



# WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

## 2024 Fall and 2025 Winter Snowflake Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Amended November 1, 2024)

The Snowflake Series is organized by the West Vancouver Yacht Club (the Organizing Authority).

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

The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which a penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and be less than disqualification.

All times are Pacific Times.

### 1. RULES

1.1. See Notice of Race (NOR) 1.

1.2. Due to the potential of hazards and commercial vessels, boats will be permitted to use their engines to clear themselves per rule 42.3(i).

### 2. COMMUNICATION & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Snowflake online official notice board, specifically at the following link:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/9P8KWgmUHd/#notice-board>

2.1.2.2. Race Committee will be communicating on VHF channel 73.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 am on the day it takes effect.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the WVYC flag pole and the Race Committee may communicate to all registered competitors via Clubspot.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE



- 6.1. After racing, all competitors are invited to return to the West Vancouver Yacht Club's clubhouse for a no-host lunch and prize-giving.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Division 1 – Numeral pennant one

Division 2 – Numeral pennant two

Division 3 – Numeral pennant three

Division 5 – Numeral pennant five

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. The course will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat each day before the start of the race.
- 8.2. When a red square is on the course board all marks are to port, a green square is all marks to starboard
- 8.3. A "T" on the course board means twice around the course, and boats must cross through the Start/Finish from the last mark they rounded.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. See Appendix A
- 9.2. All marks are rounding marks.
- 9.3. When a mark-bot is used as a mark, reasonable movement of a mark-bot on the course will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1; however, RRS 31 remains in effect. Such movement includes movements caused by windage, wind, a mark-bot returning to station after contact with a boat, and contact with a mark-bot that does not result in damage to either the boat or the mark-bot.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark or robot.
- 10.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. 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).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line is between a blue flag on the race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark or robot.



## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The time limit for each race is 3:00 pm.
- 12.2. Boats must finish within 1 hour of the first boat in their fleet.
- 12.3. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "TLE" one point more than the number of finishers in their division.

## 13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 2hrs after the Race Committee has docked.
- 13.2. Protests will be held at a later date and involved boats will be notified by email
- 13.3. Boats who use engine power to avoid danger as per SI 1.2 must give a written report to the Race Committee before the protest time limit. The report shall include: time, duration of power use, speed, direction, wind and current conditions, and the reason for using engine power.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. One race is required to constitute a series.
- 14.2. For the Fall Series, if a boat has sailed all four races, she drops her worst score.
- 14.3. For the Spring Series, if a boat has sailed four or more races, she drops her worst score.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. Boats must check-in via the proscribed VHF channel (SI 2.2) with Race Committee, providing their vessel name and sail number 10 minutes prior to the schedule start sequence.

15.1.15.2. Boats that retire from a race must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15.2.15.3. Boats may be inspected for safety requirements at any time by the Race Committee.



## APPENDIX A

Mark	Description	Approximate Position
A	Mark-Cates Bay	49° 24.9'N 123° 18.6'W
B	Bird Islets and Beacon	49° 21.8'N 123° 17.5' W
C	Orange Start Mark	
D	QB	49° 19.0'N 123° 12.1' W
E	Passage Island	
F	Q62 - Pt. Grey Bell Buoy	49° 17.3'N 123° 16.0'W
G	QA	49° 16.6'N 123° 19.3'W
H	QC Cardinal Buoy West of 3rd Beach, Stanley Park	49° 18.2'N 123° 10.0' W
J	Inflated Mark Vicinity of Cowan Point, Bowen Island	
L	Red Inflated Mark Located a short distance to leeward of start line	
<u>Q</u>	<u>ODASS – English Bay Weather Station</u>	<u>49°18.100'N 123°21.335'W</u>
Q	Gate consisting of Start Mark and Signal Boat. Proceed through the gate in the direction from the last mark	
R	Red Inflated Mark Located to windward of the Signal Boat	
T	Twice Around	
Y	Yellow Inflated Mark Located to windward of the Signal Boat	
Z	Yellow Inflated Mark Located to leeward of the Signal Boat	