



*54<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Straits Classic Yacht Race*  
*West Vancouver Yacht Club*  
*March 29-31, 2024*  
*West Vancouver, Canada*

## Long, Medium and Short Courses

### EVENT RULES (ER)

(Incorporating the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions)  
 Version 1.3 — March 23, 2024 / (.1 .2 .3)

The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. The full text of the Sail Canada Prescriptions is provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 The Rules of PHRF BC, dated June 23 2022 apply to boats entered in the Short or Medium Courses with a PHRF certificate. The full text of PHRF BC Rules is provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 [DP] The 2024 IMS Rule and ORC Rating Systems Rule, will be included under the ORC class rules. These rules apply to boats entered with an ORC rating in the Long or Medium course. These documents will appear on the Rules section of the ORC.org website early in 2024.
- 1.5 [DP] All monohull boats shall comply with Category 3 of the 2022–2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Monohulls with Canadian Prescriptions (“OSR”) as amended by The BC Sailing Keelboat Committee (See ER 1.5.1). This document is provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.5.1 The BC Sailing Amendments to the Category 3 Monohull OSR document (“BCCat3”) are provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6 Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility: The navigation rules of Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility shall replace RRS Part 2 between sunset and sunrise. On Friday March 29, 2024 sunset will be 19:40. On Saturday March 30, 2024 sunrise will be 06:52 and sunset will be 19:41.  
  
Appendix RV is provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 Appendix TS, Traffic Separation Schemes, Version 2 Section A applies to the following TSS: Vancouver and Approaches TSS. This changes RRS 56.2.

Appendix TS is provided as a file on the Official Notice Board.

- 1.8 Boats shall carry the equipment required by law. Particular attention is drawn toward the Small Vessel Regulations under the Canadian Shipping Act.
- 1.9 A boat issued a valid rating certificate that assumes her use of a built-in system for moving, taking on or discharging water ballast, shall be permitted to use that system. This changes RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 1.10 Boats entered as a Double-Handed crew are allowed to use self-steering and/or autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other situations, where having one crew member assigned to steering the yacht may compromise the safety of crew and craft. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.11 Per RRS 42.3(j), a boat is allowed to use her engine to get clear of a danger of collision with commercial traffic, to rescue any person overboard, or aid another boat in distress. Boats shall file a report with the race committee upon finishing, which gives the speed, the compass heading, the duration and the position from which the engine was used for propulsion and any witnesses to the event. After using her engine for propulsion, a boat shall return to a position that is no further advanced along the race course than the position where she started using her engine.
- 1.12 [DP] All boats registered on the Long Course shall broadcast their position via AIS while they are racing. This alters the BCCat 3 Amendment to OSR 3.29.13.

Boats registered on the Medium and Short Courses may broadcast their position via AIS while they are racing.

- 1.13 [DP] All boats without an active AIS transceiver shall be required to operate a mobile phone-based tracker app for the duration of the race. Auxiliary power may be required by the mobile device to ensure uninterrupted use for the duration of the race. **An active data connection and GPS reception are required to transmit the device's position data to our tracking system. It is highly recommended that this device be different than the device designated as the official mobile device identified by the phone number submitted during registration.**

Boats are encouraged to complete the installation and testing procedures on their device well in advance to allow for support if needed. Information on this app and its operation can be found at <https://tracker.southernstraits.ca/racers/>.

- 1.14 [DP] Boats not broadcasting AIS position data shall also be required to check-in with the race committee at all mark roundings identified in ER 18 COURSES using the method detailed in ER 28.2.
- 1.15 [DP] All Boats shall display their official sail numbers on both the port and starboard lifelines or hull while racing. The size of these sail numbers shall be similar to that required by RRS Appendix G1.2. This alters the BCCat3 Amendment to OSR 4.01.2.
- 1.16 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

## 2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any change to the Event Rules prior to the close of registration will be a complete replacement of the revised document, available after end of day on March 24 on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 Any change to the Event Rules after the close of registration will be posted before 09:00 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.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board (ONB) located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7680/event>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the Yachting Centre building, west of the West Vancouver Yacht Club clubhouse.
- Voice phone number: (604) 921-7575
  - Text message number: (236) 304-1648
  - Email address: [SSRaceoffice@wvyc.ca](mailto:SSRaceoffice@wvyc.ca)
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry at least one VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 11 (VICTORIA Traffic), 12 (Vancouver Traffic), 16 (Distress/Safety/Coast Guard), 71 (COMOX Traffic) and 73 (Race Committee).  
This radio shall be programmed with a MMSI number, provided to the organizing authority at registration.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a powered mobile telephone for the duration of the race. The phone number for this device shall be supplied to the race committee at registration. All text or voice communications to the race committee during the race shall be made from this device unless in an emergency.
- 3.5 At 20:00 on Thursday March 28, 2024, there will be a skippers meeting and weather briefing held in the WVYC clubhouse. A Zoom link will be published on the ONB.
- 3.6 At 08:00 on Friday March 29, 2024, the race committee will conduct a final Notice of Race announcement on VHF radio 73. Any postponement due to weather, change of course, or other circumstances will be communicated at this time and also posted as per ER 3.1. A broadcast of this message to registered mobile devices will also be attempted.
- 3.7 While racing, please make note of required communication with the race committee detailed in ER 21.1, 23.4, 28.1, 28.2 & 28.3.
- 3.8 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio 73 and text message via Connect Rocket. Failure to receive a radio call or text message shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.9 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or communication with the race committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

