



2026 RVYC The Great Canadian Pursuit Race

Sailing Instructions



Sunday 19 July 2026

Preamble. The Great Canadian Pursuit Race is the second race in the RVYC Island Race Series. Please see the Clubspot event at: <https://rvyccracing.ca/regatta/KIOgReKfnz> for series information. The Island Series Races are in a pursuit format and open to all sailboats, large and small. No rating required. If a boat does not have a rating one will be assigned prior to the race. See paragraph 8.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The *Sail Canada Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing*, available at [Rules prescriptions | Sail Canada \(sailing.ca\)](#) apply.
- 1.3. The *2026 PHRF-BC Class Rules*, available at [PHRF – BC Sailing](#) apply.
- 1.4. Each boat shall comply with the Transport Canada boating safety regulations applicable to it. See: [TC Safe Boating Guide TP 511](#)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board at the club's dinghy shed not later than 0800 19 July 2026.

3. REGISTRATION Registration is not required but doing so makes it easier for the RO to determine the results. Please consider registering at:

4. COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALS

- 4.1. Other than changes to the sailing instructions, as defined in paragraph 2, there will be no notices to competitors.
- 4.2. There will be no skippers' meeting.
- 4.3. No signals will be made to competitors.
- 4.4. Marine VHF channel 09 will be monitored by the Race Officer (RO).

5. THE COURSE

- 5.1. Skippers can choose to round in either direction.
- 5.2. The course will be from the start, around Chatham and Discovery Islands, leaving the Fulford Reef Buoy "VK", Brinn Rock and Seabird Point to starboard if rounding in a clockwise direction and to port if rounding in a counterclockwise direction, to the finish.
- 5.3. The course distance is 7.0 nm. This distance will be used to calculate the pursuit start times as shown in Appendix "A".

6. NAVIGATIONAL RESTRICTIONS / AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS While racing, boats shall not sail:

- 6.1. Between Flower Island and Vancouver Island.
- 6.2. In the Oak Bay Marina and within 100 metres of its northern or southern entrances, which lie to the west of Mary Todd Island; or
- 6.3. Between the north cardinal buoy "VJ", North of the Harris Islet Group and Lee Rock buoy "V25".
- 6.4. Between Enterprise Channel buoy "VE" and Gonzales Point (Victoria Golf Club course).

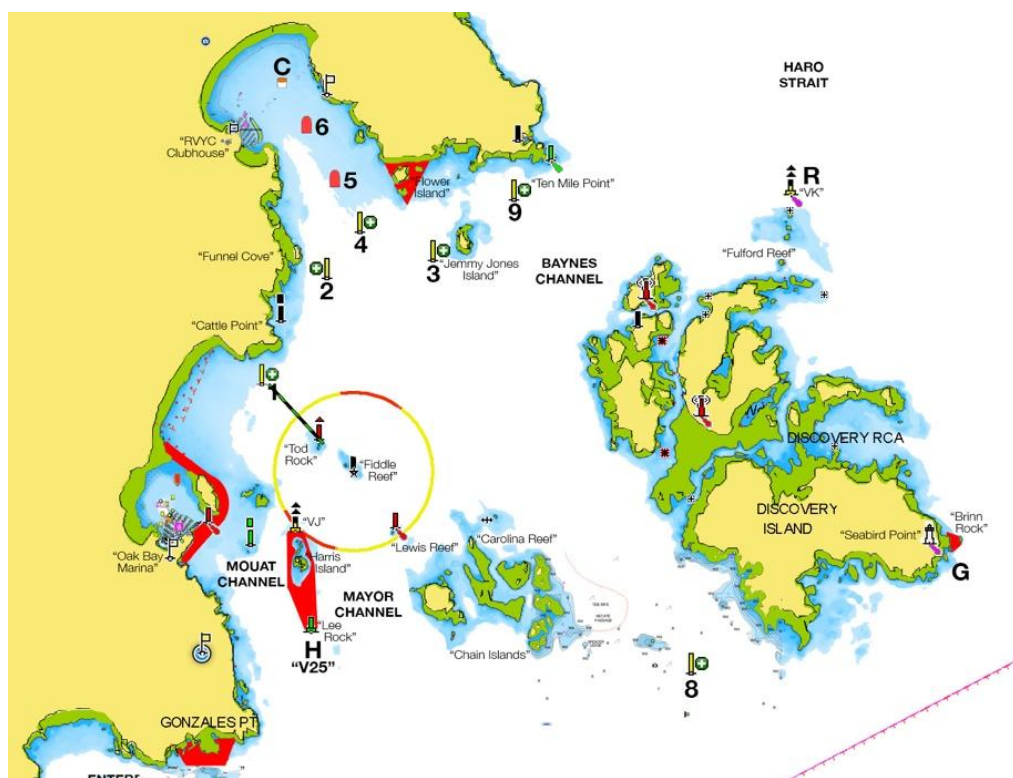


Image 1. Navigational Restrictions

7. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line is the northwest range / transit formed by Tod Rock and Fiddle Reef Light. Boats start in a northeast direction.
- 7.2. Each boat is to start at the time shown in Appendix A that is opposite the range into which its rating, as defined in paragraph 8 below, falls.

