

VERNON YACHT CLUB
2023 RACING FLEET
NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1 The 2023 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.

1.2 Skippers and crew are required to obey current COVID -19 rules and orders.

1.3 Official Notice Board will be located on the gate to the docks. Updates to the NOR and SI will be posted to the webpage at vernonyachtclub.com

2. RACE SCHEDULE:

2.1 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. Races will be divided into 4 series – Spring, Summer, Fall and Hot Rum.

2.2 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).

2.3 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:

3.1 Award presentations are planned for 6:00PM (1800 hrs) Saturday November 4th 2023 at the Vernon Yacht Club.

3.2 Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in each fleet. Overall winners in each fleet will be calculated by merging the Spring, Summer, and Fall series finishes and scoring.

4. ORDER OF CLASS STARTS:

4.1 The starting sequence is determined by the committee boat on race night.

4.2 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. 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 (see chart):

X = the start line (between the **RC flag** (revised in 2022 11 16 committee meeting) on the committee boat and north yellow tower)

F = the finish line (between the **RC flag** (revised in 2022 11 16 committee meeting) 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. It is the first buoy to the east of the start line (sponsored by Lyle Enns).

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 16 (2 added 2022 04 06 in committee meeting)

Marks are to be left to PORT

Course 1	XBEYBFCF	2.60 NM
Course 2	XEYBFCF	2.52 NM
Course 3	XBFD	1.96 NM
Course 4	XBEFD	2.28 NM
Course 5	XAEFCF	2.43 NM
Course 6	XAEFD	2.93 NM
Course 7	XCYCFEF	2.34 NM
Course 8	XDFBF	1.96 NM
Course 9	XDFBEF	2.28 NM
Course 10	XCYCFBEF	2.42 NM
Course 11	XDFAEF	2.93 NM
Course 12	XCFAEF	2.43 NM
Course 13	XEYBF	1.88 NM
Course 14	XForestryCampF	8.46 NM
Course 15	XBCF	1.46 NM (revised 20230510)
Course 16	XCBF	1.46 NM (revised 20230510)

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

6.1 Approximately 60 seconds before the first starting sequence, there will be 5 short blasts on the horn to advise the fleets that the starting sequence will begin shortly. This is only necessary for the first race of the day. As per racing rule 26, races shall be started by using the following signals:

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

6.2 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:

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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:

8.1 For Wednesday races 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 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:

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

9.2 Races will be scored using PHRF time on distance.

9.3 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	Same as DNS
OCS	same as DNF (OCS = on course side)

9.4 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.

9.5 In order for a race to be counted in a series or overall, at least two boats in that fleet must have started the race in the presence of the committee boat.

10. HANDICAPPING:

10.1 All boats without a valid BC Sailing PHRF Certificate dated after April 2021 and dated within 5 years of registering to race will have a PHRF assigned by the fleet chair and fleet handicapper.

10.2 The race chair and / or the club handicapper also reserve 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.

10.3 Yachts sailing without a spinnaker will be assigned a handicap as if they were sailing with a spinnaker.

11. PROTESTS:

11.1 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.

11.2 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:

12.1 **Penalty for right of way infraction or causing a collision shall be 2 turns, each turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction at the first safe opportunity.** (Added 2023 04 12)

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:

13.1 **Penalty for hitting a rounding mark or a start mark shall be a turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction at the first safe opportunity.** (Added 2023 04 12)

14. THROW – OUTS:

14.1 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:

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

16. FINISHING CONSIDERATION:

16.1 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.

16.2 BOATS SHALL NOT CROSS THE START LINE UNLESS THEY ARE STARTING. BOATS DOING SO WILL BE SCORED DNF (Updated 2023 05 10 to allow for new fleet race starts)

17. COMMITTEE BOAT ASSIGNMENTS:

17.1 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:

18.1 Registration is open to all keel boats. Racing dues for the 2023 race season is **\$85** (does not include the cost of a PHRF Certificate if necessary) per boat to be paid before participating in your first race (2022 11 16 committee meeting). 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 2023.

18.2 Registered boats will be assigned to a fleet based on PHRF rating and displacement.

19. Communication

19.1 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. **Boats are advised to have at least a portable VHF radio turned on to Channel 72, so that important safety information, or logistical information can be received.** (2022 11 16 committee meeting)

20.0 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 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 an 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.

20.2 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.

20.3 In case of emergency see VYC Safety Protocol Addendum in the race package.