- 3.10** [NP] Radio communications with commercial traffic is encouraged for safety purposes and may be required in some circumstances.
- 3.11** **The race committee is unable to communicate with the fleet via VHF radio over much of the race area (see Addendum B). Phone and mobile text communication is the preferred method of non-emergency and non-required contact with the race committee during the race (see ER 3.2).**

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1** The event is open to all monohull boats that meet the registration requirements.
- Multihull boats may contact the Race Chair at [SSChair@wvyc.ca](mailto:SSChair@wvyc.ca) to discuss entry as an exhibition competitor, unless five or more multihull boats register for a course.
- 4.2** Long Course entries shall require a valid 2024 ORC certificate.
- 4.3** Medium Course entries shall require either a valid 2024 ORC certificate or a valid 2024 PHRF certificate.
- Medium Course ORC entries shall have a CDL < 12.000.
- Medium Course PHRF entries shall have a rating of 0 or higher.
- 4.4** Short Course entries shall require a valid 2024 PHRF certificate.
- Short Course PHRF entries shall have a rating of 50 or higher.
- 4.5** Boats with a valid PHRF-NW certificate or valid PHRF certificate issued by an authority other than PHRF BC shall have their rating aligned to a PHRF BC rating by the West Vancouver Yacht Club handicapper at no charge. This normalized rating shall not be sufficient reason for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.6** If a boat's rating has been changed after an entry has been accepted, the race committee shall be advised by email to [SSRaceoffice@wvyc.ca](mailto:SSRaceoffice@wvyc.ca). No rating changes will be accepted after Sunday March 24, 2024.
- Rating certificates will be verified with the issuing organization.
- 4.7** Boats shall comply with the safety requirements stated in ER 1.5.
- 4.8** Eligible boats may enter by submitting the documents requested below, completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee online via the registration link on <http://www.southernstraits.ca>.

#### Registration:

- (a) Payment through Visa, Mastercard, or WVYC chit is necessary to complete the registration process.
- (b) Review and acceptance of the terms of the waiver in ER 10.2 is necessary to complete the registration process.

- (c) Boats that intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the boat's official sail number shall report the numbers to the race committee by end of day March 26, 2024. Failure to comply will result in a protest by the race committee and a time penalty of 15 minutes added to the corrected finish time of the boat at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- (d) Boats are allowed to change their Course until registration closes. After registration closes, boats may be allowed to change their Course, however permission will be required from the Race Chair.

#### Registration Documents:

- (a) A copy of your valid 2024 Rating Certificate
- (b) A copy of the required Safety at Sea Certificates
- (c) "Shore Contact" information for an individual, not racing, who shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate and complete crew list. In the event that the race committee or Search and Rescue Authority require the crew list, this contact person will be asked to provide this list.
- (d) A brief biography and photograph(s) of the boat and/or crew for race commentary and social media/website online.

*Early submission is appreciated.*

- 4.9** Boats [with outstanding documentation](#) shall upload a copy of all required documentation to the Southern Straits race committee [via the Clubspot registration website by email to \[ssregistration@wvyc.ca\]\(mailto:ssregistration@wvyc.ca\)](#) no later than end of day Sunday March 24, 2024. The late submission deadline for Safety at Sea certificates is 19:00 Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

*Please ensure your sail #, boat name and order ID# (provided by the online registration tool) are prominently noted on registration documents.*

- 4.10** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by the required deadlines.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1** Entry fee for all boats shall be:

- a) Early Bird: Entries received prior to the early bird deadline of before February 1, 2024 will receive a 25% discounted rate of \$5.40 per foot of boat length (as outlined in her rating certificate) to a maximum of \$307.80.
- b) Regular: Entries received after January 31, 2024 early bird deadline will be charged \$7.20 per foot of boat length (as outlined in her rating certificate) to a maximum of \$410.00.

- 5.2** Other fees:

Dinner and Awards – [The race entry fee includes one Awards Gala dinner ticket for Thursday evening. Additional dinner tickets will be available for sale in the WVYC clubhouse on the afternoon/evening of Thursday March 28, 2024 ~~March~~ via a link on](#)

<http://www.southernstraits.ca>.

5.3 There will be no refunds approved after end of day Sunday March 24, 2024.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 [NP] It is strongly recommended that at least half the crew have overnight racing experience and have extensive experience as a crew in all aspects of seamanship and navigation.