8. RATING

- 8.1. Each boat shall use its PHRF-BC rating to determine its start time.
- 8.2. Dinghies are assigned the following ratings:

8.2.1.	Club 420	210
8.2.2.	Laser or ILCA	200
8.2.3.	Fireball	180
8.2.4.	29er	160
8.2.5.	49er	100
- 8.3. Boats that do not have a PHRF rating will be assigned a rating by the race committee. Please contact the race officer, AJ Hesford, at ajhesford@gmail.com no later than 1800 Friday 17 July 2026 to obtain a rating.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line is the same as the starting line in paragraph 6.1. Boats finish in a westerly direction, from the direction of the last mark.
- 9.2. Each boat is to record its finish time.
- 9.3. The skipper of each boat must hand a completed finishing form, found in Appendix B, to the RO, or his representative at the RVYC patio no later than 1400. If the form cannot be submitted in person, a photograph of the completed form can be texted to 250-580-2356 or emailed to ajhesford@gmail.com

10. TIME LIMIT/RETIREMENT

- 10.1. All boats must finish no later than 1330.
- 10.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be recorded Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.
- 10.3. A boat retiring from the race must notify the race committee of its retirement by text 250-580-2356.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. For the protest forms and procedures see under RACING <https://rvyc.bc.ca/Racing>
- 12.2. The protest committee will attempt to resolve all protests by arbitration, if possible, as per RRS Appendix T.

13. SCORING Boats will be scored in the order they finish.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Special prizes may also be awarded for noteworthy aspects.
- 14.2. Prizes will be presented on lawn between the clubhouse and the patio at about 1430 or earlier if all boats have finished.
- 14.3. Skippers, or their representatives, must be present to receive their prizes.

15. SOCIAL Skippers are permitted and encouraged to fly the Canadian Flag prior to, during and after the race. Any additional dressing is equally encouraged within the bounds of safety. Crews are encouraged to wear red & white.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. 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 race.

17. INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000CDN.

APPENDIX A – Start Times based on PHRF-BC Rating Ranges.

	Time	From	To
Start 0	9:00	250	258
Start 1	9:01	241	249
Start 2	9:02	233	240
Start 3	9:03	224	232
Start 4	9:04	216	223
Start 5	9:05	207	215
Start 6	9:06	199	206
Start 7	9:07	190	198
Start 8	9:08	181	189
Start 9	9:09	173	180
Start 10	9:10	164	172
Start 11	9:11	156	163
Start 12	9:12	147	155
Start 13	9:13	139	146
Start 14	9:14	130	138
Start 15	9:15	121	129
Start 16	9:16	113	120
Start 17	9:17	104	112
Start 18	9:18	96	103
Start 19	9:19	87	95
Start 20	9:20	79	86
Start 21	9:21	70	78
Start 22	9:22	61	69
Start 23	9:23	53	60
Start 24	9:24	44	52
Start 25	9:25	36	43
Start 26	9:26	27	35
Start 27	9:27	19	26
Start 28	9:28	10	18
Start 29	9:29	1	9
Start 30	9:30	-7	0

APPENDIX B – Finish Record Sheet

Skippers: Hand this sheet in at the RVYC Patio no later than 1400. See below for further details.

The Great Canadian Pursuit – July 19 th , 2026		
Finish Record Sheet		
Boat Name		
Sail Number		PHRF-BC Rating:
Skipper		
Date of Race	July 19 th , 2026	
Start Time		GPS Time (hh:mm:ss)
Finish Time		GPS Time (hh:mm:ss) or DNF/RET
Boat Ahead		Boat(s) finishing ahead of you.
Boat Behind		Boat(s) finishing after you.
Comments		
Instructions	Each boat must hand in their completed form to the race officer, AJ Hesford or his representative, at the RVYC Patio no later than 1400. If unable to attend in person, the result can be texted to 250-580-2356 or emailed to ajhesford@gmail.com	
	Results received after 1400 will not be accepted.	