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Women's Invitational Regatta 2026

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Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

September 19 and 20, 2026

Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Notice of Race

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** Participation in the event is at the invitation of the Organizing Authority (OA), which is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).
- 1.3** Sail Canada Prescriptions apply and will be posted on the notice board.
- 1.4** RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply.
- 1.5** *Women's Invitational Elliott 6m Boat Conditions* will apply and can be found on the event web site.
- 1.6** The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats supplied by the OA. No class rules will apply.
- 1.7** When the event's protest committee (PC) finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules in an incident afloat or ashore where there was either: (1) serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship; (2) poor sportsmanship; or (3) misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA, which may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the event. The OA may also decide to take such action for this kind of conduct to revoke a team's invitation without such a report after consultation with the PC and the race officer.
- 1.8** *World Sailing Development Rule DR21-04 Appendix UF Umpired Fleet Racing* Version February 2025, with permissible changes for this event, will apply. This document will be available on the official notice board.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by noon on Thursday, September 10, 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The Official Notice Board is located on the event website at www.royalvan.com/wir.
- 3.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Canadian channels. Competitors must provide their own VHF radios.
- 3.3** On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4** 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.
- 3.5** The RVYC Standard Safety Plan will be posted on the Official Notice Board by September 15, 2026. Skippers will be required to attest to reviewing it at Check In.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to all-women teams of three or four from invited yacht clubs. Invited teams must confirm their attendance by email to the event chairperson at wir@rvan.ca and by registering all members online at the event web site by midnight on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Registration fees are non-refundable. Change in the names and number of team members is allowed until check-in.
- 4.2** All registered team members shall sail all races. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.3** Total crew weight shall not exceed 262.5 kg.
- 4.4** If twelve teams have not registered by close of registration, the OA may fill the open slots.
- 4.5** All competitors shall complete an online liability waiver form at registration. For competitors under 18 years of age these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian.
- 4.6** To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by Sunday, August 16, 2026.

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5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fee is CAD \$360, plus applicable taxes and processing fees.
- 5.2** Fees include use of an Elliott 6m boat from Friday afternoon until Sunday and tickets for competitors to social events after racing for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.3** Damage costs: By entering the event, competitors agree to pay for any damage they cause as judged by the PC irrespective of when the damage is sustained. Competitors will be limited to damage costs up to \$500.00 CAD per incident.

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1** The event will consist of umpired fleet racing; see Notice of Race paragraph 1.8.
- 7.2** Boats will be rotated each morning before racing and possibly also a second time each day between races. Spinnakers will be retained by each skipper during the event.
- 7.3** Each team shall sail with the same number of crew members each day except with the permission of the PC. Crew members may not be changed between races on a given day except with the PC's prior permission.

8 EQUIPMENT AND WIND CONDITIONS

- 8.1** Sails to be used during the event shall be provided by the OA, and will include a mainsail, jib and spinnaker.
- 8.2** While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 8.3** The OA or RC may require rotation or substitution of sails for any reason. Rotation or substitution of sails by the OA or RC shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 8.4** The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC). This changes RRS 41(c).

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9 SCHEDULE

9.1

Date	Time	
Wednesday, May 27	1200	Registration opens
Sunday, August 16	2359	Registration closes
Friday, Sept 18	1200 - 1300	Check in (includes waivers being signed)
	1300 - 1700	Boats available for practice
	1500	Warning signal for practice race
	1800	Practice / Coaching debrief
	1830	Social
Saturday, Sep 19	0900	Competitor's Meeting
	1100	First warning signal
	1800	Dinner
Sunday, Sep 20	1100	First warning signal
	1530	No warning signal after this time
	1700	Prizegiving

9.2 There will be seven races a day.

9.3 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on the last scheduled day of racing.

10 VENUE

The racing area will be the waters of English Bay, Vancouver B.C.

11 COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Support and coach vessels are not allowed. A spectator vessel will be provided by the OA. Please discuss spectator opportunities with the OA.

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13 SCORING

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

13.2 A team's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour and shall be securely moored by competitors at the end of each race day.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA 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 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as well as for the team with the Best Team Spirit (as judged by the OA).

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact event chairperson Tammy Danforth, at wir@rvan.ca.

If accommodation is required, please contact Tammy Danforth. The OA will endeavour to secure housing for all competitors who submit a request no later than August 1, 2026. Housing will be at the homes of local families or on yachts berthed at RVYC Jericho and is not guaranteed.

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