6.2 Not fewer than two members of the boat's crew, unless racing single-handed, must have current Safety at Sea certificates. While it is mandatory for two or more members of the crew, it is strongly recommended that at least half the crew, including the skipper, have completed a one-day Coastal Personal Survival Course or two-day Offshore Personal Survival Course within the past five years.

[BC Sailing](#) and [The Sailing Foundation](#) both offer Safety at Sea programs.

At this time, BC Sailing has two 1-day Coastal Personal Survival Courses ~~scheduled~~, ~~with registration opening on January 2, 2024~~ with available seats:

- (a) March 17~~6~~, 2024 – West Vancouver YC
- (b) March 24~~3~~, 2024 – Sidney North Saanich YC

Information and registration for this course: <https://www.vicmaui.org/sas-1day>.

Note from the BCCat3 Amendment to OSR 6.01.2: *“For US registered boats, valid certificates from US Sailing ‘Safety at Sea – Coastal’ course (either in-person or online) are acceptable”*

6.3 The Organizing Authority may accept alternative credentials on a case-by-case basis, provided that the training has occurred in the past five years and the Organizing Authority considers the training to be substantially equivalent or superior to the Safety at Sea certification.

## 7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 8 EVENT SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration opens January 1, 2024

8.2 Registration closes at the end of day Sunday March 24, 2024. All documents are required by this date. Rating certificates may be accepted after this time, with the permission of the race committee.

8.3 Division splits and flags/signals will be posted on the Official Notice Board by end of day March 26, 2024.

8.4 Alignment/normalization of non-PHRF BC ratings will be posted on the Official Notice

Board by end of day March 26 2024.

## 8.5 Event Weekend

Thursday March 28	15:00	“Registration Confirmation” desk opens. Skippers or representative <u>shall</u> pick up any additional items purchased during registration. (e.g. dinner tickets)
	17:00	Event Gala with dinner, door prizes and 2023 awards may be held in the main Clubhouse. The organizing authority’s ability to host this gala dinner may change due to COVID restrictions and/or regulations in effect at the time. *
	20:00	“Registration Confirmation” desk closes. A Skippers’ meeting, including a professional weather briefing, will be held in the clubhouse. <a href="#">This meeting will also be on Zoom. Link to be posted to ONB.</a>
Friday March 29	06:30	Breakfast will be available in the main Clubhouse. *
	09:00	There will be a parade of boats at the start area prior to the Race.
	10:25	The first warning signal for the Classic Race.
	17:00	Dinner will be available in the main Clubhouse. *
	17:30	No Inshore Race finishes will be recorded after this time.
Saturday March 31	06:30	Breakfast will be available in the main Clubhouse. *
	17:00	There will be a casual post-Race event in the main Clubhouse. Reservations are appreciated. *

\* Please monitor <http://www.southernstraits.ca> for food and beverage news and information leading up to the event.

## 9 BERTHING

**9.1** The WVYC will provide moorage for the event at no cost in the Fisherman’s Cove Basin. It is required that crew delivering Boats prior to the event contact WVYC to provide approximate an arrival time and vessel details. Moorage assignments will be communicated prior to arrival.

We recommend that Boats over fifty feet LOA, with a mast over 24 metres in height or with deep draft requirements request moorage at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Phone 604-224-1344) or Vancouver Rowing Club (Phone 604-687-3400).

Mooring assistance at the West Vancouver Yacht Club is available. Please call: 604-921-7575.

**9.2** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

## 10 RISK STATEMENT

**10.1** 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.**

## **10.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/INDEMNITY, PUBLICITY AND DISCLOSURE**

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors acknowledge and voluntarily accept these risks, and waive all liability and any right to claim against the West Vancouver Yacht Club, and all those involved in the organization of the regatta (hereafter referred to collectively and individually as WVYC).

It is the responsibility of the Person in Charge of each vessel ensure that their vessel is safe, properly equipped, and suitable for the regatta and further, that all crew members are properly trained and equipped to participate in light of anticipated environmental conditions. The decision to race or not to race resides solely with the Person in Charge of each vessel and any advice received or the failure to provide any particular advice or service from WVYC including safety consultations, shall not result in any liability.

Any safety procedures put in place, or information provided by WVYC including safety consultations, are not a substitute for the obligations and responsibilities of the Person in Charge of the vessel and the failure to implement any such procedures, or the performance of such procedures or any deficiency in information provided shall not be relied upon by the Person in Charge of the vessel or result in any liability for WVYC.

Vessel requirements, including any safety requirements in order to qualify for entry shall not constitute a representation or warranty of fitness or safety. Any modification of requirements including safety consultation advice for any particular vessel or class of vessels, shall not constitute a representation or warranty that such vessels are safe to participate in the regatta, the responsibility for which remains solely with the Person in Charge of the vessel.

