



VARC Opener
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Saturday, March 23, 2024
Vancouver Canada



Notice of Race
With Amendments

1 RULES

- 1.1 The organizing Authority is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVanYC) in association with Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC)
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The VARC Notice of Race 2024, available at www.varc.bc.ca, applies to this event.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after noon on Thursday, March 21 on the event web site.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the event web site.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event web site at www.royalvan.com/bigboat.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 67, 68, 69, 72, 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 67
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats eligible under the VARC Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at the event website at www.royalvan.com/bigboat. Before attempting to register, boats must have confirmed their 2024 annual renewal with their respective rating authorities, either PHRF of BC (PHRF) or Offshore Racing Congress (ORC).

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 Late entries will be accepted before 0700 on Saturday, March 23 with an additional payment of \$25.

4.5 Boats with a PHRF BC rating of 99 may participate and be scored in Division 3. They will not be scored by VARC without subsequent approval of VARC.

5 FEES
Entry fee is \$49.

6 ADVERTISING
Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration closes at midnight on Thursday, March 21.

7.2 Number of races: Three races are scheduled, two windward-leeward around the buoys and a longer race in the afternoon, weather permitting.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100.

7.4 No warning signal will be displayed after 1530.

7.5 There will be a dock party after racing. Boats and crews are invited to raft at the end dock and come ashore for refreshments and prizes.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat shall be entered in its respective online rating system, either PHRF or ORC.

8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

Racing will be conducted in English Bay northwest of RVanYC Jericho Station.

10 SCORING

10.1 Divisions 0, 1 and 2 will be scored using ORC. Divisions 3, 4 and 7 will be scored according to PHRF of BC.

10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

12 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 competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

14 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 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CAD \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please email [Jason Saunderson](mailto:Jason.Saunderson@regatta.org), Regatta Chair.