



International 6 Metre Class World
Championship
September 12 – 21, 2017
Organized by Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Vancouver Canada



In association with the
International Six Metre Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Other rules that will apply:
 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing
 - The International Six Metre World Championship Trophies Deed of Gift (DoG)
 - The International Six Metre Class Rating Rule
- 1.4 These instructions apply to the practice race on September 14, the Westerleigh Cup Regatta on September 15 - 16, and to the World Championship Regatta from September 17 - 21, 2017.
- 1.5 The second sentence of RRS 33 is deleted.
- 1.6 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than part 2, except rules 2, 28 and 31, may be less than disqualification if the international jury so decides. This changes RRS 64.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 1.7 RRS G 1.1 (b) will not apply. RRS G3 will apply.
- 1.8 In these instructions [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the north entrance to the Royal Vancouver YC (RVYC) Jericho clubhouse, and on the event website at <http://6mvancouver2017.com>.

- 2.1 The race committee will use VHF 67 to communicate with competitors. Boats leaving and entering the harbour are asked to stand by on VHF 66A to communicate with the harbourmaster.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 RACE OFFICIALS

4.1 The regatta chair is Erin Christy chair@6mvancouver2017.com

4.2 The Race Officer is John Culter IRO rc@6mvancouver2017.com

The race committee members are

Jim Allan	Steve Brunsden RRO
Aldyen Donnelly	Paul Evenden RRO
Ruth Grierson	Paul Martin
Barbara Picton	Tim Russell
Brian Woodward	Marilyn Woodward

4.3 An International Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
Chair is Don Becker USA jury@6mvancouver2017.com

Members of the jury are

Rick Hatch CAN	Jared Hickman USA
Mike Turner CAN	Egil Wold NOR

Arbitration Judge is
Dave Pyron CAN

4.4 The chair of the Technical Committee for the event is
Guy-Roland Perrin SUI measurement@6mvancouver2017.com

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the north side of the RVYC Jericho clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

	Date	Schedule	Target time	Mark 1 time limit	Race Time limit
Practice race	Thursday, Sept. 14	1 race	50 minutes		
Westerleigh Cup	Friday, Sept. 15	3 races	60 minutes	30 minutes	2 hours
	Saturday, Sept. 16	2 races	60 minutes	30 minutes	2 hours
World Championship	Sunday, Sept. 17	2 races	90 minutes	45 minutes	3 hours
	Monday, Sept. 18	2 races	90 minutes	45 minutes	3 hours
	Tuesday, Sept. 19	2 races	90 minutes	45 minutes	3 hours
	Wednesday, Sept. 20	2 races	90 minutes	45 minutes	3 hours
	Thursday, Sept. 21	Spare	90 minutes	45 minutes	3 hours

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 hours, except that the first warning signal for the practice race will be at 1400 hours.

6.3 The race committee may add one additional race each day if required to maintain the schedule without additional notice under instruction 3.

6.4 No warning signal will be displayed after 1530 hours on Thursday, September 21.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Open Division	Light blue flag with class insignia
Classic Division	White flag with class insignia

8 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the south side of English Bay, Vancouver. See Attachment A.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a placard on the race committee signal boat. For

courses A1 and B1, flag R will be displayed before or with the warning signal.

- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark S is a staff displaying an orange flag in a race committee boat. Mark F is a blue and white inflatable.
- 10.2 For the Open division, marks 1 and 1a are yellow inflatables. For the Classic division, marks 1 and 1a are green inflatables. Marks 2s and 2p are pink inflatables.

11 AREA THAT IS AN OBSTRUCTION

The area south of a line beginning at the northwest corner of the RVYC Jericho breakwater, through a series of white or orange can buoys ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at Jericho Sailing Centre is an obstruction. Boats shall not sail in this area.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and mark S at the port end.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag on the signal boat will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is 200m from the starting line in any direction. [NP]
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRSs A4 and A5.
- 12.5 The race committee will attempt to announce sail numbers of OCS, UFD or BFD boats on VHF radio within two minutes after the start, and will post sail numbers at the race committee signal boat at the conclusion of each race. Failure to announce or post these sail numbers will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 For courses A0 and A1, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on

the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and mark 1 at the port end.

- 14.2 For courses B0 and B1, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and mark F at the port end.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 Target times, mark 1 time limits and race time limits are shown in instruction 6.
- 16.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRSs 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 16.3 If no boat has sailed around mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.4 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRSs 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the regatta office on the ground floor of the RVYC Jericho clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 There is no time limit for protests filed by the race committee or the international jury. Otherwise, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat has returned to the harbour.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices will be placed on the official notice board and on the regatta website, and the jury will attempt to notify competitors by text message and/or email. Failure to post the notices on the regatta website or send the electronic notification will not be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time posted. The jury may schedule hearings before the end of protest time if the parties are available.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or international jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Decisions of the international jury will be final, as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 17.7 Recorded video and images from any source: press, media or support boat, or data/video of positioning electronic devices (tracking) cannot be used as evidence during hearings and shall

not be grounds for requesting redress.

17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a decision of the international jury shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.9 Appendix T applies.

18 SCORING

18.1 For the Westerleigh Cup, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. For the World Championship, five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 Boats must obey all warning signals and directions from, and shall not obstruct, commercial traffic.

19.3 Boats may not sail inside the marina, nor within 50m of the harbour entrance.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW [NP]

Boats that register more than five crew at check-in may replace one of the original crew with the sixth person registered. This substitution may be done only once during the regatta. Other crew changes are not allowed without prior written approval of the international jury.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS [NP]

22.1 Official race committee and photo boats may be identified with a red and white Sail Canada flag. Judge boats are identified with a green flag bearing a black 'J'.

22.2 Actions by official boats shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

23 SUPPORT BOATS [NP]

- 23.1 Registered support boats shall be marked with numbered flags provided by the organizing authority at the regatta office and shall be equipped with a VHF radio. As well, occupants must wear personal flotation devices approved in Canada or in their country of nationality, and must have an outboard kill switch attached to the driver at all times while on the water.
- 23.2 Support boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the race committee or jury.
- 23.3 Prohibited zones for support boats:
- After the warning signal for a division, support boats shall stay outside the starting area and 200m below the starting line or its extensions.
 - After the start for a division, support boats may proceed upwind on the starboard side of the course. Support boats shall stay 150m from the nearest competitor..
 - At the weather mark, support boats shall stay 200m away from marks 1 and 1a.
 - Support boats are not permitted on the port side of the course at any time.
- 23.4 Boats that are not registered as in instruction 23.1 will be classed as spectator boats, and shall follow the guidelines provided. In particular, spectator boats may not enter the prohibited zones for support boats, and shall stay outside of support boats at all times.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. This instruction does not apply to spinnaker stopping material.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]

- 25.1 It is recommended that boats carry a VHF radio. Boats may use the radio to report retirement from racing or to request assistance in an emergency.
- 25.2 Boats are asked to stand by on VHF 66A when entering and leaving the harbour.
- 25.2 No other transmissions are permitted during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 25.3 Competitors are prohibited from any communication via any cellular device via voice or data after the first warning signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day.

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

From 0600 hours on Friday, September 15 until after the last race of the regatta, boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the international jury.

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or breathing apparatus or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 0600 hours on Friday, September 15.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 million CAD or equivalent per event.

Attachment A