The Person in Charge of each vessel must ensure that the vessel and crew members comply with all applicable legislation and regulations in accordance with Canadian law. Competitors (including without limiting the foregoing, the Persons in Charge and/or owner(s) of each vessel) agree to indemnify WVYC for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the regatta.

## **11 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT**

**11.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## **12 DATA USE DISCLOSURE**

**12.1** By participating in this event, sailors grant the organizing authority (the West Vancouver Yacht Club), event sponsors and affiliates the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of the sailor's arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.



Boat biographies and photos supplied by competitors may be shared via the event website and social media accounts.

All boat registration email addresses will be entered into the event management system by the race committee to facilitate communication with boats and protest committee communication regarding hearings.

All boat phone numbers will be entered into Connect Rocket to enable text message communication with the race committee while racing.

### **13 INSURANCE**

- 13.1** Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$1.5 million Canadian per incident or the equivalent. This insurance coverage is consistent with the Canada's Marine Liability Act statutory limit for claims for loss of life or personal injury and death of \$1.5 million Canadian. The Persons in Charge must ensure that they carry a hard copy of their insurance policy on board while racing.

### **14 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 14.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### **15 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 15.1** The first warning signal is scheduled to be displayed at 10:25 Friday March 29, 2024. Four start sequences are scheduled.

The start order shall be:

- Long Course
- Medium Course
- Short Course
- Inshore Course

### **16 COURSE FLAGS AND DIVISION SPLITS**

- 16.1** Boats may be divided and assigned into rating band divisions. Division splits will be posted on the Official Notice Board by end of day March 26, 2024. All divisions sailing the same course will start together.

- 16.2** Standard numeral pennants corresponding with assigned Courses will be used by the race committee during the starting sequences:

- a) The Long Course will be started with numeral pennant 1 as the Class flag / Warning signal.
- b) The Medium Course will be started with numeral pennant 2 as the Class flag / Warning signal.
- c) The Short Course will be started with numeral pennant 3 as the Class flag / Warning signal.

- d) The Inshore Course will be started with numeral pennant 4 as the Class flag / Warning signal

## 17 EVENT VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 17.1 ER Addendum A displays the plan of the event venue.  
17.2 ER Addendum B displays the racing area.

## 18 COURSES

- 18.1 The descriptions below indicate the Course to be sailed for each Race, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Note that these mark positions are approximate and shall not to be used for navigation purposes and should be verified by each participating boat.

- 18.2 The descriptions below also supersede the graphical representations of the Courses as contained on the Southern Straits website, posters, and other collateral. \* See ER 28.1 and ER 28.2 for Check-in requirements.

### LONG COURSE (Distance approximately 136 NM):

Mark Description	Approximate Position	Round / Pass	Side	Check In Required
Start Line at Dunderave Pier, West Vancouver	49° 19.93' N 123° 10.95' W			Yes
Sisters Islets	49° 29.21' N 124° 26.09' W	Round	Port	Yes
Sangster Island	49° 25.6' N 124° 11.93' W	Pass	Port	No
White Islets	49° 25.10' N 123° 42.63' W	Round	Starboard	Yes
Ballenas Islands	49° 21.04' N 124° 09.61' W	Round	Port	Yes
Finish at Point Atkinson Lighthouse	49° 19.81' N 123° 15.88' W			Yes

### 18.3 MEDIUM COURSE (Distance approximately 99 NM)

Mark Description	Approximate Position	Round / Pass	Side	Check In Required
Start Line at Dunderave Pier, West Vancouver	49° 19.93' N 123° 10.95' W			Yes
Sisters Islets	49° 29.21' N 124° 26.09' W	Round	Port	Yes
Sangster Island	49° 25.6' N 124° 11.93' W	Pass	Port	No
White Islets	49° 25.10' N 123° 42.63' W	Round	Starboard	Yes
Finish at Point Atkinson Lighthouse	49° 19.81' N 123° 15.88' W			Yes

### 18.4 SHORT COURSE (Distance approximately 59 NM)

Mark Description	Approximate Position	Round to	Check In Required
Start Line at Dunderave Pier, West Vancouver	49° 19.93' N 123° 10.95' W		Yes
Entrance Island, including Pe and Po	49° 12.55' N 123° 48.48' W	Starboard	Yes
White Islets	49° 25.10' N 123° 42.63' W	Starboard	Yes
Finish at Point Atkinson Lighthouse	49° 19.81' N 123° 15.88' W		Yes

**18.5** While an option, the race committee does not intend to shorten courses.

## **19 MARKS**

**19.1** The Starting and Finishing Marks are described in ER 21 “THE START” and ER 22 “THE FINISH” respectively.

**19.2** Rounding Marks are described in ER 18 “COURSES.”

## **20 OBSTRUCTIONS**

**20.1** The Military Activity area known as “WG” on charts may be declared “active” during the race. A Notice to Competitors will be posted to the Official Notice Board prior to 20:00 March 28, 2024 specifying whether this region will be an obstruction during the race.

