

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2024 VERNON REGATTA**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 - Vernon Yacht Club**  
**7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, BC**

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**1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race 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. Notice 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. **Schedule of races is as follows:**

**Friday May 31, 2024**

14:30 Whiskey Island Race (see separate SIs for Whiskey Isl. Race)

**Saturday June 1, 2024**

09:00 Skippers Meeting, Upper Lounge VYC

10:00 1st Class Warning Flag

16:00 Last Class Warning Flag no later than 16:00

**Sunday June 2, 2024**

No Skippers' Meeting - unless posted

09:30 1st Class Warning Flag

13:00 Last Class Warning Flag no later than 13:00

**6. Class Flags**

- 6.1. The following is a preliminary guide of fleet divisions, subject to registration. At the close of registration, the race committee will designate the boats in each fleet. Fleets may be added, deleted, or modified.

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

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- 6.2. The race committee reserves the right to combine fleets.
- 6.3. Boats sailing in a spinnaker class will be assigned a spinnaker rating whether they choose to fly a spinnaker or not.
- 6.4. 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. SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.
- 7.2. The Start line is to be considered an obstruction and shall not be crossed unless a boat is starting or within her start sequence.

**8. The Courses**

- 8.1. The diagrams in the Addendum A chart show the approximate positions of the marks.  
The courses are below:

**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

**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**

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**9. Marks**

- 9.1. The starting line will be between the orange flag on CB and the X mark.
- 9.2. The finishing line will be between the blue flag on CB and the Y mark.
- 9.3. Race marks are as follows:

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  
Mark 'X' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy  
Mark 'Y' is 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	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

- 10.2. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sounds may be made one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and Mark X to the north of the committee boat.
- 10.4. 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 but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier.
- 10.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.6. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**11. Shortening 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.
- 11.3. When Y is displayed mid-course, Y denotes a gate between RC and Y. This gate shall be crossed in the direction travelled from the previous mark. If Race Committee displays Flag S and 2 sounds prior to crossing RC/Y line, Course shortened at RC/Y.

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**12. The Finish**

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and Mark Y to the south of the committee boat.

**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. 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 14.4. 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.

**15. Score**

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A 5.3 in the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 15.2. Scoring will be calculated using Time on Distance except for the 525 class which will be scored using actual time.
- 15.3. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4. 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 via channel 72 on a VHF radio or in person.
- 16.2. For Safety Protocol See Addendum B.

**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.
- 17.2. 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.

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**18. Radio Communication**

- 18.1. 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.

**19. Prizes**

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
- 19.2. 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. Whiskey Island Race results are not included in the overall.

**20. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 20.1. 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 3.

**21. Insurance**

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

**22. Risk Assessment**

- 22.1. 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.**