



Harken – Pro-Tech
28th Annual Pumpkin Bowl Regatta
West Vancouver Yacht Club
October 17 and 18, 2026 and October 24 and 25, 2026

Notice of Race

The regatta is organized by the West Vancouver Yacht Club (the Organizing Authority). The regatta strives to create an experience for safe, fair and fun races for sailors of varying levels of experience.

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

The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule for which a penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a boat or Support Person may be subject to a specified penalty without a hearing for breaking that rule.

All times are Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The respective Class Rules apply.
- 1.3. [DP] [NP] All sail numbers shall comply with class rules. Decisions on compliance will be made upon equipment inspection. Duplicates shall be altered.
- 1.4. [SP] Competitors in all divisions except the Optimist Dinghy divisions are required to carry buoyant towlines with a minimum length of 15 m and minimum diameter of 8 mm. The minimum length of towlines shall be 8 m in the Optimist Dinghy divisions. Towlines must be attached to the boat in all classes except the 29er division.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices, Basic Rule, applies. Personal Flotation Devices must also be worn when on the docks. This changes 40.1.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix U "Direct Judging" applies to all fleets except for Opti Green and Opti Silver reproduced in NOR 1.7.1
 - 1.7.1 Protests by a boat:
 - (a) A boat may protest another boat by acting in accordance with RRS 60.2.

A judge may respond by one of the following:

 - (1) No signal and remains silent. The judge did not see the incident. The protesting boat may deliver a protest in accordance with RRS 60.3 and SI 1.1.
 - (2) The display of a green flag with a sound signal means "No penalty."
 - (3) The display of a red flag with a sound signal and identifying a boat by hailing means the identified boat shall take a penalty in accordance with NOR 11.1.1 or NOR 11.1.2 as applicable.

If the boat does not take the penalty, she shall be scored DSQ without a protest hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

(b) When a judge decides that a boat has broken RRS 31 and she is not exonerated, the judge will make one sound signal, display a red flag and identify the boat by hailing. The identified boat shall take a penalty by complying with NOR 11.1.1 or NOR 11.1.2 as applicable. If the boat does not take a penalty, she shall be scored DSQ without a protest hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

(c) Any non-action by a judge under NOR 1.7.1 (a) or (b) shall not be grounds for a request for redress. Jury boats may be positioned anywhere in the course area and this positioning shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 1.8. When considering conflicts of interest, the organizing authority, a *committee*, other race officials and support persons shall/will consider the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada's guidance for the determination of Conflicts of Interest. The guidance is provided at: https://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca/eng/documents/SDRCC_COI_Brochure_ENG_final_web.pdf
- 1.9. [DP][NP] All competitors, boat owners, support persons, *committees*, and other race officials are committed to the principles of Safe Sport and will follow the BC Universal Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is provided at: <https://viasport.ca/resources/bc-universal-code-of-conduct>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions for the Opti weekend (October 17-18) will be available on-line at [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Notice Board](#) by October 10th, 2026.
- 2.2. Sailing Instructions for the ILCA and Double-handed weekend (October 24-25) will be available on-line at [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Notice Board](#) by October 17th, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Notice Board](#).
- 3.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, while racing 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. The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4
 - 29er
 - 420
 - RS Feva
 - Flying Junior (FJ)
 - Optimist
- 4.2. For the Optimist class to provide safe and fun sailing for the varying levels of sailor experience, the following options exist for fleet registration. Competitors are encouraged to discuss their skill and experience level with their coach to determine which fleet is the best one for their abilities. Race Committee will place the Silver Fleet on the racing circle best suited for their skill level and the sailing conditions.