## **21 THE START**

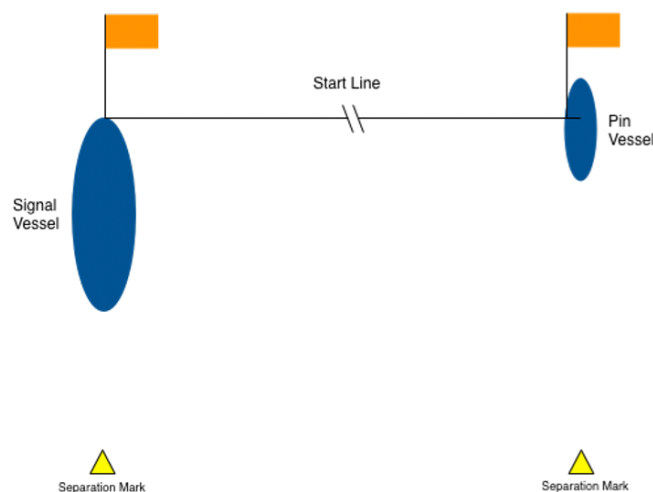
**21.1** It is mandatory that all boats check-in with the “Straits Race Committee” using VHF radio 73 on the morning of the race after the signal vessel is on station and no later than 10:15.

**21.2** The race will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**21.3** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel at the port end of the start line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin Vessel anchored at the inshore (starboard) end of the start line.

**21.4** If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**21.5** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the four-sided area outlined by the Signal Vessel, the Pin Vessel, and the two yellow inflatable tetrahedron Separation Marks (See diagram below).



**21.6** A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **22 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**22.1** Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

## **23 THE FINISH**

**23.1** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape at the Point Atkinson Lighthouse and a YELLOW marker buoy with a white flashing light located 0.2NM offshore and bearing 217° Magnetic from the Lighthouse end. Boats shall finish by leaving the marker buoy to starboard.

Approximate coordinates of pin-end: 49° 19.69' N 123° 16.1' W.

**23.2** In the event the finish marker buoy is not in position, boats shall finish in an easterly direction, between a virtual starboard marker located 180° degrees True and 0.2NM from the staff displaying an orange flag on shore to the port side of the finish line.

Boats shall record their own GPS finish time, position, and if discernible, the names of boats immediately in front and behind at the finish line. This information is required on the Finishing Report.

- i. A photo of the boat's GPS chart plotter or position reporting app is also required, showing time to the second along with latitude and longitude must be submitted. If the reported time does not include seconds, it shall be assumed to be 59.
- ii. The photo should be submitted to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, but not later than 00:35 on Sunday March 31, 2024. Submit photos to SSRaceOffice@wvyc.ca, with "Photo" and your boat name as the subject.

**23.3** [DP] Boats are required to monitor VHF radio 73 when finishing to facilitate boat identification. If it is dark, boats shall be required to shine a light on their mainsail to facilitate identification.

**23.4** [DP] At approximately one NM prior to finishing, boats are requested to contact "Straits Race Committee" on VHF radio 73.

**23.5** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats and to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity with a phone call, text or email message to the race office (see ER 3.2) ~~before not later than 00:35 on Sunday March 31 20:00 on Friday March 29,~~ 2024. A boat failing to do so will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**24 TIME LIMIT(S)**

**24.1** The time limit for all Courses is 00:30 Sunday March 31, 2024.

**25 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**25.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

**25.2** RRS 44.3 is changed so that code flag “I” (“India”) may also be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag “I”) shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

**25.3** RRS 44.3(c) is amended to “The penalty shall be 20% of the difference between the corrected finish time of the first finisher and the corrected finish time of the last finisher in the Division added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty.”

**25.4** Boats that fail to comply with the requirements of RRS 44.3(b) are subject to protest by the race committee.

**25.5** A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty of the difference between the corrected time of the first boat to *Finish* and the corrected time of the last boat to *Finish* in the Division added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty. However, RRS 44.1(b) applies. This replaces RRS Appendix T1(b).

**26 HEARING REQUESTS**

**26.1** Hearing forms shall be completed online at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=7680](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=7680). Completed forms will be automatically distributed by the system to the protest committee.

**26.2** Protest and redress request time limit: Hearing request forms shall be received by the protest committee by no later than 09:00 Sunday March 31, 2024.

**26.3** The hearing schedule will be posted online by 12:00 Sunday March 31, 2024 at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/7680/event> to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

**26.4** The protest committee will endeavour to provide Arbitration for boats involved in a hearing Sunday March 31, 2024 from 12:00 to 17:00 or at some other arranged time. With agreement of all parties, arbitration may be done by videoconference.

**26.5** Unless otherwise arranged, hearings will be held Tuesday April 2, 2024 and/or Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 18:00 in the jury room, located at the WVYC Clubhouse.

