



WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

2022 Fall and 2023 Winter Snowflake Series NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 and the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the web site before noon on October 28, 2022.

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 www.wvyc.ca/on-the-water/racing/snowflake-series

3.2. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

3.3. Race Communications will take place using VHF Channel 73.

3.4. All boats are advised to monitor VHF 73.

3.5. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 73. These broadcasts are not grounds for protests.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. Racing is open to boats holding a valid PHRF of BC certificate.

4.2. Participants may register online using the WVYC website in the Racing section.

4.3. Registrations must be received no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the first SERIES or RACE they wish to compete in.

4.4. Boats not registered 48 hours prior will not be scored.

4.5. Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4

4.6. 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.

5. FEES

5.1. Snowflake Racing is free to WVYC members and \$15 per race for non-members.

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 October 30, November 13,27 and December 11
- 7.2. Winter Series 5 races January 8, 22, February 5, 19 and March 5
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955 hours.
- 7.4. Race Committee may assign a time or place for boats still on course if/when the majority of boats have finished.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Howe Sound, English Bay and The Georgia Strait

9. SCORING

- 9.1. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. If 1 to 3 races are sailed, there will be no throw-outs. If 4 races are sailed, there will be 1 throw-out.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 an 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.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times

14. PRIZES

Daily prizes may be awarded once we can safely gather onshore following racing. 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. Prizes will be presented during each post-race Lunch.

Prizes will also be awarded to each boat placing first, second, and third in each series. These prizes will be awarded at WVYC Annual Awards Night.

Additional Prizes may be awarded for overall placement.

15. VOLUNTEERING

For further information regarding volunteering please contact the sailing director.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the fleet captain or the sailing director.

17. SPONSORS

Thanks to our Sponsors for supporting our racing program.