



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**Howe Sound Regatta**  
**West Vancouver Yacht Club**  
**September 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the 2023 Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC) NOR.
- 1.2 PHRF boats will sail according to the rules of PHRF BC; ORC and ORCi Club boats including Sport Boats will sail according to the rules of the Offshore Racing Congress; The Melges and VX One Division boats will sail according to their Class Rules.
- 1.3 All boats must comply with Transport Canada Rules and Regulations

**2. ADVERTISING**

Boats wishing to be scored in VARC season calculations shall display required advertising in accordance with the VARC Notice of Race. See: VARC Notice of Race section 2

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats that have a valid PHRF, ORCi, or ORC Club certificate, and to sport boats as classified in VARC Notice of Race section 3.2.1
- 3.2. The Melges and VX One Division will require a minimum of five entries.
- 3.3. A Cruising Division (Pennant 5) will be added. This Division is restricted to “No Flying Sails”
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) before 1600hrs Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 3.5. For the Windward-Leeward Races held on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>, all boats must comply with World Sailing Special Regulations, [Appendix B](#) Special Regulations for Inshore Racing.



3.6. For the Mid Distance Race to be held on Sunday September 17th, all boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the VARC [Notice of Race](#).

#### 4. FEES

4.1. The race entry fee is \$75.00 plus tax for all Divisions, except the Cruising Division whose single race entry fee is \$55.00 plus tax.

4.2. The entry fee does not include any dinner tickets.

4.3. Saturday BBQ Burger dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at registration through [Club Spot](#), by contacting [admin@wvyc.ca](mailto:admin@wvyc.ca) or at the door. The cost of the BBQ dinner is \$25. The dinner will be your choice of beef or veggie burger, baked potatoes, Caesar salad and dessert squares.

4.4. Sunday evening dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at WVYC or by contacting [admin@wvyc.ca](mailto:admin@wvyc.ca). The cost of dinner is based on menu selection.

#### 5. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

5.1. Boats will be assigned to divisions based on their handicap rating or classification as per the 2023 VARC Notice of Race section 3.2, with the exception of the Cruising Division which will be assigned as Division five (5).

5.2. Division Sport Boats, Three (3), Five (5) and Seven (7) boats racing under a PHRF certificate: results will be calculated by using the PHRF-BC Time on Time formula.

5.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When between five and nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When ten races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.



## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:

1055hrs – First scheduled warning signal

1530hrs – No starts will be made after this time

1730hrs – Band, Prizes, Dinner and Social at WVYC

Onshore festivities: WVYC invites all race participants to join in the onshore festivities Saturday evening with music, dancing, awards and raffle prizes and dinner and drinks in the clubhouse post-race.

### 6.2. Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:

1055hrs – First scheduled warning signal

1500hrs – No starts will be made after this time

1700hrs – WVYC Sunday Evening dinner in the Clubhouse by reservation

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at [www.wvyc.ca](http://www.wvyc.ca) no later than 1600hrs on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## 8. VENUE

Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Howe Sound. Onshore activities will be hosted at the West Vancouver Yacht Club.



## 9. COURSES

9.1. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

### 9.1.1. All Divisions

9.1.1.1. Windward-Leeward Course Races - Course diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions describing marks, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

### 9.2.1. ORC and PHRF Divisions including Sport Boats

9.2.1.1. One Mid-distance Coastal Race (Between 12 – 18 nm).

9.2.1.2. Course options and instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

### 9.2.2. Melges and VX One Division

9.2.2.1. Windward- Leeward Course Racing – Course Diagram will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

## 11. SCORING

11.1. Division One (1) and Two (2) boats racing under an ORC Club or ORCi certificate: results will be calculated by Time on Time using the Coastal Triple Number scoring coefficient for one of the following three speed ranges:

11.1.1. Low Range (9 knots or less)

11.1.2. Medium Range (9.01 knots to 13.99 knots)

11.1.3. High Range (14.00 knots or greater)

The race committee will advise the fleet of the Declared Wind Speed Range that it plans to use prior to the start of the race.

11.2. Division Three (3), Five (5) and Seven (7) boats racing under a PHRF certificate: results will be calculated by using the PHRF-BC Time on Time formula.

11.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When between five and nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When ten races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of



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## 12. BERTHING

Skippers who wish to confirm free temporary moorage at the West Vancouver Yacht Club may call the Club Office to make a reservation at 604-921-7575 or email [admin@wvyc.ca](mailto:admin@wvyc.ca). Moorage is subject to availability and rafting may be required.

## 13. PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top three boats in each division as established in the Sailing Instructions.

## 14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/INDEMNITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. The owners and operators of participating vessels are expected to know the capabilities of their vessel and crew under all conditions.

Competitors recognize that sailing and racing involve inherent risks including but not limited to, drowning, hypothermia, physical injury and death. Competitors voluntarily accept these risks, and waive all liability and any right to claim against the West Vancouver Yacht Club, and all those involved in the organization of the event (Hereafter referred to collectively and individually as WVYC). It is the responsibility of the owner and operator of each vessel to ensure that their vessel is safe, properly equipped, and suitable for the event and further, that all crew members are properly trained and equipped to participate in light of anticipated environmental conditions. The decision to race or not to race resides solely with the owner and operator of each vessel and any advice received or the failure to provide any particular advice from WVYC, shall not result in any liability. Any safety procedures put in place, or information provided by WVYC, are not a substitute for the obligations and responsibilities of the owner or operator of the vessel and the failure to implement any such procedures, or the performance of such procedures or any deficiency in information provided shall not be relied upon by the owner or operator of the vessel or result in any liability for WVYC. Vessel requirements, including any safety requirements in order to qualify for



entry shall not constitute a representation or warranty of fitness or safety. Any modification of requirements for any particular vessel or class of vessels, shall not constitute a representation or warranty that such vessels are safe to participate in the event, the responsibility for which remains solely with the owner and operator of the vessel. The owner or operator of each vessel must ensure that the vessel and crew members comply with all applicable legislation and regulations in accordance with Canadian law. The owner and operators of each vessel agree to indemnify WVYC for any claims by or on behalf of any crew members resulting from participation in the event.

**16. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 CDN per incident or the equivalent.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please email WVYC Fleet Captain at [FleetCaptain@wvyc.ca](mailto:FleetCaptain@wvyc.ca)

**18. SPONSORS**

The West Vancouver Yacht Club and VARC wish to acknowledge and thank our sponsors of this event:

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