



RVYC Skills Challenge 2026

May 30th - 31st, 2026



Notice of Race

Includes Amendment 01 dated April 20, 2026

Includes Amendment 02 dated May 12, 2026

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).
- 1.3 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. (Changing RRS 44)
- 1.4 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part IV are amended so that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water, except briefly for changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices.
- 1.5 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is deleted and replaced by “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the official notice board at noon on May 25th, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at www.royalvan.com/skills-challenge.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions. VHF radios will not be provided by the OA.
- 3.3 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, ENTRY APPLICATION & INVITATIONS

- 4.1 After submitting their entry application, selected applicants will be invited to participate by the OA as outlined below.
 - Participants shall be invited in either of the following two categories: Helm or Crew.
 - All applicants shall submit a brief outline of their sailing accomplishments and top results or provide a current sailing resume.
 - 12 helms will be invited to participate. A waiting list will be maintained. Up to 3 spots will be open to non-RVYC member teams (helm and/or crew)
 - Crew that submit a team application (bow & middle) will be given priority over single crew applications.
 - The number of crew teams invited will not be more than the number of helms invited.
 - Invitations to participate will be based on resumes submitted and past performance.
 - Each participant must apply to enter by 1800 on May 15, 2026.
 - Application information is available on the event web page.
 - Both helm and crew teams will be selected by May 20th. The OA may extend this date without issuing an amendment.

- 4.2 Invitations will be issued by the RVYC Captain Fleet based on recommendations made by the RVYC Selection Panel using the following criteria as a guideline for selection:
- Tier 1 – World Champions, Olympians.
 - Tier 2- Former National Team Athletes, North American Champions or similar level of accomplishment in fleet racing.
 - Tier 3 – Sailors who actively sailed in the Elliot Fleet last season. With you application provide the number of days you raced last season on the Elliots from regattas and Wednesday night racing.
 - Tier 4 – Active Racers in other classes at RVYC.
 - Tier 5 – Newcomers to racing at the club.
- 4.3 To be confirmed as an entry in the event, each participant shall complete all registration requirements and pay all required fees by midnight on May 24, 2026.

5 FEES

	Helm	Crew	
RVYC Member	\$125	\$75	
Non-Member	\$225	\$125	

Fees include the use of the RVYC Elliott boats for both days.

- 6 Damages up to a maximum of \$500 per incident are the responsibility of the competitor and will be charged to the member account. Non-member helm applicants must provide a deposit in the amount of \$500 at check in. This amount is the maximum for any one incident. An additional deposit may be required after the first or subsequent incident.
7. FORMAT OF RACING
- 7.1 The Skills Challenge Regatta will be conducted so that each helm sails against each other helm in rotation. Helms will rotate boats. Crew will change their boat between Saturday and Sunday. Helm and crew team pairings will be arranged to equalize overall team rankings as much as possible and may include team handicapping adjustments for scoring purposes. Team pairings, boat assignments and the rotation procedure will be provided at the May 30th 0900 competitor briefing.
- 8 SCORING
- 8.1 At least one complete round of races is required to constitute the regatta.
- 8.2 RRS A 2.1 is amended so that no race score will be excluded.
- 9 THE COURSES
- Courses will be windward/leeward twice around. Target time will be 20 minutes.

Friday May 29	1400 – 1430	Check in for practice time
	1400 – 1800	Practice time
	1700	Practice race
Saturday May 30	0830 – 0900	Check in
	0900	Boat assignment & competitor briefing
	1030	First warning signal
	1800	No warning signal after this time
Sunday May 31	0900	Competitor briefing
	1030	First warning signal
	1630	No warning signal after this time

11 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 11.1 Racing will be in provided equipment, the RVYC Elliott 6m sailboats.
- 11.2 Teams must not alter the boats and standing rigging except as permitted by the sailing instructions.
- 11.3 Equipment shall only be replaced or adjusted with permission of the race committee.

12 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior approval of the race committee.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 [DP] In the event of crew injury the RVYC safety plan applies.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.3 [DP] Boats shall not obstruct commercial traffic and must obey all warning signals and directions from commercial and race committee vessels.

14 ADVERTISING

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

15 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 athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

16 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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