



## Sailing Instructions

### 2018 Okanagan Lake End to End Race Vernon - Kelowna - Summerland September 14- 16, 2018

**RULES** - The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing [2017-2020], the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, and these Sailing Instructions and any special instructions as provided at the skipper's meetings prior to the race.

**ELIGIBILITY** - The Okanagan End to End Race is limited to keelboats only. Non-keel boats may apply for a separate race with their own start at the discretion of the race committee. Boats should have a current PHRF certificate. Any boat not holding a valid B.C. Sailing PHRF Certificate will be issued a rating by the 2017 Okanagan Lake End to End Race Committee. **All boats must have a VHF radio set to channel 72.**

**SKIPPER'S MEETING** – **Saturday Sept 15, at 0715 hours in the Vernon Yacht Club.** Any changes to these instructions will be explained at the skippers' meeting.

**SAIL NUMBERS** – Any yacht without a unique number on the main sail, shall display an easily legible name on both sides of the yacht.

**RACING SCHEDULE** – The race committee will start the first leg on Saturday, from Vernon to Kelowna at 09:00. The second leg, from Kelowna to Summerland on Sunday will start at 09:00 as well.

**FLEETS** – The Okanagan End to End Race will consist of 2 fleets with a single start. The Race committee will decide fleet divisions after the number and type of entrants is determined and the spread in PHRF handicaps reviewed.

**THE COURSE** – The race will start **Saturday** morning from Cameron Point, located approximately 3.7 nautical miles Southwest of the Vernon Yacht Club. The start line will consist of a virtual line between the Cameron Point lighthouse and the Vernon race committee boat. Please take note of the prohibited water area adjacent to the shore. The Saturday race will end at the "C" mark buoy located 1 nm Northwest of the Kelowna Yacht Club. There will be a member of the Kelowna race committee anchored a short distance

East of the “C” mark until 1700 hours to observe and record the finishing entries.

**Sunday’s course** will start at a temporary start line located a safe distance South of the Okanagan Lake bridge. marked by a large inflatable buoy and the Kelowna Yacht Club committee boat. Sunday’s race will be terminated by the Summerland race committee boat located a short distance Southeast of the Summerland Yacht Club There will be a Summerland Yacht Club committee boat there until 1700 hours.

**SCORING** - The winners will be determined by the PHRF (adjusted average speed over the length of the courses.) Results from Saturday’s Leg #1 and Sunday’s Leg #2 will be combined to determine overall End to End Regatta Results. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers overall.

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes for each fleet on both Saturday and Sunday. A combined Saturday and Sunday overall result for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will also be awarded.

There will be a set finish time of 1700 hours on Saturday and 1700 hours on Sunday. **All boats must have a cell phone and a GPS.** You must have a **VHF Radio set to channel 72** to get a common time. Boats will be required to **take their GPS positions using degrees, and decimals of minutes at 13:00, 15:00 and 17:00 hours on both legs of the race.** These positions will be used to determine the scoring in the case of a general abandoned race by the race committee. Any individual boat may retire from their race at any time by recording their current position, however the time of day shall be assumed to be 17:00 hours.

**THE START:**

There will be one start line at the Vernon Yacht Club.

Signals:	Warning	Fleet Flag Up	1 sound	5 min. to start
	Preparatory	‘P’ Flag Up	1 sound	4 min. to start
		‘P’ Flag down	1 sound	1 min. to start
	Start	Fleet Flag down	1 sound	Start

**SPINNAKER STARTS – In the interest of safety, spinnaker sails shall NOT be flown prior to crossing the actual start line.**

**RETIRING** – A boat that chooses to retire early shall notify our Race Statistician by cell phone as soon as possible to provide the last position achieved during the race.

**TIME LIMIT** – All boats will finish racing by 1700 hours on Saturday and on Sunday. If you have not finished the course at that time, take your **GPS position in the form of degrees using degrees and decimals of minutes.** (NOT in the GPS format that uses decimals of minutes and call it in to the Race Statistician). It will take some time to score the entries if we have to use GPS positions, therefore please call in your position ASAP. Any boat who has not called in their position 30 minutes after the finish of racing may be considered to be DNF at the discretion of the race committee.

**PROTESTS** – Shall be written on forms available at the Kelowna Yacht Club on Saturday or the Summerland Yacht Club on Sunday. If you have a protest, it must be called in to the Race Statistician by 30 minutes after the finish of racing. Parties to any hearing will be notified by VHF or cell phone ASAP.

**SAFETY** - ALL boats must comply with Canadian Coast Guard Small Vessel Regulations pertaining to minimum safety equipment on board.

**Good luck, and have fun on the water.**

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