- **Opti Green Fleet:** Novice, first year of competition. As this regatta is often a first for Optimist competitors new to sailing from summer learn to sail, they are welcome to begin racing in Green fleet from ages of 7 to 15. Should they confirm their skill level to be suited for the conditions and the Optimist Silver Fleet, they are welcome to move to the Silver Fleet upon agreement with their coach for racing on October 18th. The coach must advise the Course Race Officers when their competitor moves to the Silver Fleet.
 - **Opti Silver Fleet:** Competitors with more than one year of Opti sailing experience and/or beyond Green Fleet who are working at building their foundational skills and experience in sailing and racing in normal wind and sea conditions (up to 15 knots).
 - **Opti Gold Fleet:** Competitors with skills and experience to sail up to and beyond 20 knots of wind and associated gusts, which are the International Optimist Dinghy Association Race management guidelines for wind and sea state limits for the class. This is typically achieved with regular training and competition in heavy wind and large sea-state conditions often experienced in BC's winter, early spring and late fall sailing seasons, and high wind venues such as Squamish, San Francisco, China Beach and the Gorge. These competitors are proficient in gybing and tacking in winds above 15 knots with sea state greater than 3 feet.
- 4.3. Opti competitors must be a minimum of 7 years old. This follows recommendations of BC Sailing.
- 4.4. Per the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (CODA) by-law 21, Red, Blue and White divisional assignments shall be made based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, that is 0000 hours October 17, 2026. These divisional assignments apply to both Gold and Silver Fleets.
- Red – age 13 to 15 and still be 15 as of December 31, 2026
 - Blue – age 11 or 12
 - White – age 7 to 10
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration process and pay the required fee via Clubspot registration at: [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Registration](#)
- For all classes, early registration is available online until September 30th at 11h59.
 - Optimist Fleets Racing October 17th and 18th
 - 4.5..1.1. Online registration will be available from October 1st to 17th at 9h00.
 - 4.5..1.2. **No registrations will be accepted after 9h00 Saturday, October 17th.**
 - ILCA, RS Feva, 29er, FJ and 420 classes racing October 24th and 25th
 - 4.5..1.1. Online registration will be available from October 1st to October 24th at 9h00.
 - 4.5..1.2. **No registrations will be accepted after 9h00 Saturday, October 24th.**
- 4.6. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Registration](#)
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a competitor shall:
- Complete all registration requirements,
 - Pay all required fees (if applicable) at the time of registration,
 - Have their boat inspected by the Organizing Authority and be found to have a sail number that complies with the requirements of NoR 1.3, and
 - Comply with the requirements of NoR 1.4.
- 4.8. Coaches / Support Persons may enter the event by registering online at: [2026 Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - Registration](#).

5. FEES (all in Canadian dollars plus applicable taxes and processing fees)

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early (on or before September 30, 2026)	Regular Fee (October 1 until October 14)	Late (October 15 until registration closes)
Opti Green	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Opti Silver	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$135.00
Opti Gold	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$135.00

Class	Early (on or before September 30, 2026)	Regular Fee (October 1 until October 21)	Late (October 22 until registration closes)
ILCA 4, 6, 7	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$135.00
29er, 420, Feva, FJ	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$270.00

5.2. Fees include a coveted Pumpkin Bowl technical shirt, hot chocolate and a snack on day two of racing.

A competitor that registers on or after October 1st may not receive the technical shirt. Competitors who register prior to October 1st are assured to receive a technical shirt.

5.3. Meal tickets are available for separate purchase online or on site.

Friday night dinner (dine-in or take-away) \$20.00

Breakfast \$16.00

Post-race Saturday meal \$23.00

5.4. Coaches must register for no charge and are encouraged to register online prior to the event in order to receive safety briefing materials and regatta communications in advance of the event. Coaches who register by the September 30th will receive a technical shirt. Coaches who register on or before October 15th or on or before October 22nd will have the option of requesting a free bagged lunch. Coaches' registration closes at 9h00 on October 18th for the Opti Fleet racing, and 9h00 on October 25th for the ILCA, RS Feva, 29er, FJ and 420 classes racing.

5.5. Competitors coming from outside of British Columbia will receive a \$ 25.00 discount off their entry fees. Please use "OUTOFPROVINCE" as the discount code.

5.6. All registration refunds will have a \$20 cancellation charge, regardless of if initiated by the Organizing Authority or competitor(s).

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Competitors and/or boats may be required to wear or display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Optimist Racing

Friday, October 16 – Opti Weekend (Opti Gold, Silver and Green Fleets)

1700 to 19h30 Sail Check and Check-in available in the Yachting Centre, and Friday night dinner (3 options, dine-in or takeaway) available in the WVIC Clubhouse for purchase at the club or with pre-purchase with Registration.