**27 SCORING**

**27.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. No race will be discarded.

**27.2** The race committee intends to use ORC Weather Routing Scoring to score races for boats entered with ORC certificates. Results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the single Time-on-Time TCF rating calculated for each boat by the

Weather Routing as provided by the ORC. Ratings for these boats will be published to the Official Notice Board not later than 0800 Friday March 29, 2024.

The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the race committee. The length of the course, compass headings of legs of the course, wind directions, and wind speeds will not be grounds for requests for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

- 27.3** If the race committee decides not to use the Weather Routing Scoring system, a Notice to Competitors will be published to the Official Notice Board no later than 0800 Friday March 29, 2024 announcing that boats entered with ORC certificates will be scored using 5-Band All Purpose (AP) Time-on-time rating:

Low Range (average TWS 6.5 knots)  
Low/Medium Range (average TWS 9 knots)  
Medium Range (average TWS 12 knots)  
Medium/High Range (average TWS 16 knots)  
High Range (average TWS 20 knots)

In which case, ORC Wind Speed will be calculated using models constructed using the hourly wind speeds reported by Weather Canada wind stations located adjacent to the Long and Medium courses in the vicinity of the first ORC rated boat to finish each course. Completed models will be published on the Official Notice Board prior to the publishing of ORC results. In all circumstances other than a mathematical error, the wind model result shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

- 27.4** Scoring for boats entered with PHRF rating certificates will be calculated by using the Time on Distance formula.
- 27.5** Line Honours scoring will be recorded in the order of finish.

## **28 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 28.1** [DP] Check-in is mandatory:

- a) At the Start Line (via VHF radio 73)
- b) **For all non-AIS position reporting boats:** In proximity of a mark rounding by sending a text message to the official text messaging number. *See ER 3.2.*
- c) At the Finish Line (by VHF radio 73)

- 28.2** [DP] Mark rounding check-in consists of notifying the race committee **by text message of the boat's name, sail number and mark name using the device phone number supplied in your registration. Due to technical limitations of the logging system, text messages must be initiated from the registered device phone number only.**

Failure of a boat to check-in may cause the race committee to enact its "No Contact" protocol, which begins with attempts to contact the silent boat and may proceed through to escalation to the Coast Guard.

- 28.3** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a

retirement declaration form, which is available as a link on the Official Notice Board under the “Retirements” menu option.

- 28.4** A boat powered by an outboard motor is required to have that motor permanently attached to either the transom or inboard well and be ready for immediate use at all times. The mounted engine must be capable of moving to a propelling position without unclamping the engine from its mounts and must be capable of being operated in all sea conditions. The fuel source must be attached at all times while racing.
- 28.5** In the event of a medical emergency on the water near West Vancouver Yacht Club, the primary evacuation point will be the Junior Float at the end of A Dock Section (see Addendum A).

## **29 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 29.1** Persons in Charge are reminded of the following clauses in the World Sailing Category 3 OSR document (see ER 1.5):

- *1.02.1 – Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of the boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The Person in Charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.*
- *1.02.2 – Neither the establishment of the OSR, nor their use by Organizing Authorities, nor the inspection of a boat under the OSR in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person in Charge.*
- *2.03 – A boat may be inspected at any time. If she fails to comply with the OSR her entry may be rejected or she will be subject to protest.*

- 29.2** The Person in Charge is responsible for ensuring their boat complies with Category 3 of the World Sailing Offshore Safety Regulations, as amended (see ER 1.5 and ER 1.5.1).

- 29.3** The Organizing Authority is offering optional Safety Consultations for those boats who may be doing the race for the first time or any boat who would otherwise benefit from an independent review of their safety equipment. To schedule a Safety Consultation, contact [SSSafety@wvyc.ca](mailto:SSSafety@wvyc.ca) no later than Friday, March 22, 2024 and the race committee will endeavour to organize a date, time, location and volunteer safety representative to conduct the Safety Consultation during the period of March 25 to 28, 2024.

- 29.4** Boats will be selected randomly for inspection after finish. Boats selected shall be available for equipment inspection by the race committee following the race if selected. [It is strongly recommended that a boat complete and sign the Southern Straits Safety Equipment Checklist and keep it onboard during the race, in case she is selected for a post-race safety inspection. This form is available on the Official Notice Board.](#)

- 29.5** [DP] A boat selected for post-race safety inspection will be hailed on VHF 73 by “Straits Finish Line” within five minutes of her finish with instructions to meet the inspection



team. The code “L” (“Lima”) flag will also be flown in proximity to the staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Point Atkinson Lighthouse end of the finish line.

- i) Boats that are able to enter the WVYC Fisherman’s Cove basin shall meet the inspection team at the Junior Float at the end of A Dock Section. A map of the WVYC basin with the Junior Float highlighted is included as SI Addendum B.
- ii) Boats that are unable to enter the WVYC Fisherman’s Cove basin shall stand-off at the western entrance to the cove and await the inspection team.

