

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Blossom Time Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020)*, the prescriptions of Sail Canada where they apply, and these Sailing Instructions. Rules and regulations of any 'class associations' will apply, when not in conflict with these instructions.

2 SPONSORSHIP

- 2.1 Advertising on boats will be permitted as long as it is in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, as stated in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Blossom Time Regatta is limited to keelboats. All boats must have a current PHRF Certificate. Any boat not holding a valid BC Sailing PHRF Certificate will be issued a rating by the Blossom Time Regatta Committee.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the Commodore's Dock.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00AM PST or immediately after the Skipper's Meeting (whichever is later) on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 08:00PM PST on the day before it will take effect.

6 SKIPPER'S MEETING

- 6.1 A Skipper's Meeting will be held at the Commodore's Dock at 09:00AM PST on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the Commodore's Dock.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 Races are scheduled as follows:
- Saturday, May 18, 2019
 - Sunday, May 19, 2019
- 8.2 The number of races will be dependent on the wind conditions and courses selected by the race committee.
- 8.3 First warning signal for each day will be:
Saturday, May 18 at 10:00AM PST;
Sunday, May 19 at 09:30AM PST.
- 8.4 No warning signal will be made after 02:00PM PST on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

9 CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1 The following is a preliminary guide, subject to registration, of classes. Upon review at the close of registration, the Blossom Time Regatta Committee reserves the right to modify, delete or add classes.

CLASS	FLAG
Santana 525	525
PHRF 1	PENANT 1
PHRF 2	PENANT 2
PHRF 3	PENANT 3

Class Flags will be handed out at the Skipper's Meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

- 9.2 All boats **must** display their class flag while racing.

10 RACING AREAS

- 10.1 The racing area will be to the north of Okanagan Lake floating bridge. See attachment *Race Area* for approximate location of race area and marks.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be posted on the Committee Boat. Multiple classes may be started concurrently. Different classes may be assigned different courses. The course for the displayed class(es) will be posted on the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal. The diagram in attachment *Course Diagram* shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks indicated in a Course shall be kept to Port while rounding/passing.
- 11.2 It is the intent of the Organizing Authority to run windward/leeward courses.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrals. Mark 1a. will be a red ball.
- 12.2 The starting area is defined as an area extending 50 metres on both sides of the starting line and 30 metres at both ends of the starting line. After the preparatory flag signal, the only boats permitted in this zone are:
1. Boats whose class will be starting with the next start signal;
 2. Boats whose class has already started and are still starting.
- Boats not complying with this may be protested and disqualified. The 2-Turns Penalty (Rule 44.2) shall not apply.
- 12.3 A missing mark may be replaced by a committee boat on station at the location of the missing mark prior to the first boat arriving at that mark. Such a committee boat will display code flag "M" and call attention to itself by repetitive sound signals. In the event that a missing mark is not replaced in time for the arrival of the first boat, the race will be abandoned for all classes so affected and will not be re-sailed.
- 12.4 The Start Mark shall be a green tetrahedral and the finish mark shall be a red tetrahedral.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of sounds will be made one minute before the first warning signal.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Committee boat the starting mark.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area (see 12.2).
- 13.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start* without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 13.5 Boats that are racing are not to cross the start line unless they are starting or the mark is used as a turning mark of the course. The start line shall otherwise rank as an obstruction.
- 13.6 Racing boats crossing the start line when they are not starting or using the mark as a turning mark of the course will be disqualified.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1** There will be no mark changes during racing.

15 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 15.1** If the course shortening only applies to certain classes, the RC boat will also display the class flags for the classes to which the course shortening applies.

16 THE FINISH

- 16.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the RC Committee Boat and the finish mark.
- 16.2** Boats that are racing are not to cross the finish line unless they are finishing or the Mark is used as a turning mark of the course. The finish line shall otherwise rank as an obstruction.
- 16.3** Racing boats crossing the finish line when they are not finishing or the Mark is a turning mark of the course will be disqualified.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1** For all classes:
The time limit will be 90 minutes. The time limit for the first boat in each class to round the first mark shall be 30 minutes.
- 17.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored *Did Not Finish* without a hearing. This changes rules 35) A4 & A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2** For all classes, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC boat has docked. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.3** Notices will be posted 30 minutes before the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.4** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

19 SCORING

- 19.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 19.2** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 19.3** For all classes:
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.
 - (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1** A boat that retires from a race shall advise the Race Committee at its earliest opportunity. It shall further advise the Race Committee prior to recommencing racing.
- 20.2** All boats shall check in with the Race Committee prior to commencement of the day's racing.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded in each fleet.

22.2 A first overall prize will be awarded by calculating the lowest point score as follows: Total of Low Point Scoring System received by the boat for all races in its series, divided by the number of races of its class, divided by the number of boats in its class. Discards are in accordance with section 18.3 of these sailing instructions.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 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.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

24.1 The Race Committee may transmit to all available boats pertinent race information on the VHF Channel 72.

