

RVYC Pacific Challenge Match Racing Event 2026

Presented by **Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**

October 17 - 18, 2026 Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Notice of Race

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Match Racing Rules: appendix C

1.2 Participation in the event is at the invitation of the Organizing Authority (OA), which is the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).

1.3 The Sail Canada national prescriptions that apply will be posted on the event website.

1.4 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply.

1.5 Pacific Challenge Match Racing Event conditions will apply and can be found on the event web site.

1.6 The event will be sailed in Elliot 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 in charge of the race committee (RC).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by noon, Thursday October 15th, 2026, on the Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the event website at http://www.royalvan.com/ods .

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 Emergency and Safety Procedure documentation will be provided on the Official Notice Board by October 23, 2025. Skippers will be required to attest to reviewing these procedures at Check In.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to teams of three or four from invited yacht clubs. Invited teams must confirm their attendance by email to the event chairperson at **lukeramsaysailing@gmail.com** and by registering all members online at the event web site by midnight on Friday, October 9th, 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 Tuesday October 13th, 2026. **5 FEES**

5.1 Entry fee is CAD $300.

5.2 Fees include use of an Elliott 6m boat from Friday afternoon until Sunday and tickets for competitors to social events after racing.

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 [insurance deductible].

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The OA in consultation of the Chief Umpire & RO may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round based on the number of entries or when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the planned format. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

7.2 The following format is planned;

a) Stage 1 - Round Robin of all teams.
b) Stage 2 - Semi-Final knockout of the top four teams from Stage 1 - first to two points.
c) Stage 3 – Final knockout of the top two teams from Stage 3 - first to two points - determines 1st & 2nd
d) Stage 3 – Petit Final knockout for the other two teams from Stage 3 - first to two points - determines 3rd & 4th

7.4 Boats will be rotated each morning before racing. Spinnakers will be retained by each skipper during the event.

7.5 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). The number of crew members onboard shall not change during the event.

7.6 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

8.1 Sails to be used during the event shall be provided by the OA, and will include a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Other sails, including any additional sails provided by the OA, shall not be used unless approved by the OA.

8.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will 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).

9 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
~~Friday October 16th~~	~~Check-in, boat & pairing draw~~	~~0900~~
Friday October 16th	Practise sailing	1630
Saturday October 17th	Check-in, boat & pairing draw	0845
Saturday October 17th	Competitor's Meeting	0900
Saturday October 17th	Racing	First warning 1030
Saturday October 17th	Competitor Debrief	After Racing
Sunday October 18th	Competitor's Meeting	0900
Sunday October 18th	Racing	First warning 1000 latest warning 1600
Sunday October 18th	Competitor's Debrief	After Racing

10 VENUE

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

10 COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward, starboard rounding, finishing downwind.

11 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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

12 SCORING

12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS C10.

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

All questions and requests for additional information should be directed to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Sailing Director, Aubrey Mayer
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