

VERNON YACHT CLUB

2021 RACING FLEET

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The 2021 club races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - (2021 – 2024), 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 no earlier than 1:00 pm (1300 hrs). Races to be held in the bay in front of the Yacht club or as posted prior to the race(s).

Wednesday night racing first warning signal will commence no earlier than 6:15 pm (1815 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 (1800 hrs) Saturday November 6th 2021 at the Vernon Yacht Club.

4. ORDER OF CLASS STARTS:

The planned order of class starts will be as follows:

- 1st Start: B fleet (red fleet flag)
- 2nd Start A fleet (yellow fleet flag)

The starting sequence may be modified by the committee boat on race night, but **every attempt should be made to start B Fleet first. Fleets are to be started separately** unless there are 10 or less boats in total (A fleet + B fleet) then the committee may start the race as one start. However, the advantage of separate starts allows the committee boat to send the fleets on different courses which is to be encouraged. 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:

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

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

(start and finish flags are new in 2021)

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	XBDFD	1.96NM
Course 4	XBEFDF	2.28NM
Course 5	XAEFCF	2.43NM
Course 6	XAEFDF	2.93NM
Course 7	XCYCFEF	2.34NM
Course 8	XDFBF	1.96NM
Course 9	XDFBEF	2.28NM
Course 10	XCYCFBEF	2.42NM
Course 11	XDFAEF	2.93NM
Course 12	XCFAEF	2.43NM
Course 13	XKEYBF	1.88NM
Course 14	XForestryCampF	8.46NM

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, except for the forestry camp, 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. The race to the Forestry Camp has a time limit of 4 hours. Participating yachts in the race to Forestry Camp must record their time at the rounding mark and also record their time at the finish of the race if there is no committee boat.

When a race or boat(s) exceeds the maximum time the committee boat will indicate by:

A Fleet - 2 long sound signals

B Fleet - 3 long sound signals

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 0

DSQ Number yachts started in that fleet plus 2

DNF Number yachts started in that fleet plus 1

NSC (new 2021) Number yachts registered in that fleet for racing plus 0

Committee boat score is calculated based on the average score of all race results, including any throw-outs, which the designated committee boat earns during the series, or in case of the overall season calculation all the races run.

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.

In lieu of a DNF score and in order to start another race or to get off the water due to weather or darkness the last place yacht still racing may accept a last place finish in their fleet and motor to the finish line provided the rest of their fleet have completed the race within the allotted time frame.

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 hitting a rounding mark or a start or finish mark shall be a 360 degree turn at the first safe opportunity.

14. THROW – OUTS:

For each of the Spring, Summer, Fall and Hot Rum Series there will be one throw out for every 4 races completed. At year end the Spring, Summer, and Fall series will be merged and rescored to calculate the overall finishes. This will require the throw outs to be restructured so that there are a total number of throw outs to equal one in every four races completed.

15. SAIL NUMBERS:

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

16. FINISHING CONSIDERATION:

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.

17. COMMITTEE BOAT ASSIGNMENTS:

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:

Racing dues for the 2021 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 2021.