Saturday, October 17 – Opti Weekend (Opti Gold, Silver and Green Fleets)

7h00 to 1000	Breakfast available for purchase in the Clubhouse or via pre-purchase with Registration
8h00 to 9h30	Sail Check followed by Check-in at the Yachting Centre
9h00	Registration closes on Clubspot
9h00	Coaches meeting, Clubhouse (ALL coaches MUST attend)
9h30	Sail Check and Check-in Closes at the Yachting Centre
10h00	Gold and Silver Fleet competitors' meeting, boat parking lot
10h15	Launch may open for Gold and Silver Fleet
10h45	Green Fleet competitors' meeting, boat parking lot
11h00	Launch may open for Green Fleet
11h10	Gold and Silver Fleet first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
12h00	Green Fleet first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
16h00	Coaches meeting, Clubhouse (all coaches to attend). May occur earlier and coaches will be contacted via Clubspot.
16h00 (approx.)	Early meal for Opti classes (and parents and siblings), Clubhouse. Pre-purchase with Registration, and some meals may be available for purchase on site.

Sunday, October 18 – Opti Weekend (Opti Gold, Silver and Green Fleets)

7h00 to 10h00	Breakfast available for purchase in the Clubhouse or pre-purchase with Registration.
8h30	Coaches' meeting (weather dependent), Clubhouse
9h00	Gold and Silver Fleet Competitors Meeting, boat parking lot
9h05	Launch may open for Gold and Silver Fleets
10h00	Green Fleet Competitors Meeting, boat parking lot
10h05	Launch may open for Green Fleet
10h15	Gold Fleet first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
11h00	Green Fleet first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
After racing	Awards Yachting Centre / boat parking lot.

Number of races

<i>Class</i>	<i>Races per day Scheduled</i>	<i>Races per day Maximum</i>	<i>Total races</i>
Opti Gold and Silver	4	5	10
Green Fleet Racing	5	No maximum	No maximum

- Competitors competing in Optimist Green and White Fleet shall compete on the water no more than 3.5 hours after the first start of the day. This is in accordance with a directive from BC Sailing.
- No warning signal will be made after 15h00 on Sunday, October 18th.
- On Sunday, October 18th, prizes will be awarded in the Clubhouse as soon as possible following the expiration of the protest time limit.

7.2. ILCA, RS Feva, 29er, 420s and FJ Racing

Friday, October 23 – ILCA (Alpha course), RS Feva, 29er, 420 and FJ (Charlie course)

17h00 to 19h30 Sail Check and Check-in available in the Yachting Centre, and Friday night dinner available in the WVIC Clubhouse for purchase at the club or for pre-purchase with Registration.

Saturday, October 24 – ILCA (Alpha course), RS Feva, 420, 29er and FJ (Charlie course)

7h00 to 10h00 Breakfast available in Clubhouse for purchase or pre-purchase at Registration.

8h00 to 9h30 Alpha and Charlie Courses Sail Check followed by Check-in at Yachting Centre

9h00 Registration closes on Clubspot

9h30 Sail Check and Check-in Closes at the Yachting Centre

9h00 Coaches' meeting, Clubhouse (ALL coaches MUST attend)

10h00 Charlie course (RS Feva, 29er and 420) competitors' meeting, boat park lot

10h15 Launch may open for Charlie Course

10h45 Alpha course (ILCA) competitors' meeting, boat park lot

11h00 Launch may open for Alpha Course

11h15 Charlie Course first warning signal, subsequent races to follow

12h00 Alpha Course first warning signal, subsequent races to follow

16h30 Coaches' meeting, Clubhouse (all coaches to attend). May occur earlier and coaches will be contacted via Clubspot.

17h00 (approx.) Early meal for all classes (and parents and siblings) in WVYC Clubhouse. Meals to be pre-purchased at Registration, and some may be available for purchase at the club.

Sunday, October 25 – ILCA (Alpha), RS Feva, 29er, 420 and FJ (Charlie) Courses

7h00 to 10h00	Breakfast available for in Clubhouse for purchase or pre-purchase with Registration
8h30	Coaches meeting (weather dependent), Clubhouse
9h00	Charlie Course Competitors' Meeting, boat parking lot
9h05	Launch ramp may open for Charlie Course
9h30	Alpha Course Competitors' Meeting, boat parking lot
9h35	Launch ramp may open for Alpha Course
10h10	Charlie courses first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
10h40	Alpha course first warning signal, subsequent races to follow
After racing	Awards, Yachting Centre / boat parking lot.

- There will be a maximum of five races per day for all classes except six races per day for the 29er division.
- No warning signal will be made after 15h00 on Sunday October 25th.
- On Sunday, October 25h prizes will be awarded at the Yachting Centre / boat parking lot as soon as possible following the expiration of the protest time limit.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall have its sail number inspected for compliance with NoR 1.3
- 8.2. [SP] Towlines maybe checked for compliance with NoR 1.4.
- 8.3. Boats maybe inspected at any time.

9. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 9.1. The event venue is the West Vancouver Yacht Club, located at 5854 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC V7W 2S2.
- 9.2. Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 9.3. Addendum B shows the racing area. Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of the West Vancouver Yacht Club, Passage Island, Point Atkinson and Whyte Cliff Park.
- 9.4. The distance from the club to the race course can take over 30 minutes to sail in some cases. Competitors are advised to ensure adequate time between their launch and start. Coaches are advised to ensure their coach boats are sufficient to tow their competitors to and from the race course.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. All courses will be windward-leeward configurations

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed herein.
 - 11.1.1 For the 29er class, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
 - 11.1.2. For the ILCA 7, 6 and 4, 420, RS Feva, and FJ classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except that if the breach is within the zone or a judge signals a penalty, it shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
 - 11.1.3. Rule P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to all penalties. This changes RRS P2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.
- 12.4. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.5. The Optimist Red, Blue and White divisional assignments will use CODA overall fleet scoring.
- 12.6. The Optimist Green Fleet will not be scored.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 13.1. [SP] All Coach and support boats must carry a functioning VHF radio and monitor their applicable course VHF channel.
- 13.2. Coach and support boats must have three-point lifting harnesses to use the crane facilities for launching. Boats without a WVYC approved lifting harness will be sent to the Horseshoe Bay boat ramp.
- 13.3. Coach and other support boats need to be of appropriate size and engine power to provide appropriate support and assistance for competitors given the weather conditions.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. **The waters near the West Vancouver Yacht Club are cold especially in October (e.g. 9-12 degrees Celsius). Appropriate clothing and safety gear mitigates the risk of exposure to cold water such as hypothermia. The competitor understanding their own capabilities and endurance as well as effective discussions with coaches and parents can assist the competitor in making their own decision to race. Competitors, coaches and parents are reminded of Racing Rule of Sailing Rule 3 Decision to Race "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." In assessing their endurance, competitors may consider the distance from the Club to the racing course and the time required to return within the context of potential adverse weather.**

15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/INDEMNITY

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and based on the assessment of their skills and prevailing conditions by their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians. See RRS 3, 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.
- 15.3. Competitors and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians acknowledge and voluntarily accept these risks. It is the responsibility of the competitor and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians to 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.
- 15.4. The decision to race or not to race resides solely with the competitor and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians. Any safety procedures put in place, or information provided by WVYC, are not a substitute for the obligations and responsibilities of the competitor and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians 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 competitor.
- 15.5. 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 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 owner and operator of the vessel and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians.
- 15.6. The competitor and their respective coaches, parents and/or guardians must ensure that the vessel and crew members comply with all applicable legislation and regulations in accordance with Canadian law.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1. By participating in this event the competitor grants 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 competitor's arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with minimum third-party liability coverage of \$1,000,000 CAD for Canadian residents and \$500,000 USD for USA and non-Canadian residents.

18. CHARTERED BOATS

18.1. WVYC will have the following boats available for charter:

- six (6) Gold/Silver fleet Optis available for charter for \$100 each,
- six (6) Green fleet Optis available for charter for \$50,
- fourteen (14) Flying Juniors for charter at \$150, and
- six (6) Lasers for charter at \$200.

These are available for booking at registration. The competitor will provide a \$500 damage deposit upon taking the charter boat. The deposit will be refunded upon return of all equipment and no damage to the boat. Any cost to replace equipment or do repairs will be deducted from the damage deposit.

19. GREEN REGATTA

19.1. WVYC is a Clean Marine yacht club. As a result, competitors and coaches are encouraged to bring their own filled water bottle. In addition, this regatta is paperless and no printed sailing instructions will be provided.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded to at least the first three boats in each of the ILCA 4, 6, 7, 29er, RSFeva, 420 and FJ classes. Participation awards will be awarded to all Opti Green Fleet competitors. For Opti Gold, prizes will be awarded for the top three boats in the Red, Blue and White divisions. For Opti Silver, first prizes will be awarded for the top boat in Red, Blue and White divisions respectively.
- 20.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three female competitors in the ILCA 6 fleet, and the top female Feva, 29er, and 420 boats.
- 20.3. The Vladimir Plavsic Memorial Award will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Competitor of the Pumpkin Bowl Regatta for the ILCA and Double-Handed fleets. The Organizing Authority invites coaches to recommend competitors who reflect the values and contributions Vladimir Plavsic made to sailing: taking initiative, embracing technology, sportsmanship, continuous self-improvement and living life to its fullest.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the WVYC Sailing Office at:

