



RVYC Steve McBride Fall Dinghies Championships

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC).

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September 2026

Royal Victoria Yacht Club
Victoria, British Columbia

The Royal Victoria Yacht Club hosts this event for sailors who take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others; who are good sports on and off the water; who respect the traditional territory of the Lekwungen/Songhees peoples on which they compete; and who care for our environment and oceans.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) v1.0.2

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

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - 1.1.1. The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.2. [DP][NP] Duplicate sail numbers in the same division shall be altered.
- 1.3. [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 x 6mm in the Optimist Dinghy divisions. Towlines must be attached to the mast in all classes except the 29er division.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices, Basic Rule, applies.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P 'Special Procedures for Rule 42' applies.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T 'Arbitration' applies.
- 1.7. Sail Canada Appendix U 'Direct Judging' applies.
- 1.8. When considering Conflicts of Interest, regatta officials and support persons will consult the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) brochure. The brochure can be found at: <https://www.crdsc->

sdrcc.ca/eng/documents/SDRCC_COI_Brochure_ENG_final_web.pdf.

- 1.9. [DP][NP] All participants, officials, staff, and support persons are committed to the principles of Safe Sport and will follow the BC Universal Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct can be found at: <https://viasport.ca/resources/bc-universal-code-of-conduct>.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1800 on Friday 25 September 2026. <https://rvyrcracing.ca/regatta/PMP0rocZCL>. Printed copies of the sailing instructions will not be made available.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://rvyrcracing.ca/regatta/PMP0rocZCL/#notice-board>.
- 3.2. A Whatsapp group may be used for unofficial communications. The link to join will be available in the SI.
- 3.3. [DP] Whilst racing, except in an emergency, a boat will not make electronic voice or data transmissions and will not receive electronic voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of these classes: 29er, Club 420, International Laser Class Association (ILCA) 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, Optimist Championship Fleets (Red, Blue, White), Optimist Green and Open class.
- 4.1.1. Per Canadian Optimist Dinghy Association (CODA) by-law 21, Red, Blue and White divisional assignments shall be made based on the sailors age on the first scheduled day of racing, that is, 0000 hours 26 September 2026.
- 4.1.2. Green Fleet competitors must have a designated coach from their club whilst on the water.

5. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form found at <https://rvyrcracing.ca/register/regatta/PMP0rocZCL/class>

- 5.1. Each competitor is to register their boat in one of the following divisions:
- 29er
 - Club 420
 - ILCA 4
 - ILCA 6
 - ILCA 7
 - Opti Championship, comprised of boats in the White, Blue and Red Fleets; or
 - Opti Green, comprised of boats in the Green Fleet.
 - Open class (any class with 3 boats ie. 49erFX, Fireballs, etc.)
- 5.2. To be considered an entry in the event, each competitor shall:
- 5.2.1. Complete all of the registration requirements in Clubspot;
- 5.2.2. Pay the fees applicable to their entry defined in NoR 6 below;
- 5.2.3. If their boat is inspected by the organising authority or the race committee, be

- found to have a sail number that complies with the requirements of NoR 1.2;
and
- 5.2.3.1. Comply with the requirements of NoR 9 below.
- 5.3. Check in with the Organising Authority upon arrival at the venue on Saturday morning. On-site sail inspection and check-in will be open on Saturday 26 September from 0830 to 1030 on the back lawn behind the clubhouse.
- 5.4. Online registration closes at 1159, Thursday 24 September 2026. There will be no on-site registration available.
- 5.5. [DP] The sail number of the boat shall be accurately recorded in the registration by 1200 noon Friday 25 September 2026. The organising authority can be contacted at the e-mail below to make corrections.
- 5.6. Support Person Registration
- 5.6.1. All Support person/vessels must be registered at the registration desk.
- 5.6.2. All Support person/vessels are either 'coach-vessels' or 'support-vessels'
- 5.6.3. Coaches may register as 'coach-vessels' if they meet one of the following criteria; supporting documentation to be uploaded at time of registration:
- 5.6.3.1. Hold valid certifications for: FirstAid CPR-C, Making Ethical Decisions and SafeSport Modules, CanSail 1-4 level of instruction (documentation from sailing.ca) or equivalent, or:
- 5.6.3.2. By exception, provide written confirmation from their Club indicating they are acting in the capacity of Coach for their Club and sailors, and attest that the coach meets the club's standard for vulnerable sector screening (e.g. current criminal records check on file), safe sport training or certification completed, valid FirstAid CPR-C, and best practices for sailing instruction.
- 5.6.4. Coaches are required to report their boat name, club and sailors they are responsible for on-water in addition to leaving a \$20 cash deposit for a numbered flag that will be required to be displayed while on water in the racing area. Only registered Coaches and registered athletes may occupy coach-vessels.
- 5.6.5. Vessels that do not meet the criteria of 'coach-vessels' shall register as 'support-vessels'.
- 5.6.5.1. 'Support-vessels' shall, at registration, declare their boat name, Club and sailors they are responsible for on-water and shall not display a numbered flag. All Support-vessels must stay outside of the racing area.

