current PHRF certificate from BC Sailing.

11. PROTESTS

Yachts protesting must immediately display a red flag and hail the yacht being protested. Protests must be written on a CYA protest form and presented to the Race committee within 30 minutes of the completion of the last race of the day. Decisions of the race committee shall be final.

12. PENALTIES

Penalty for right of way infraction or causing a collision shall be a 720 degree turn at the first safe opportunity.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES;

Penalty for other infractions, such as hitting the mark, shall be a 360 degree turn at the first safe opportunity.

14. THROW - OUTS

There will be one " throw-out" race for every 4 races completed by each fleet.

15. SAIL NUMBERS;

Yachts shall display their official sail number on both sides of their mainsail.

16. CONSIDERATION;

Please keep clear of an imaginary area 30 meters beside the starting line, 50 meters behind the starting line and 150 meters in front of the starting line while other fleets are starting. Also please stay well clear of the finish line while other fleets are finishing. You may be protested by another yacht if you do not comply with this.

17. Each skipper is assigned an evening/afternoon when he/she is to be on the committee boat. When it is the skipper's turn on the committee boat, his/her boat is NOT to participate in the racing.

18. Racing dues for the 2017 race season is \$70 (does not include the cost of a PHRF Certificate if necessary) per boat to be paid before participating in your first race. Each skipper is to provide the yacht club or racing committee with proof of insurance with liability being no less than \$2,000,000 for 2017.