

Whiskey Island Race

2022 VYC OKANAGAN REGATTA

June 3rd to 5th 2022
Vernon, BC

Please note that these instructions are for the Whisky (Grant) Island race only – separate instructions exist for the Saturday and Sunday racing.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Canadian national authority CYA will apply.
- 1.3. COVID-19 protocols may be in place for the duration of the event.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. Schedule of Races

- 2.1. Friday June 3, 2022 - 14:30 Starting Flag for all participants.

3. Scoring

- 3.1. All boats will be scored using PHRF of BC. There will be only one fleet and awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishes based on the corrected times. Awards to be presented Sunday June 5, 2022, after 14:30.
- 3.2. Scoring will be calculated using time on distance.

4. The Course

- 4.1. The committee boat will set up a start line in the vicinity of Whisky Island. Finish line will be set in front of the Vernon Yacht Club (keep flashing light at Cameron Point to Starboard).
- 4.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position.

5. The Start

- 5.1. 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	Preparatory Flag Up	1 sound	4 minutes
One minute signal	Preparatory Flag Down	1 sound	1 minute
Start Signal	Class Flag Down	1 sound	0 minute

6. Marks

- 6.1. The starting and finishing lines will be between the Committee Boat and positioned start/finish mark. **Note: In the case of very light winds the race may be finished at Cameron Point instead of at the yacht Club in which case the finish will be between the Flashing light on Cameron Point and the Blue on the committee boat.**

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7. Time Limits

- 7.1. Time limit for all boats will be 4 hours 30 minutes.
- 7.2. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

8. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 8.1. Competitors are requested when finishing to inform the Committee Boat if they are intending to file a protest. Failure to do so will not affect the validity of a protest but is requested as a courtesy.
- 8.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the committee boat has docked at the conclusion of the day's racing. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.3. Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 8.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the club house, beginning at the time posted.

9. Safety Regulations

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

10. Radio Communication

- 10.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1. All those taking part in the racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for seaworthiness of a yacht or for the safety of those whose entry is accepted. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. Attention of the competitor is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rule 3.
- 11.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million \$CDN per event or the equivalent

12. Risk Assessment

- 12.1. RRS 3 states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**