6. FEES

6.1. The entry fees are, in Canadian funds:

	<i>If paid prior to 2359 on 22 September 2026</i>	<i>If paid after 2359 on 22 September 2026</i>
Coaches	\$0.00	\$50.00
Double-handed Boats	\$150.00	\$200.00
Single-handed Boats	\$85.00	\$125.00
Open Class	\$150.00	\$200.00
Optimists	\$75.00	\$100.00
Optimists Green	\$75.00	\$100.00

6.2. The Goods and Services Tax, at a rate of 5%, will be added to the entry fees upon payment and paid by all competitors.

6.3. Entry fees must be paid upon registration. Payments can be made in the registration system either by credit card or as a charge to a Royal Victoria Yacht Club member account.

6.4. All registration refunds will have a \$20 surcharge regardless of cancellation either by participant or RVYC.

6.5. The Organising Authority offers a Saturday dinner for purchase for \$34.00 (plus tax and tip) online under the “merchandise” window. Dinner tickets are NOT included in your registration.

6.6. A limited number of tickets may be available on Saturday for purchase in the bar of the venue from Royal Victoria Yacht Club’s food and beverage staff.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP][NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The schedule for each day is:

Saturday 26 September 2026

0830: Competitors check in, sails and boats are inspected by the Organising Authority

1030: Check-ins and inspections close

Coaches’ meeting (lower lounge)

There is no competitors’ meeting

1200: First warning signal for all divisions except Optimist Dinghy divisions

1230: First warning signal for Optimist Dinghy divisions

1700: Dinner

Sunday 27 September 2026

1100: First warning signal for all divisions except Optimist Dinghy divisions

1130: First warning signal for Optimist Dinghy divisions

8.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8.3. The organising authority intends to present the awards in or around the Royal Victoria Yacht Club clubhouse immediately following the conclusion of racing.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Each boat shall have its sail number inspected for compliance with NoR 5.5.

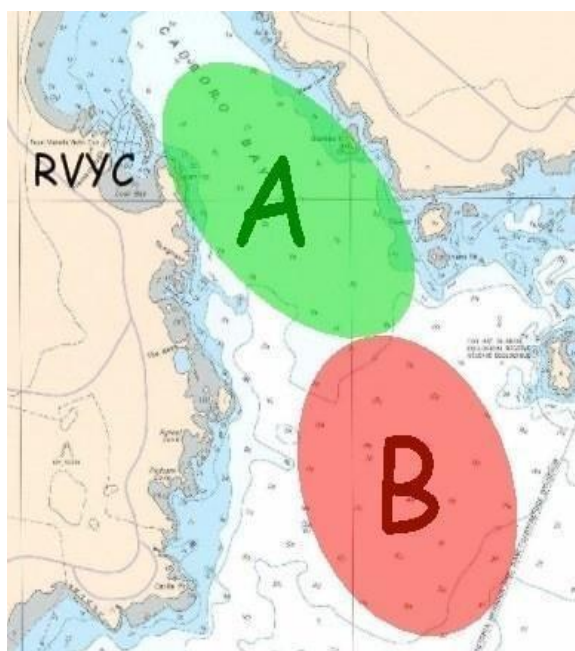
9.2. [SP] Towlines may be checked for compliance with NoR 1.2.

9.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.

10. VENUE

10.1. The event venue is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club located at 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria, British Columbia.

10.2. The racing area will be in the waters of Cadboro Bay and Oak Bay as shown below.



11. COURSES

11.1. All courses will be windward-leeward configurations.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS Appendix P applies. Rules P2.2 and P2.3 do not apply, and rule P2.1 is changed so that it applies to any penalty. In the 29er division, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for penalties under RRS Appendix P 2.1.

12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, except that if the breach is within the zone or a judge signals a penalty identifying a boat, it shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 13.3. When five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.
- 13.4. When ten or more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its two worst scores.
- 13.5. The Optimist Red, Blue and White fleets will use CODA overall fleet scoring.
- 13.6. The Optimist Green Fleet will not be scored.

14. BERTHING AND PARKING

- 14.1. 29ers are to be parked at the northwest end of the foreshore area, on the southeast side of the marine railway tracks.
- 14.2. ILCAs, 420 and Optimists are to be parked on the lawn
- 14.3. Only RVicYC dinghies may reside on the floating dock. All visiting dinghies must park according to 14.1 and 14.2.
- 14.4. Small trailers are to be parked in the higher of the two parking lots between the clubhouse and the dock.
- 14.5. Large trailers are to be parked on the east side of the foreshore, around the crane area, as directed by the Organising Authority.
- 14.6. There will be street parking available. On-site parking in the upper lot is reserved for member use only.
- 14.7. An aerial photograph showing the approximate locations of these areas is attached in Addendum A.

15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 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 and transmission of communicable diseases, such as Covid-19.
- 15.2. Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each boat, agree to indemnify RVYC and regatta organizers for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage per incident of \$1,000,000 CAD for Canadian residents and \$300,000

USD for residents of other countries.

17. PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats overall in each class and for the top three female ILCA 6 class, except the Optimist Championship Fleets where the first five boats overall in each fleet will receive an award and the Optimist Green Fleet where each competitor will receive a participant award.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the organising authority at:
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Addendum A: RVYC Grounds

