



# The Cascadian Convoy

23-24 October 2021



## Notice of Race

The Cascadian Convoy long distance race is a qualifying race for the VanIsle 360 International Yacht Race and the Vic Maui International Yacht Race. The event is part of the Vancouver Island Racing Series.



The Cascadian Convoy is run with the contracted support of EHYMC. EHYMC would like to thank the following Organisations for their assistance:



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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

## **1. Organising Authority**

The Cascadian Convoy 2021 (The Event) is organised by the Canadian Forces Sailing Association Esquimalt Squadron (CFSA).

## **2. Rules**

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 2.2. The Prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 2.3. The Following Rules shall also apply:
  - 2.3.1. RRS rule 52, Manual Power, is amended to include: Boats entered in a Double-Handed division or declared to be sailing double-handed or single-handed in any race are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms to ensure safe boat handling, such as during sail changes and to avoid fatigue.
  - 2.3.2. Class rules for any Division sailing One-Design
  - 2.3.3. PHRF-BC handicap rules.
  - 2.3.4. All extant public health orders in the Province of BC.
  - 2.3.5. The Esquimalt Harbour Policies and Procedure.
  - 2.3.6. Boats shall be familiar with the Traffic Separation Scheme and have charts on board for the area where they will be racing, and be prepared to monitor the Vessel Traffic Services frequency in the area they are sailing. [DP]
  - 2.3.7. Between sunset and sunrise, Schedule 1 of the Canada Shipping Act: "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 with Canadian Modifications" shall replace the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.
  - 2.3.8. Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial or military traffic not registered as participants in the race. Any participant who receives 5 short blasts from a commercial or military vessel can be protested by the Race Committee. [DP]
  - 2.3.9. Between sunset and sunrise while on deck all crew shall wear life jackets having a light, whistle, marine grade retro-reflective material, crotch/thigh strap, and tether. [DP]

2.3.10. For the Long and Medium Distance Courses: It is highly recommended that boats display their official sail numbers on both the port and starboard lifelines or hull while racing. Size of letters and numbers should be similar to that required in the RRS Appendix G1.2 for sail numbers.

2.3.11. Boats which intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the boat's official sail number shall report those numbers to the Race Committee by the close of registration detailed in Section 7 of this NOR. Failure to comply shall result in a time penalty of 15 minutes added to the corrected finish time of the competitor without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 and A5.

#### 2.4. Safety Equipment Requirements:

2.4.1. Monohull boats racing in the short, medium, or long courses shall comply with the requirements in their respective race column in the "Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements" document attached to this notice.

2.4.2. Multihull boats racing in the short, medium, or long courses shall comply with the requirements in their respective race column in the "Multihull Safety Equipment Requirements" document attached to this notice.

2.4.3. Skippers will make an attestation in a Safety Checklist including an attestation as to the compliance of their boat with the provisions of Para 2.4 of this NOR.

2.4.4. The Cruiser Class is encouraged to review the requirements of the short course and begin bringing their boat to a racing standard. Participants in the Cruiser Class are required to meet the requirements of their National Authority; in Canada this is outlined by Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide.

2.5. Actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).2.6. This Notice of Race (NoR) may be modified by the Organising Authority.

### 3. Race Courses

#### 3.1. *The Long Distance Race:*

3.1.1. 98 nm Long

3.1.2. Esquimalt to Port Renfrew Fairway Buoy 'YK', to Esquimalt

#### 3.2. *The Medium Distance Race:*

- 3.2.1. 35 nm Long
- 3.2.2. Esquimalt to Secretary (Donaldson) Island, Brotchie Ledge, to Esquimalt
- 3.3. *The Short Distance Race:*
  - 3.3.1. 13-20 nm
  - 3.3.2. Course to be announced on Race Day
- 3.4. *The Cruiser Class Race*
  - 3.4.1. 13-20 nm
  - 3.4.2. Course to be announced on Race Day
- 3.5. *The US Shadow Race*
  - 3.5.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to run a US Shadow race based on extant COVID-19 situations.
  - 3.5.2. The Shadow Race will be equivalent in length and duration to the *Long Distance Race*, but will be run without an onsite Race Committee, and will be started based on time.

#### **4. Advertising and Tracking**

- 4.1. The Organising Authority may require advertising to be displayed on board competitor's boats.
- 4.2. Flags may be required to be flown from the backstays of competitor's boats.
- 4.3. The Organising Authority will require each boat to participate in the tracking program Kwindoo.
  - 4.3.1. Boats are required to have a smartphone on board, with GPS, and a data connection that is dedicated to running the Kwindoo tracking App.
  - 4.3.2. Further details and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **5. Eligibility and Handicapping**

- 5.1. All yachts shall comply with Rule 75.(a) (member of a club or other organization affiliated to a World Sailing member National Authority).
- 5.2. The Event is open to keelboats and multihulls with a valid PHRF certificate

- 5.2.1. Skippers must e-mail their PHRF certificate to the Organising Authority prior to check-in
- 5.3. The Event is open to One-Design classes if they are members in good standing of a One-Design keelboat class, if three or more boats are entered in a race.
- 5.4. The Event is open to multi-hull divisions, if three or more boats are entered in a race.
- 5.5. The Event is open to a Cruiser Class to provide casual competitive sailing for boats not fully race prepared but whose owners enjoy regattas. These are boats that do not normally race in club or other fleet racing. A current PHRF certificate will not be required.

