



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

2024 Fall and 2025 Winter Snowflake Series NOTICE OF RACE (Amended November 10, 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, PHRF BC and the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.
- 1.2. Per RRS 42.3 (i), the Sailing Instructions will allow a boat to use their 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 direction and the position from which the engine was used for propulsion and any witnesses to the event.
- 1.3. Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions in the 2024-2025 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 Monohulls and DoT Safety requirements as laid out in the Safe Boating Guide https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp_511e.pdf and as amended in Addendum A.
- 1.4. Boats that are recognized by World Sailing as a One Design Class are exempt from the parts of the Offshore Special Regulations that conflict with their Class Design.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on Official Notice Board before noon on November 2, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board, including the event website, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Notices to Competitors, Results and Protest information is located at: <https://www.wvyc.ca/on-the-water/racing/snowflake-series>
- 3.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.



- 3.3. Use of hand-held HMF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Race Committee's failure to receive a hail, to transmit a hail, the order of the hails or to provide other communications to the fleet, shall not be grounds for redress.
4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY
- 4.1. Boats with a 2024 BC Sailing PHRF of BC Certificate are eligible to register for the Combined Fall and Winter series. Boats registering only for the Winter Series are eligible to register with a 2025 PHRF of BC certificate.
- 4.2. Registration closes 48 hours prior to the start of the first SERIES or RACE they wish to compete in.
- 4.3. Boats not registered 48 hours prior will not be scored.
5. FEES (all in Canadian dollars plus applicable taxes)
- 5.1. Snowflake Racing is free to WVC members
- 5.2. For non-members the registration fees are:
- \$20 per race, or
 - \$75 for the Fall Series and
 - \$90 for the Winter Series
- 5.3. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of registration.
- 5.4. Entry fees are non-refundable.
6. DIVISIONS
- 6.1. PHRF Division 1 PHRF Rating 0 to < 100
- 6.2. PHRF Division 2 PHRF Rating 100 to < 160
- 6.3. ~~PHRF Division 3 PHRF Rating 160+~~
- 6.4. Division 5 PHRF No flying sails/cruising
- 6.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter Division splits before the start of the first race of each series.
- 6.6. Boats registered in Division 5 (Cruising/White sails) that do not have a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating.
7. SCHEDULE
- 7.1. Fall Series 4 races November 3, 17 and December 1, 15, 2024
- 7.2. Winter Series 5 races January 5, 19, February 2, 16 and March 2, 2025
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955 hours.
8. RACING AREA
- 8.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of Howe Sound, English Bay and Georgia Strait.
9. COURSES
- 9.1. The course will be set each race selecting both fixed and anchored marks.



10. SCORING

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When fewer than four races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When four races or more are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. 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.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. RRS 3 Decision to Race 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, but are not limited to, 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. 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 Snowflake series' race.
- 12.2. Safety of the boat and crew is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper. All competitors shall comply with the boating safety regulations as issued by the government of their registry. When considering the safety of their vessels, all owners/skippers are advised to review World Sailing 2023-2024 Offshore Special Regulations (generally, and specifically Appendix B).
- 12.3. Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel, agree to indemnify the West Vancouver Yacht Club for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in a Snowflake series race.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Individual race prizes will be awarded after racing in the Clubhouse during each post-race lunch.
- 14.2. If there are 4 or more boats racing and finishing in a division, prizes will be awarded to



each boat placing first, second, & third in each race. If there are 3 boats, then only first place prizes will be awarded. If there are 2 boats, recognition only in lieu of a prize will be awarded.

14.3. Prizes will also be awarded to each boat placing first, second, and third in each Division of each series. These prizes will be awarded at WVYC Annual Awards Night. Additional trophies may be awarded for overall placement.

15. VOLUNTEERING

For further information regarding volunteering please contact the Race Committee Coordinator: Racecommitteecoordinator@wvyc.ca

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the fleet captain. Fleetcaptain@wvyc.ca

17. SPONSORS

Thanks to our Sponsors for supporting our racing program.



Addendum A Amendments to World Sailing Category 4 Offshore Special Regulations w/Canadian Prescriptions

The following outlines the amendments to the World Sailing Category 4 Offshore Special Regulations with Canadian Prescriptions:

- 3.18.2 Toilet Replace word "Permanently" with word "Securely."
- 3.19.2 Bunks Delete word "Permanently" with word "Securely."
- 3.27 Navigation Lights Replace with "A boat shall carry navigation lights that meet the boat's National Safety Authority requirements, mounted so that they will not be obscured by the sails."
- 3.28.1 Propulsion Engines Add "f) A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is ready for immediate use."
- 4.05.2 Fire Fighting Equipment Replace with "Fire extinguishers that meet the boat's National Safety Authority requirements for the size of boat."
- 4.10.1 Radar Reflector Append ", or" to c).

 Add "d) A tubular radar reflector is acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical."
- 4.13.2 Depth Sounder Append "is recommended."
- 4.22.3 Crew Overboard ID & Recovery Append "A self-igniting light is recommended."
- 4.23 Pyrotechnic Signals Replace with "A boat shall carry approved flares meeting day and night requirements of her national safety authority at a minimum, not older than the expiration date, or if no stamped expiration date, not older than 4 years."