Championship of Champions Regatta

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
October 24th - 25th 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS including SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Including Amendment 01, 18:30 October 23

OA Organizing Authority
RC Race Committee
PC Protest Committee

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1,1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1,2 The class rules of the Elliott 6m class shall not apply.

1.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

1.4 A boat that may have broken RRS 31 or a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website at www.royalvan.com/sailing/elliot-6m#cocc

3,2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 67.

4 BOAT ASSIGNMENT AND ROTATION

4.1 Boats will be rotated each day. Skippers shall retain spinnakers during the regatta.

4.2 The boat rotation schedule will be posted on the notice board

4.3 When flag D is displayed with or before the warning signal, boats shall not use spinnakers during that race.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Boats shall not obstruct commercial traffic and must obey all warning signals and directions from commercial vessels and RC vessels.

5.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the north lawn of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho clubhouse.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means: 'Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is removed. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is removed.'

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 A maximum of 16 races are scheduled.

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday.

7.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530. This changes the Notice of Race.

8 CLASS FLAGS

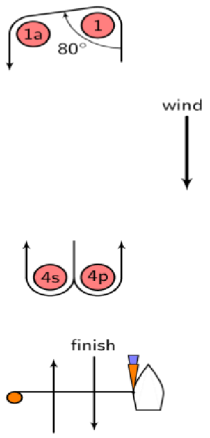
8.1 The Class flag is the E6 logo, in red, on a white field.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area is the waters of English Bay, Vancouver BC.

10 COURSES

10.1 If only one leeward (4s/4p) mark is in place, it shall be rounded to port.



Start S–1–1a–4s/4p– 1–1a–S Finish.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks are as described in the following table:

Mark S (start & finish)	Orange & White checkerboard mark
Marks 1 & 1a	Orange mark
Marks 4p & 4s	Yellow mark
New Mark (replaces marks 1 and 1a)	Green mark

12 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

i. A line beginning at the northwest corner of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho breakwater, through a series of orange and white can buoys ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at Jericho Sailing Centre. Boats shall not pass south of this line;

ii. City of Vancouver swim areas off Jericho Beach, Kitsilano and Spanish Banks. Boats shall not enter these areas.

13 THE START

13.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of mark S at the port end.

13.2 To alert boats that a warning signal will soon be made, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

13.3 Starts will be run using the Vakaros OCS system as described in Appendix RS.

13.4 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt on VHF radio to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. When the course is changed mark 1a may be deleted.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel at the port end and the

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	40 minutes	15 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored 'Did not *finish*' (DNF) without a hearing.

16.4 The target time for each race will be 22 minutes, failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signals boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Requests for hearings are available on the official notice board

17.3 Hearing Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit expiry to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

18 SCORING

18.1 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18.2 Scoring inquiries and questions pertaining to finishing order and missing sail numbers may be sent to racecommittee@rvan.ca.

18.3 The final race will be scored as double points.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] In the event of crew injury Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's safety plan applies.

19.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the RC race officer.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the RC race officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 BREAKDOWN AND TIME FOR REPAIRS

21.1 A boat may request time to deal with damage to the boat, sails or injury to a crew member after finishing and by calling the RC signal vessel on VHF radio. She shall promptly sail to and remain close astern of the RC signal vessel and wait for further instructions until the event's bosun is able to attend to the damage or injury.

21.2 The time allowed for repairs is at the discretion of the RC.

22 [DP] SUPPORT PERSONS AND SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels and Support Persons shall not be on the water at any time during the event. Spectator vessels may be provided by the OA.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

24 BERTHING

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

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC principal race officer.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats at any time.

27 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.

Appendix 1

BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND BOAT CONDITIONS

1. Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except as prescribed in this Addendum. All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
2. To the extent reasonably possible, boats have been equalized by the OA. No changes to the standing rigging are permitted. Possible variations in the rigging are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
3. Boats shall be moored in their assigned places in the harbour.
4. Boats shall be handled in a seamanlike manner at all times and avoid the risk of collision while racing.
5. Prohibited items and actions include:
   - Any use of marking pens with permanent ink
   - Any use of duct tape or clear tape anywhere on the boat
   - Making marks directly on the boat
   - Perforating sails for tell tails or other purposes
   - Attaching anything to the fabric of spinnakers
   - Additional running rigging or sheets, spinnaker turtles
   - Adjustment or alteration of the electronic tracking device installed on the boat
6. Except for (1) a competitor's VHF radio, and (2) the Vakaros device installed on the boat, no other electronic device shall be permitted or used on board the boat
7. Permitted items include:
   - Vinyl or masking tape
   - Marking pens, except for actions which are prohibited
   - Telltale material
8. If an incident results in serious damage such that a boat is unable to compete in subsequent races, a replacement boat may be provided.
9. Competitors shall properly roll the sails at the end of each racing day and to ensure that all boat equipment is stowed correctly. Sails shall be tied onto the boat overnight.
10. The boats are equipped with Vakaros instruments, any changes to position or alterations to this equipment is prohibited.

Appendix RS RACESENSE RRS CHANGES

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall be provided a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing and secured to the boat with a tether at all times while sailing.

RS.2 Competitors shall

a) Ensure the Atlas 2 is on at all points during racing and notify the RC if there are any issues.

b) Turn the Atlas 2 off after sailing each day.

RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here Atlas 2 User Guide

RS.5 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 safe and operational and promptly notify RC staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.7 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS.8 RaceSense will be used to call the Finish Line.

RS.9 Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.10 If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS.11 If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.12 deleted

RS.13 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to Vakaros and the OA in perpetuity, to collect, use, analyze, and share, at their discretion, any race data, position tracking, speed, heading, timing, and other performance data generated by Vakaros Atlas devices, RaceSense, or other electronic instruments aboard their boat during racing.