



Royal Victoria Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions The William Head Race July 11, 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' refers to a discretionary penalty, which follows guidance from World Sailing and is applicable to certain infractions - safety, code of conduct, class rule and technical breaches - some of which cannot be protested by competitors.

This document must be read in conjunction with the 2026 Notice of Race for this event found at the [William Head Trophy Race](#) page on Clubspot which contains information governing Rules, Changes to Rules, Divisions, Ratings, Prescriptions, Eligibility, Entry, Registration, Communications, Scoring, Prizes, Berthing, Disclaimer of Liability, Insurance and Safety.

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1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice board at the [William Head Trophy Race Clubspot Event page](#).
- 1.2. Supplementary sailing instructions may be posted on the notice board at the Dinghy Shed, VHF Channel 09, the [Clubspot Event page](#) and/or the RVYC WhatsApp message service [Royal Victoria WhatsApp Trophy Race Group](#).
- 1.3. [DP] All boats shall monitor marine VHF channel 09 before and during the race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made at or before 1800 hrs the previous date of the race will be posted to the official notice board (1.1).
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions made after 1800 hrs on the day before the race but before the warning signal will be announced from the race committee boat. The race committee will display code flag "L" indicating that boats shall come within hail to receive any changes.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The race will be held on Saturday July 11, 2026.
- 3.2. There will be no skippers meeting for this race.
- 3.3. Time of First Warning (Division Flag) is 10:00 GNSS.

4. CLASS FLAG

- 4.1. First Warning will be signaled by marine flag "D"



5. THE COURSE

- 5.1. The course shall be from the start to the turning mark, which will be the Royal Canadian Navy mooring buoy at approximately 48°19'44"N, 123°32'13"W, then to the finish. All marks are to be left to port.
- 5.2. While racing, boats shall not sail:
 - 5.2.1. Between Enterprise Channel cardinal buoy "VE" and Gonzales Point (Victoria Golf Course);



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5.2.2. 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

5.2.3. Harris Rock between the Lee Rock buoy "V25" and the north cardinal buoy west of Harris Rock "VJ".

See the appendix for graphical representations (not to be used for navigation).

6. THE START

6.1. The race will be started by using RRS 26.

6.2. The start will be in Cadboro Bay between a staff mounted on the non-operational Discovery Isle and the white mark designated "Cookie" in the middle of Cadboro Bay.

6.3. There will be a single start for all Divisions.

7. THE FINISH

7.1. The finishing line shall be range formed red striped pole on the piling at the north end of C Dock in the club's Cadboro Bay marina and the red striped pole on the end of the club's breakwater, extending northward into Cadboro Bay.

7.2. The race committee has a person recording finish times. All boats, however, are to record their finish times in the online timesheet at the club website under Racing / Race Management / Enter LD finish Times no later than one hour after finishing.

8. TIME LIMITS

8.1. The time limit is 7 hours for boats sailing in Division 1, and 8 hours for boats sailing in Divisions 2,3.

8.2. If fewer than 1/3 of the boats in a division finish within the time limit then the finish time of each boat in that division will be its rounding or passing time at the Pedder Bay mark. Skippers should record their mark rounding times and report them under these circumstances with the online timesheet at the club website under Racing / Race Management / [Enter LD finish Times](#) no more than two hours after the time limit for their division.

9. RETIREMENT

[DP] A boat that retires from the race after the start should report its retirement to the race committee by calling the race committee on marine VHF channel 09 or, upon receiving no response to its call, by using the [Enter](#)



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[LD finish Times](#) tab on the Race Management menu of the RVYC website:
Racing / Race Management / [Enter LD finish Times](#) no more than one hour
after the time limit for the first boat in their division.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after either the last boat finish or the race time limit, whichever is earlier.
- 10.2. See the protest procedure
at https://rvyc.bc.ca/Racing/Racing_Overview under “Protest Forms and Procedures.”
- 10.3. Notices will be posted online at RRS.org/schedules within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

