



Wednesday Night Racing 2026

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
April 29 to September 9, 2026
Vancouver, Canada

Event Rules (ER)

Includes Amendment 01 dated April 20, 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 These Event Rules (ER) integrate the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions into a single document and are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).
- 1.4 After sunset, the navigation rules of the Canadian Collision Regulations (which incorporate International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea - IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 rules
- 1.5 Boats using the Jericho cranes are required to comply with Secondary Lifting Sling Requirements posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 For the Elliott 6m Class, RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply.
- 1.7 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the Zone of any rounding or finishing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.8 Appendix T1 applies.
- 1.9 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is deleted and replaced with: "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"

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any change to the Event Rules will be posted prior to 1600 the day before racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.royalvan.com/wnr.
- 3.2 [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 67, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 VHF 73 is designated as the safety channel specified in RRS 37.
- 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.
- 3.5 The race committee will communicate with boats during the event on the following channels:
 - Handicap boats VHF 67
 - One-design boats VHF 68
- 3.6 Boats sailing in PHRF division 5 are required to check in with the race committee before the first warning signal. This may be done by sailing close to the signal vessel and announcing the sail number or calling on VHF radio.
- 3.7 Boats sailing in PHRF division 5 should join the WhatsApp group [RVan WNR Div 5](#). The race committee will monitor this group for finishing times and other information.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Handicap racing is open to boats holding a valid 2026 PHRF of BC or ORC certificate, except that 6mR boats will sail with PHRF ratings assigned by the race committee and are not required to be members of PHRF BC.
- 4.2 One-Design racing is open to boats of the Elliott 6m or Martin 242 classes. Skippers or boats other than Elliott 6m must be members of their respective class associations.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter for the first race of the season by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, before 1600 on Tuesday April 29.
- 4.4 Entries for subsequent races will be accepted up to 1600 hours on the Tuesday before the next scheduled race.
- 4.5 Division breaks for handicap boats are as follows:
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| ORC Division 0 | Boats with ORC APH less than 520 and boats with a Disp/LOA (Kg/M) ratio of 250 or less. |
| ORC Division 1 | Boats with ORC APH 520 or greater and not in Division 0 |
| PHRF Division 5 | PHRF Rating 99 or less |
| PHRF Division 2 | PHRF Rating 100 to 130 |
| PHRF Division 3 | PHRF Rating over 130 |

Division 0 boats with an ORC APH rating of less than 530 may elect to be scored in Division 1. Such election is effective for the balance of the season.

5 FEES

5.1

Period	Entry Fee – RVYC Members	Entry Fee – Non-Members
Full Season – Handicap	\$245	\$295
Single Series – Handicap	\$39	\$59
Single Evening – Handicap	\$10	\$15
Full Season – One-design	\$195	\$225
Single Series – One-design	\$38	\$45
Single Evening – One-design	\$10	\$12

- 5.2 Processing fees and **GST at 5%** will be charged on entry fees

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of racing

- May Series April 29, May 6, 13, 20
- June Series May 27, June 3, 10, 17
- July Series June 24, July 1, 8, 15
- August Series July 22, 29, August 5, 12
- September Series August 19, 26, September 2, 9

6.2 Number of races:

- Handicap classes will sail one race each evening.
- One-design classes will sail up to three races each evening.

- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours.

7 CHARTERED BOATS

Elliott 6m boats are available for charter by RVYC members. For more information see www.royalvan.com/boat-charters.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole on the north side of the main clubhouse.

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

9 EVENT VENUE AND RACING AREA

Courses will be located north of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho breakwater.

10 COURSES

Courses and marks are shown in Addendum A.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 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, delimits an obstruction. Boats may not pass south of this line.

11.2 Boats may not enter City of Vancouver swim areas off Jericho Beach, Kitsilano and Spanish Banks. These are designated as an obstruction.

12 THE START

12.1 For the one-design classes, races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.3 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.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 For One-design boats, ORC 0 & 1 boats and PHRF 2 & 3 boats, the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2 For PHRF 5 the finishing line is between the NW corner of the RVYC Jericho breakwater and a nearby orange mark. Boats in this division will take their own time and post it on the event WhatsApp group before 2015 hours each evening.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1

	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Handicap boats except PHRF 5	2000 hours	30 minutes
PHRF 5	2000 hours	none
One-design boats	45 minutes	10 minutes

- 15.2 Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalised under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. **This does not apply to boats sailing in PHRF division 5.**

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Requests for hearings are available on the official notice board and are submitted electronically.
- 16.2 Scoring inquiries and questions around finishing order and missing sail numbers may be sent to racecommittee@rvan.ca.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 2400 hours on the day of the race.
- 16.4 Hearings will be held on the Monday following the race in question at 7:30pm at RVYC Jericho Clubhouse.
- 16.5 RRS 61.2(b) and 63.7(b) do not apply.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 17.2 For handicap boats:
- (a) When fewer than 4 races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When four or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 For one-design boats,
- (a) When fewer than 4 races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When four to seven races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When eight or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.4 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 17.5 **For boats in ORC divisions, time allowances will be calculated on their 5-Band Time on Time correction factors. For boats in PHRF divisions, time allowances will be calculated based on Time on Time correction factors.**
- 17.6 Boats not registered and/or boats without an active rating will not be scored. The race committee will attempt to notify them and they may correct their error before the next weekly registration deadline.

