



Notice of Race

2023 OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA

June 2nd to 4th 2023
Vernon, BC

INVITATION: The Vernon Yacht Club is pleased to announce their annual VYC Regatta for 2023 is once again the Okanagan Charity Regatta (OCR)! Started by sailor Dave Ellis, the Okanagan Charity Regatta fundraised the most annual donations for the local United Way for 10 years! This year we're sailing to raise funds to support and sustain United Way BC and Community Foundation North Okanagan's many food security organizations and programs across the Okanagan Valley. Our OCR fundraising committee will rally for dollars and regatta sailors can support us by racing your best! Sponsors can "Sponsor a Boat" so let us know you're coming and we'll put your boat on the okanagancharityregatta.ca website to be sponsored. To enhance your sailing skills, join North Sails' Live Sail Trim Webinar on June 1st, featuring Drew Mitchell and Alex Levkovskiy: trellis.org/north-sails-sail-trim-webinar All proceeds from the event will be donated to charity.

Activities will start Friday afternoon with the traditional "Whiskey Island Race" in memory of Richard Rotteveel from Whisky Island (charted as Grant Island) to the Vernon Yacht Club (see separate race Sailing Instructions). VYC's famous Steak/Salmon Friday night dinner will be available for purchase Friday evening. **Phone VYC office manager Deb 9-3 at 250-545-5518 to book your table.** Regatta activities include a Saturday evening dinner and dance with The McKinley Band, a continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and an awards lunch Sunday afternoon. This year there will be a "make your own lunch" station at the Saturday breakfast table, by donation. We've included a partial meal ticket package to include more boats. The Regatta Committee invites all skippers, sailing crews, and sponsors to come enjoy the regatta festivities.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/vyc-okanagan-sailing-regatta/ and on okanagancharityregatta.ca on or before May 27th, 2023.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is in the VYC clubhouse.
- 3.2. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile phones.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all keel boats with a valid PHRF certificate (or as assigned per 4.2 below).
- 4.2. Any boat not holding a valid PHRF certificate will be issued a rating by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3. The Race Committee will decide fleet divisions after the number and type of entrants is determined. All boats entering a spinnaker class will be rated as a spinnaker equipped boat, regardless of whether a spinnaker is flown or not.
- 4.4. Registration will be available online at vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/vyc-okanagan-sailing-regatta/ and on okanagancharityregatta.ca starting May 18th, 2023 and ending June 2nd, 2023 at 14:00.



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5. Fees

5.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$150 per boat, with late registration fee of \$165 applying to registrations received after May 30th.

5.1.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fees include:

- *Friday Night Welcome Social: Barbecue Steak/Salmon Dinner Tickets available for purchase. **Phone VYC 09:00 - 15:00 June 1st or 2nd to book a table at: 250-545-5518 (seating is limited)***
- *Friday Whiskey Island Race, plus two days of racing on Saturday and Sunday*
- *Saturday Night Social Activities*
- *Sunday Awards and Barbecue with Prizes for Winners in Each Fleet*
- *One (1) Weekend Meal Ticket package (see 5.2.1) *Additional meal ticket packages (see 5.2 and 5.3) are available for purchase for crew members.*

5.2 Weekend Meal Tickets:

- *Weekend Meal Ticket: \$65.00*

5.2.1 Weekend Meal Ticket package includes:

- *Saturday Morning Breakfast, (and materials for brown bag lunch by donation)*
- *Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet and Dance*
- *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
- *Sunday Afternoon Awards Barbecue*

5.3 Partial Weekend Meal Tickets:

- *Partial Weekend Meal Ticket: \$35.00*

5.3.1 Partial Weekend Meal Ticket package includes:

- *Saturday Morning Breakfast, (and materials for brown bag lunch by donation)*
 - **No Saturday access to the VYC dining room during dinner hours (due to capacity restrictions)*
 - *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
 - *Sunday Afternoon Awards Barbecue*
- *1516 Pub & Grill is walking distance from the club. Phone: 778-475-9146*

5.4 Prices stated above are subject to the appropriate taxes, gratuities are included on meals.

6. Schedule of Events

6.1. Friday June 2, 2023

- Whiskey Island Race – starts 14:30 at a start line located near the Island. Race –time limit is 4 hours and 30 minutes. Sailing instructions will be available only on-line.
- Late registration for Saturday and Sunday races will be available in the VYC club house between 18:00 and 20:30



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- Friday Barbecue your own Steak/Salmon Dinner Tickets available for purchase. Not included in registration. **Please phone VYC: 250-545-5518 to book a table (seating is limited)**

6.2. Saturday June 3, 2023

- 07:00 – 08:30 Late registration
- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast
 - Available at the Saturday breakfast table is a “Make Your Own Bag Lunch Station” – by donation
- 09:00 Skippers’ Meeting
- 10:00 1st Fleet Flag
- 16:00 No race started after 16:00
- 18:00 Buffet Dinner & Dance

6.3. Sunday June 4, 2023

- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast available
- NO SKIPPERS’ MEETING - unless posted
- 09:30 1st Fleet Flag
- 13:00 No race started after 13:00
- BBQ Lunch on shore
- 14:30 Awards Ceremony

7. Courses

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be on Okanagan Lake in the vicinity of the Vernon Yacht Club. A detailed description will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 8.2. Scoring will be calculated using Time on Distance.
- 8.3. One race is needed to constitute a series.
- 8.4. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 8.5. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 8.6. For all classes:
 - 8.6.1. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 8.6.2. When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 8.6.3. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9. Prizes

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 9.2. First place overall will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score calculated as follows: sum of all its finishes including throw-outs divided by the number of races in its class divided by number of boats in its class.



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10. Disclaimer of Liability

- 10.1. The organizing authority, management, Board of Directors, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after this race series.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2 million.

12. Risk Statement

- 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. The 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.**

13. Moorage & Club Access

- 13.1. If temporary moorage is required at the Vernon Yacht Club make sure to complete the, Required Moorage Date(s), Vessel Details, Moorage Preferences, and Required Documents section in the Regatta Registration form located at: vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/vyc-okanagan-sailing-regatta/ and on okanagancharityregatta.ca
- 13.2. Access to the Vernon Yacht Club and marina is by keycard only. Key cards can be obtained from Liam Fitzgerald and at the Vernon Yacht Club Office from 09:00 – 15:00 on Friday, June 2nd and prearranged cards can be obtained at the registration desk from 18:00 until 20:30 on Friday night or Saturday, June 3rd from 07:30 to 08:30. A non-refundable payment of \$20.00 is required.

14. Media Release

- 14.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

15. Further information

- 15.1. For further information please contact any of the following:
 - Regatta Chair: Pamela Miller pamelaswork@gmail.com
 - Regatta Registration: Kate Stefanik kmstefanuk@gmail.com
 - Keycards and Moorage: Liam Fitzgerald fitzgerald.liam@gmail.com
 - Sponsorship and Donations: Sarah Kennedy sarah@sarahkennedyrealestate.com
 - Race Committee: John Holmwood holmwood@shaw.ca