

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 VYC Okanagan Sailing Regatta June 5th to 7th, 2020 Vernon Yacht Club Vernon, BC

1- RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Canadian national authority CYA will apply
- 1.3 The Rules of PHRF of BC and the Santana 525 Class Association will apply.

2- NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the upper lounge at the Vernon Yacht Club.

3- CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4- SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore. Postponements of the event due to weather conditions shall be announced in the clubhouse at least one hour prior to the 1st Class Warning Flag that day.

5- SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 **Friday June 5th, 2020**
Whisky Island 14:30

Saturday June 6th, 2020

Skippers Meeting 09:00 Upper Lounge VYC
1st Class Warning Flag 10:00
Last Class Warning Flag no later than 16:00

Sunday June 7th, 2020

No Skippers Meeting unless posted
1st Class Warning Flag 09:30
Last Class Warning Flag no later than 12:15

- 5.2 The number of races will be determined by the wind on each day. Every attempt will be made to have at least 4 races on June 7th.

6- CLASS FLAGS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>	
525	Black	One design
A	Yellow	PHRF 0 - 152
B	Teal	PHRF 153 - 204
C	Green	PHRF 204 +
D	White	PHRF Open Rating No Flying Sails

The race committee reserves the right to combine fleets should there be less than 4 boats registered in a class.

Boats sailing in a spinnaker class will be assigned a spinnaker rating whether they choose to fly a spinnaker or not.

Please note that we may start the fleets in various start sequences and the starts for some fleets may be combined.

If some fleets are finished a race and the other fleets have not yet finished, the race committee may start the fleets that have finished already 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.

7- RACING AREAS

7.1 Chart A shows the location of racing areas.

8- THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Chart A show the approximate positions of the marks in front of the Vernon Yacht Club.

The courses are below.

**Note: All marks are to be left to PORT except X and Y.
X refers to a line between the committee boat and X Mark
Y refers to a line between the committee boat and Y Mark**

Courses 1 – 6

Course 1	XBCY	1.46 NM approx.
Course 2	XBEYCY	1.78 NM
Course 3	XBYDY	1.96 NM
Course 4	XBEYDY	2.28 NM
Course 5	XAEYCY	2.43 NM
Course 6	XAEYDY	2.93 NM

Courses 7 – 12

Course 7	XCBY	1.46 NM
Course 8	XDYBY	1.96 NM
Course 9	XDYBEY	2.28 NM
Course 10	XCYBEY	1.78 NM
Course 11	XDYAEY	2.93 NM
Course 12	XCYAEY	2.43 NM

The start line is always between the committee boat and the X mark. The finish line is between the committee boat and the Y mark except when the course is shortened.

9- MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 'A' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy.
 Mark 'B' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
 Mark 'C' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy.
 Mark 'D' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
 Mark 'E' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be:
 Mark X a yellow tower shaped racing buoy
 Mark Y a yellow tower shaped racing buoy

10- THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Time to Start
Warning Signal	Class Flag Up	1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory Signal	Blue Flag Up	1 sound	4 minutes
One-minute signal	Blue Flag down	1 sound	1 minute
Start Signal	Class Flag down	1 sound	0 minute

- 10.2 The starting line will be between the RC flag on the committee boat and Mark X to the north of the committee boat

NOTE: BOATS SHALL NOT CROSS THE START LINE UNLESS THEY ARE STARTING. BOATS DOING SO WILL BE SCORED DNF

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

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11- CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To shorten the course, the race committee will display Flag S with two sounds and place a race committee boat with Flag S at the new finish mark.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard, changing rule 28.1.

12- THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the RC flag on the committee boat and Mark Y to the south of the committee boat

NOTE: BOATS SHALL NOT CROSS THE START UNLESS THEY ARE STARTING. BOATS DOING SO WILL BE SCORED DNF.

13- TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
All	90 Minutes

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 Minutes after the first boat of their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14- PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available from the results person. Protests shall be delivered to Race Committee within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and [protest committee] about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 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 jury room, located in the VYC Board Room.

15- SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

DNF	Yachts in fleet plus 1
DSQ	Yachts in fleet plus 2
DNS	Yachts in fleet plus 3

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one of her worst scores for every 4 races completed.

16- SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17- EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

For all Classes handicapping will be by B.C. Sailing PHRF. The VYC handicapper reserves the right to assign handicaps to yachts which do not have a current B.C. Sailing PHRF certificate. The race committee reserves the right to assign yachts to certain fleets.

18- OFFICIAL BOATS

18.1 Official boats will be as follows:

- Race Committee
- Race Committee 2
- Vernon Yacht Club boat

19- RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 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

20- PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
1st 2nd and 3rd Whisky Island
1st 2nd and 3rd in each Fleet

21- DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 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.

22- INSURANCE

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