



Wednesday Night Racing

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
April 24 to September 11, 2024
Vancouver, Canada

Notice of Race

March 15, 2024

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).
- 1.3 After sunset, the navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea government right of way rules (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 rules.
- 1.4 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the Zone of any rounding or finishing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.5 One-design keelboats using the Jericho cranes are required to comply with Secondary Lifting Sling Requirements posted on the regatta website.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online at www.royalvan.com/wes.
- 3.2 [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 67, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 VHF 73 is designated as the safety channel specified in RRS 37.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the sailing instructions supplement.
- 3.5 [DP] [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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Handicap racing is open to boats holding a valid 2024 PHRF of BC or ORC certificate, except that 6mR boats will sail with PHRF ratings assigned by the race committee and are not required to be members of PHRF BC.
- 4.2 One-Design racing is open to boats of the Dragon, Elliott 6m, Martin 242 and Star classes. Skippers or boats other than Elliott 6m must be members of their respective class associations.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter for the first race of the season by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, before 1600 on Tuesday April 23.
- 4.4 Entries for subsequent races will be accepted up to 1600 hours on the Tuesday before the next scheduled race.
- 4.5 Division breaks for handicap boats are as follows:

ORC Division 0	ORC APH less than 530 and displacement to LOA ratio less than 250
ORC Division 1	ORC APH less than 580 but not in Division 0
PHRF Division 2	PHRF Rating 100 to 130
PHRF Division 3	PHRF Rating over 130

5 FEES

- 5.1 Full season entry fee – all classes: \$160, plus GST.
Single series entry fee – all classes: \$65, plus GST.
- 5.2 No entry fee is applicable for members of Royal Vancouver YC.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of racing

May Series	April 24, May 1, 8, 15.
June Series	May 22, 29, June 5, 12.
July Series	June 19, 26, July 3, 10.
August Series	July 17, 24, 31, August 7.
September Series	August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 11.
- 6.2 Number of races:
 - Handicap classes will sail one race each evening.
 - One-design classes will sail up to three races each evening.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours.

7 COURSES

Courses will be located north of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho breakwater.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 For handicap boats, when four races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3 For one-design boats, when four to seven races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 8.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

9 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

11 RISK STATEMENT

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.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Nightly prizes

- 1st place will be awarded if 3 or more boats race.
- 2nd place will be awarded if 5 or more boats race.
- 3rd place will be awarded if 7 or more boats race.

13.2 Series prizes

- 1st place will be awarded if 5 or more boats register.
- 2nd place will be awarded if 7 or more boats register.
- 3rd place will be awarded if 9 or more boats register.

13.3 Handicap boats from Royal Vancouver YC are eligible to compete for the Fred Long Memorial Trophy for the most first place race finishes in the season. To be eligible a boat must compete in a class in which eight or more boats are registered.

13.4 Prizes will be awarded at the Star & Dragon patio following racing, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Michael Shepard at racecommittee@rvan.ca.