

Vernon Yacht Club (VYC)
7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, B.C.
2024 NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, this Notice of Race, The Sailing Instructions (SIs) for this series, and the Santana 525 class rules where they apply.
- 1.2 Skippers and crew are required to obey current COVID -19 rules and orders.

2.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the first race of the series.

3.0 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official board is located on the upper level of the clubhouse. NOR and SIs updates will also be posted at vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/sail-racing-results/. An alternate bulletin board will be kept updated on the Regatta Network page.
- 3.2 All boats should carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 72.
- 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.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all keel boats. All boats must be able to show a certificate of public liability insurance, as outlined in Section 12. All boats without a valid PHRF certificate dated after April 2021 will have a PHRF assigned by the race chair and fleet handicapper.
- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at VYC website under Sailing/Results page OR www.regattanetwork.com . Boats will need to submit their completed registration before racing. Registration will include a waiver form.
- 4.3 Boats in all Fleets will be handicapped using the Time on Distance PHRF system.
- 4.4 Classes are defined as follows:
 - A Fleet – boats with PHRF<186 and light displacement
 - B Fleet – boats with PHRF>187 and/or heavy displacement

5.0 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee for all Classes for all four series is \$50. plus regatta network fees. There will be no reduction or refund of fees for boats that race part of the year or withdraw from the racing fleet.

6.0 SCHEDULE

6.1 Spring and Summer series will have races on Wednesday night. Fall series will start on Wednesday nights and switch to Sundays in late August. Hot Rum Series will be held on Sundays. Wednesday night races commence at 6:15 PM DST. Sunday races will commence at 1300. Schedule of races to be posted at vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/sail-racing-results/

7.0 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 The safety equipment required by Transport Canada must be on board at all times and may be inspected at anytime.

8.0 VENUE

8.1 The venue will be at and around the Vernon Yacht Club located at 7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, B.C.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. All turning marks are to be left to port. The start line will be between the Race Committee boat and Mark X. The finish line will be between the Race Committee boat and Mark Y.

10.0 SCORING

10.1 Scoring will be defined in the sailing instructions.

11.0 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 an 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.

11.2 The organizing authority, management, Board of Directors and volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this race series.

12.0 INSURANCE

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

13.0 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each fleet for Spring, Summer, Fall and Hot Rum series.

14.0 For further information contact Bob A. at sailing-fleet@vernonyachtclub.com.