## **6. Registration / Fees / Refunds**

- 6.1. Competitors are to register on the race Clubspot site:  
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0aqEn06GEH>
- 6.2. Regular entry fees are CAD \$85 + GST and include one meal. Late entry fees (after the time specified in Section 7) are CAD \$100 + GST.
- 6.3. In the event of cancellation or participant withdrawal a refund of CAD \$45 and 50% of meals will be provided until the low rate refund policy comes into effect at the time specified in Section 7, after which a refund of CAD \$22.50 and 25% of meals will be provided.
- 6.4. If the US Shadow Race is run, the fee will be CAD\$12.00 + GST with a CAD\$15.00 +GST late entry fee.
- 6.5. Fees will be collected online on the registration site.

## **7. Schedule**

### **7.1. Tuesday , October 12**

Late registration opens, low refund rate is in effect.

### **7.2. Wednesday, October 20**

0001 ~ Registration is closed, and all crew members must be declared  
NLT 2300 ~ Divisions announced

### **7.3. Friday, October 22**

1900 ~ The Organising Authority will host a hybrid Live (Clubhouse) & Webinar to discuss the race via Zoom Teleconferencing and present Newly created trophies, COVID permitting entertainment will be available timings TBD.

#### 7.4. **Saturday, October 23**

0830 ~ CFSA Clubhouse operations centre will be open and race packages will begin to be delivered to boats checking in to the harbour. Check-ins will be prioritised by race start and participants are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to facilitate check-in

0920 ~ All Long Distance race participants must be in Esquimalt harbour

0930 ~ All Medium Distance race participants must be in Esquimalt harbour

0940 ~ All Short Distance race participants must be in Esquimalt harbour

0950 ~ All Cruising Class race participants must be in Esquimalt harbour

1000 ~ Check in complete

1030 ~ Long Distance Race Start \*

1040 ~ Medium Race Start

1050 ~ Short Course Race Start

1100 ~ Cruising Class Start

1900 ~ Time Limit for the Short Race and Cruising Class

#### 7.5. **Sunday, October 24**

0400 ~ Time Limit for the Medium Course

#### 7.6. **Monday, October 25**

0000 ~ Time Limit for the Long Course

### 8. **Inspection**

All boats may be subject to random equipment inspection and verification prior to the race and immediately following the race.

### 9. **Sailing Instruction & Official Noticeboard**

9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the ClubSpot Website: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/sWofvHkme9> at the time specified in the schedule.

9.2. The ClubSpot website will be used as the Official Noticeboard, and any amendments to this NOR and the Sailing Instructions will be posted there.

### 10. **Scoring**

10.1. For PHRF Divisions: Time on Distance scoring will be used.

- 10.2. For One-Design Classes: order of finish will be used, but Time on Distance will also be calculated.
- 10.3. Divisions will be determined solely by brackets of PHRF ratings and will be announced as soon as possible, based on registration, but no later than the time specified under Section 7.
- 10.4. There will be no more than three divisions per race.

## 11. Support Boats

- 11.1. Support boats may be utilised until the warning signal of the racing vessel, and must at all times remain clear of the starting area.
- 11.2. Support boats may be moored at CFSA with prior arrangement with the Organising Authority.

## 12. Venue

The racing venue will be based out of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association, 1001 Maplebank Rd.

## 13. Berthing

Moorage will not be provided by the Organising Authority in an effort to reduce congregations of people. The Organising Authority will try to arrange discounted moorage in Victoria Harbour, but participants are ultimately responsible for their own moorage and ensuring that they comply with all public health orders prior to their check-in. Anchorage is available in Esquimalt harbour if registered with Queen's Harbour Master.

## 14. Safety at Sea

- 14.1. *Recommendation:* Safety at Sea courses have not been run since 2019. It is strongly advised that: No fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single handed, including the person in charge, should have attended a one-day or two-day Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 6 years, or other courses as accepted by their National Authority.
- 14.2. *Requirement:* The skipper must have completed at least one person overboard drill with at least 50% of the racing crew in each of the following conditions: 1. Daytime with an unconscious victim. 2. Running downwind with the largest downwind sail the vessel is intending to fly, and 3. **For the Medium and Long Courses a third drill at night.** ***These practices are to be recorded in the ship's log and be available for inspection and shall be attested to in the Safety Equipment Checklist that will accompany all check-ins on the day of the race.***

## **15. Media Rights**

The Organising Authority retains all media rights to this event, unless otherwise delegated.

## **16. Communications and Drones**

- 16.1. The Race Committee working channel will be VHF Channel 09. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the starting sequence.
- 16.2. Check in procedures will take place on VHF Channel 08
- 16.3. With the exception of the preceding instructions, and in the case of safety or reporting the reporting requirements of the race, boats shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 16.4. Drones are not to be flown in Esquimalt Harbour
- 16.5. Drones are not to be flown by competitors or support persons.

## **17. Prizes**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division.
- 17.2. An overall trophy may be awarded for the top overall boat per race.
- 17.3. The Interclub Challenge Trophy is awarded to the best club two-boat aggregate score. In the event of a tie another boat will be added to the calculation of aggregate scores, until the tie is broken or the club with the most boats wins.
- 17.4. If boats finish a course, but some boats only round the long distance mark, the organising authority may choose to score and/or award the 'rounded but not finished' boats after the 'finished' boats. This will be explained further in the Sailing Instructions.

## **18. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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. Participants will be required to sign a waiver at check in, in order to participate.

## **19. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall have third party liability insurance covering property damage, personal injury and death in an amount not less than



\$500,000 (Canadian or US) per occurrence, and the policy must cover boat-racing activities.

**20. COVID-19**

A COVID 19 attachment will be included in the Sailing Instructions and will reflect the best medical advice and extant public health measures in effect in the Province of BC as well as any guidance from BC Sailing.

**21. Further Information**

<https://www.cfsaesq.ca/node/109>

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Attachment 1 - Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements

Attachment 2 - Multihull Safety Equipment Requirements