



Fraser River Lightship Race

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club



Saturday October 3, 2026
Vancouver, Canada

Notice of Race

Includes Amendment 01 dated September 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority for the event is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVanYC), in association with Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC).
- 1.3 The VARC Notice of Race 2025, available at www.varc.bc.ca, applies to this event.
- 1.4 After sunset, the navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea government right of way rules (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 rules.
- 1.5 Boats in violation of RRS G1.2 Identification on Sails will be penalized 5% of their elapsed time without a hearing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after noon on Thursday, October 1st on the official notice board.
- 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 official notice board is located at the event web site at www.royalvan.com/fraser-lightship.
- 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 2026, available at www.varc.bc.ca.
- 4.2 Boats may enter at the event web site before 2359 on Thursday, October 1st. Before attempting to register, boats must have confirmed their annual renewal for the current year 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, October 3 and the late entry fee is \$25.

5 FEES

Entry fee is \$75, plus applicable taxes and processing fees.

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1000 hours.
- 7.2 After racing, boats and crews are invited to raft at the end dock and come ashore for refreshments.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall carry or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.
- 8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

Racing will be conducted in English Bay, and eastern portions of the Strait of Georgia.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 For Divisions 0, 1 & 2 from the start near the RVanYC Jericho marina, rounding the Sand Heads buoy S1 and return. Other divisions will round buoy T10 and return.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Division 0, 1 & 2 will be scored using ORC. Other divisions will be scored using PHRF of BC handicaps.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Visiting boats may request overnight and after-racing moorage by calling the Jericho Harbormaster at 604-224-1033.
- 12.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.





13 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 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CAD \$3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please email racecommittee@rvan.ca