### **30 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**30.1** [DP] Any changes to the Emergency Contact must be sent to the race committee by email ([SSRaceOffice@wvyc.ca](mailto:SSRaceOffice@wvyc.ca)) prior to the commencement of the race.

**30.2** Substitution of competitors is not allowed while a boat is racing.

**30.3** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed while a boat is racing unless the replacement equipment is present onboard prior to the start of the race.

### **31 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

**31.1** ~~The Signal Vessel will be the WCMRC “Echo Sentinel” at the port end of the Start Line and will display an orange flag on a staff. will be identified here prior to the final March 24, 2024 revision of this document.~~

**31.2** The Pin Vessel will be the WVYC tender “Chaperone,” anchored at the starboard end of the start line and will display an orange flag on a staff.

**31.3** There will be at least one starting area patrol vessel to ensure compliance with ER 21.5. This vessel will be marked with “WVYC” prominently on each side.

**31.4** Other unmarked vessels may be in or near the start area including jury vessels, photography vessels, spectator vessels and/or media vessels.

### **32 TRASH DISPOSAL**

**32.1** Please review RRS 47, which applies.

### **33 PRIZES**

**33.1** Line honours perpetual trophies will be awarded to the first boat to finish the Long, Medium and Short courses.

Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the boats in the first place corrected overall handicap corrected finish for each of the Long, Medium and Short course.

**33.2** Awards will be presented to the first, second and third place handicap corrected finish in each division.

**34 FURTHER INFORMATION**

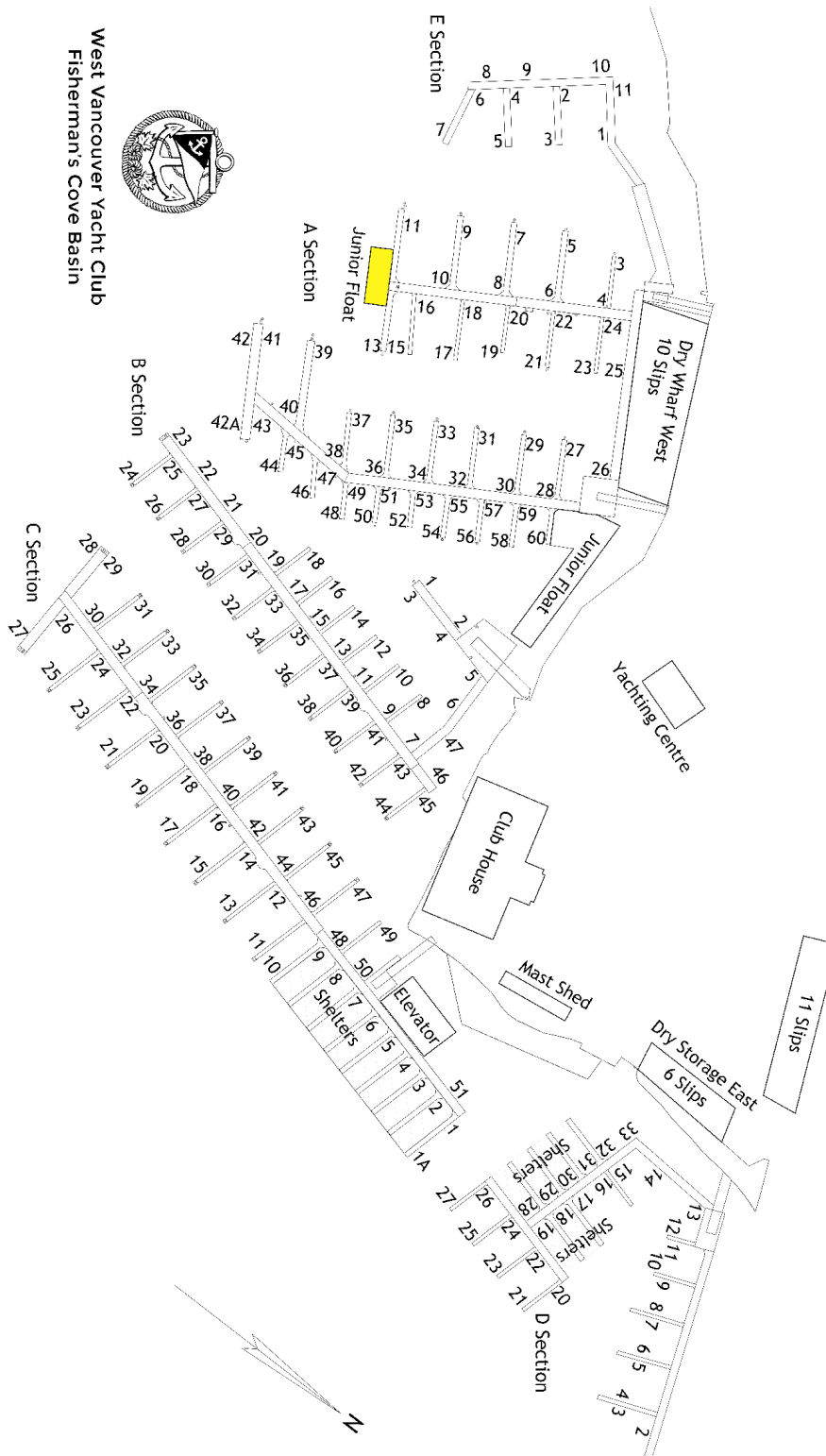
- 34.1** American Entrants: No customs personnel will be present at the WVYC Clubhouse. However, Customs can be cleared via the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's "dinner dock" at their Jericho facility. An additional Customs dock is located at the False Creek Government Dock (Fisherman's Pier). Customs can be reached at Tel: 1 (800) 461-9999 or (604) 666-0545. Please note immigration requirements may change and boats should confirm requirements before arriving.