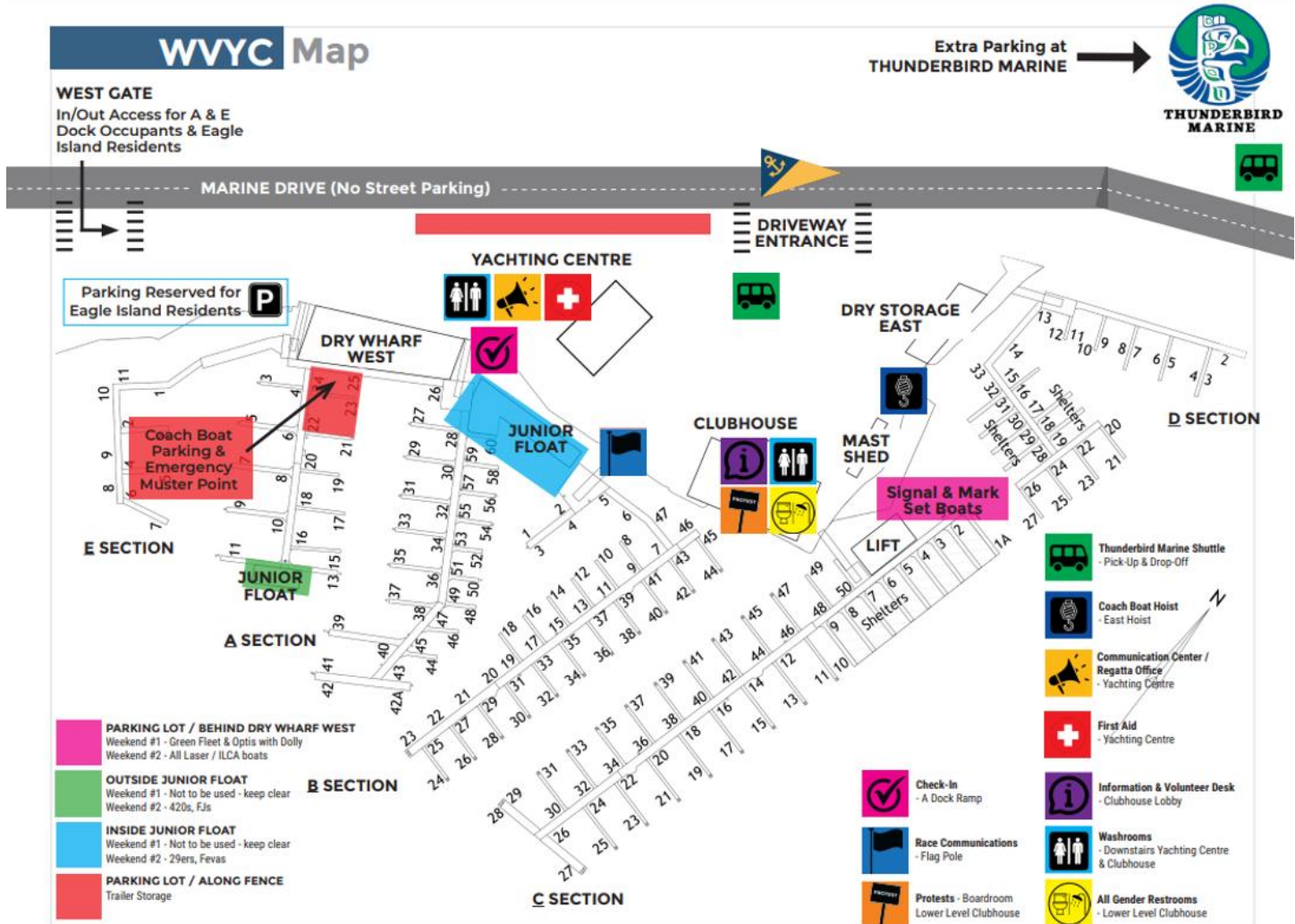
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Addendum A – Event Venue Plan



Addendum B – Race Area