20 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 **In the event of injury to a competitor the RVYC Safety Plan applies.**
- 20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.3 Boats shall not obstruct commercial traffic and must obey all warning signals and directions from commercial and race committee vessels.

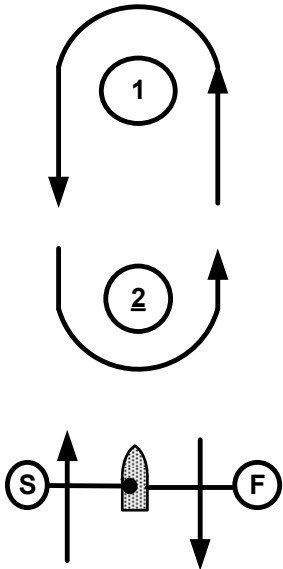
21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Nightly prizes
- 1st place will be awarded if 3 or more boats race.
 - 2nd place will be awarded if 5 or more boats race.
 - 3rd place will be awarded if 7 or more boats race.
- 21.2 Series prizes
- 1st place will be awarded if 5 or more boats register.
 - 2nd place will be awarded if 7 or more boats register.
 - 3rd place will be awarded if 9 or more boats register.

- 21.3 Handicap boats from Royal Vancouver YC are eligible to compete for the Fred Long Memorial Trophy for the most first place race finishes in the season. To be eligible a boat must compete in a class in which eight or more boats are registered.
- 21.4 Prizes will be awarded at the Star & Dragon patio following racing.
- 22 **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.
- 23 **INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 24 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.
- 25 **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.
- 26 **FURTHER INFORMATION**
For further information please contact the race committee at racecommittee@rvan.ca

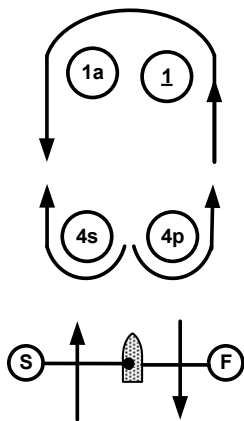
Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions

Handicap Course – ORC 0 & 1; PHRF 2 & 3



Courses	
ORC 0 and 1 PHRF 2 and 3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish
Marks	
Start Mark S	Red mark
Mark 1 – ORC 0 & 1	Pink mark
Mark 1 – PHRF 2	Yellow mark
Mark 1 – PHRF 3	Green mark
Mark 2	Red mark
Finish Mark F	Red mark

One-Design Course



Start – 1 – 1a – 4s / 4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	
Start Mark S	Orange mark
Marks 1 & 1a	Orange marks
Marks 4s & 4p	Yellow marks
Finish Mark F	Blue & white inflatable

PHRF 5 – Distance courses

Flag A, B, C or D will be displayed with the warning signal to indicate the course to be sailed.

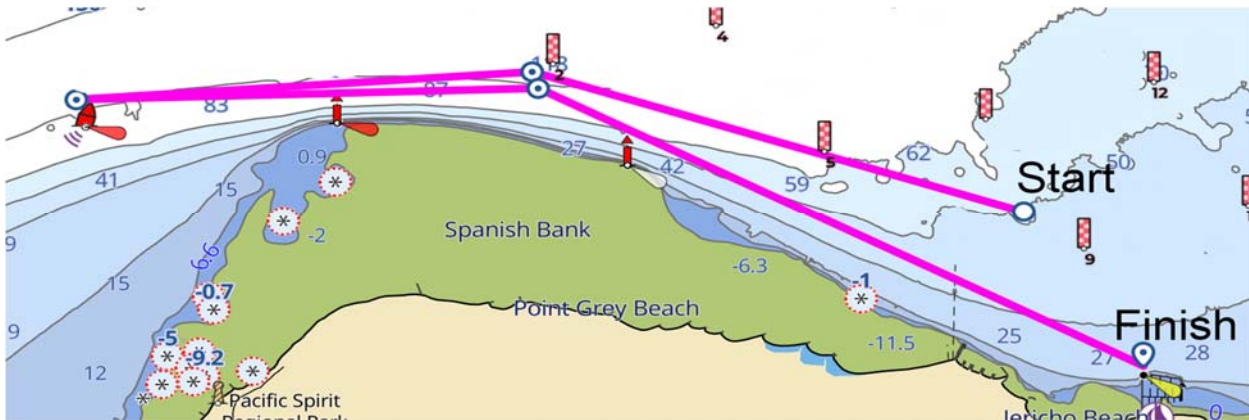
All marks are to be rounded to port

Rounding marks are orange and white inflatables unless otherwise specified

Diagrams below are illustrations only and should not be used for navigation

Alpha Course – 6 nm

Start – Point Grey Bell Buoy -- Finish



Bravo Course – 4 nm

Start – 1 -- Finish



Charlie Course – 6 nm
Start – 1 – 2 – Finish
Mark 1 is a pink inflatable



Delta Course – 6 nm
Start -- 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Mark 1 is a pink inflatable

