

WHISKEY ISLAND RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 VERNON REGATTA

May 31st, 2024 - Vernon Yacht Club
7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, BC

In Memory of Richard Rotteveel

Please note that these instructions are for the Whiskey Island (charted as Grant Island) race only – separate instructions exist for the Saturday and Sunday racing for the 2024 Vernon Regatta.

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. Schedule of Races

- 2.1. Friday May 31, 2024 - 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 2, 2024, 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 Whiskey Island. The Finish line will be set in front of the Vernon Yacht Club between the blue flag on CB and “Y” Mark. See SI Addendum A.
- 4.2. In the event of a shortened course, the race will finish at Cameron Point at 16:00 between the Flashing Light on Cameron Point and the Blue Flag on the Committee Boat.
The coordinates of the Cameron Point light are 50 deg 11.499’ N 119 deg 26.113’ W (keep flashing light at Cameron Point to Starboard). See SI Addendum C.

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

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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 flag on the committee boat.**

7. Time Limits

- 7.1. Time limit for all boats will be 4 hours 30 minutes.
- 7.2. Boats failing to finish within 90 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 via channel 72 on the VYF radio or in person.
- 9.2. For Safety Protocol See Addendum B.

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 3.

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12. Insurance

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of Can\$ 2,000,000.00

13. Risk Assessment

- 13.1. 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.**