American participants are encouraged to convert their cash to Canadian funds prior to their arrival. WVYC does not accept debit cards. We do accept VISA and Mastercard.

- 34.2** For further information please contact us through one of the following:

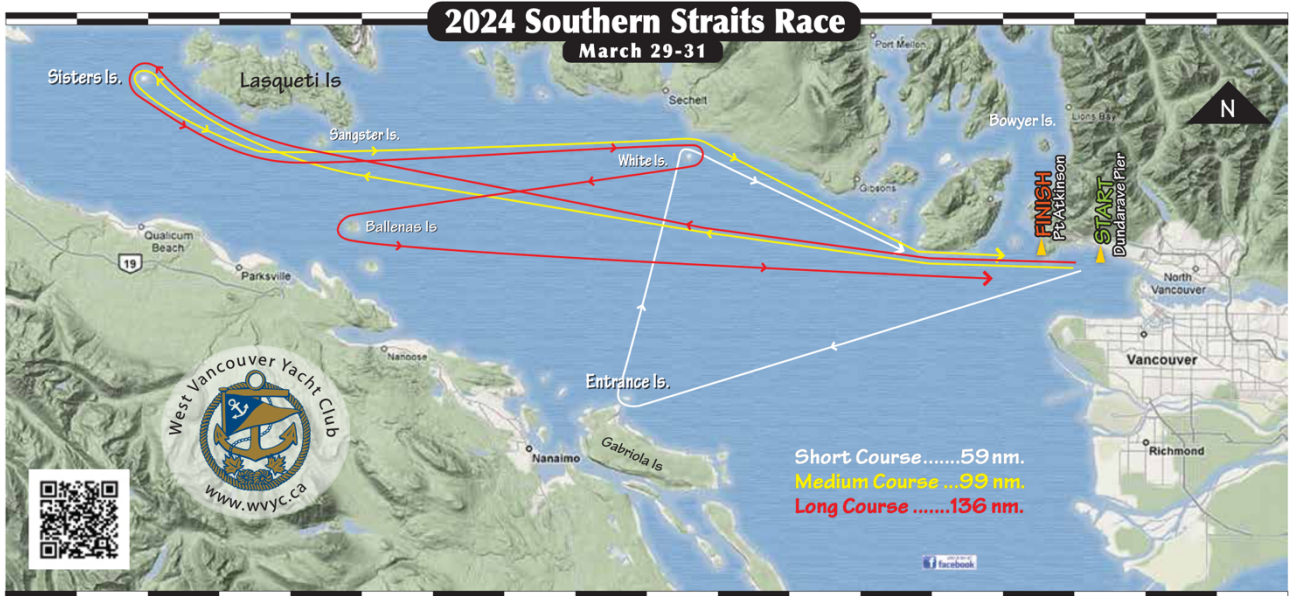
<b>West Vancouver Yacht Club contact information:</b>
5854 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC, V7W 2S2 Tel: 604-921-7575 Email: admin@wvyc.ca
<b>Southern Straits Chair:</b>
Email: SSChair@wvyc.ca
<b>Southern Straits Race Office:</b>
Email: SSRaceoffice@wvyc.ca
<b>Southern Straits Safety Team:</b>
Email: SSSafety@wvyc.ca
<b>Southern Straits Registration:</b>
Link: <a href="https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/B45E3gebRq/class">https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/B45E3gebRq/class</a> Email: SSRegistration@wvyc.ca
<b>Official Notice Board:</b>
<a href="https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7680/event">https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7680/event</a>
<b>Event Website:</b>
<a href="http://www.southernstraits.ca/">http://www.southernstraits.ca/</a>
<b>Social Media:</b>
Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/southernstraits">https://www.instagram.com/southernstraits</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/southernstraits/">https://www.facebook.com/southernstraits/</a>

### ER Addendum A Map of West Vancouver Yacht Club Basin



### ER Addendum B Location of Racing Area

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Map may not be to scale and is for information purposes only.