

NOTICE OF RACE
2024 VERNON REGATTA
May 31st to June 2nd, 2024 - Vernon Yacht Club
7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, BC

INVITATION: The Vernon Yacht Club is pleased to announce their annual VYC Vernon Regatta for 2024. Activities will start Friday afternoon with the traditional “Whiskey Island Race” in memory of Richard Rotteveel, from Whiskey Island (charted as Grant Island) to the Vernon Yacht Club (see separate Whiskey Island Sailing Instructions). VYC’s famous Steak/Salmon Friday night dinner will be available for purchase Friday evening. **Phone Rachael at VYC at 250-545-5518 to book your table.** Regatta activities include a Saturday evening dinner and dance with the always awesome “The McKinley Band”, a continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and an awards lunch Sunday afternoon. We’ve included a partial meal package and a no meal package to include more sailors. The Regatta Committee invites all skippers, sailing crews, yacht club members and sponsors to come enjoy the regatta festivities.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race and any amendments.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at vernonregatta.ca and on the Vernon Yacht Club website’s regatta page on or before May 25th, 2024.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is in the VYC clubhouse on the lower level.
- 3.2. 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. This restriction includes mobile phones.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all keel boats with a valid PHRF certificate (or as assigned per 4.2 below).
- 4.2. Any boat not holding a valid PHRF certificate will be issued a rating by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3. The Race Committee will decide fleet divisions after the number and type of entrants is determined. All boats entering a spinnaker class will be rated as a spinnaker equipped boat, regardless of whether a spinnaker is flown or not.
- 4.4. All crew must be registered to attend. We have a “No-Meals” free registration option for those who don’t need meals.
- 4.5. Registration will be available online at vernonregatta.ca and on the Vernon Yacht Club website’s regatta page starting May 1st, 2024 and ending May 31st, 2024 at 20:30.

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5. Fees

5.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$150 (+ applicable fees) per boat.

5.1.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fees include:

- *Friday Night Welcome Social: Barbecue Steak/Salmon Dinner Tickets available for purchase. Okanagan Spring Brewery Beer ticket. **Phone VYC May 28th to 31st to book a table at: 250-545-5518 (seating is limited)***
- *Friday Whiskey Island Race, plus two days of racing on Saturday and Sunday*
- *Saturday Night Social Activities*
- *Sunday Awards and Barbecue with Prizes for Winners in each fleet and a ticket for door prizes.*
- *One (1) Weekend Meal Ticket package (see 5.2.1) *Additional meal ticket packages (see 5.2 and 5.3) are available for purchase for crew members.*

5.2 Weekend Meal Tickets:

- *Weekend Meal Ticket: \$65.00 (+ applicable fees)*

5.2.1 Weekend Meal Ticket package includes:

- *Saturday Morning Breakfast*
- *Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet and Dance*
- *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
- *Sunday Afternoon Awards Barbecue*

5.3 Partial Weekend Meal Tickets:

- *Partial Weekend Meal Ticket: \$35.00 (+ applicable fees)*

5.3.1 Partial Weekend Meal Ticket package includes:

- *Saturday Morning Breakfast*
 - **No Saturday access to the VYC dining room during dinner hours (due to capacity restrictions)*
 - *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
 - *Sunday Afternoon Awards Barbecue*
- *1516 Pub & Grill is walking distance from the club. Phone: 778-475-9146*

6. Schedule of Events

6.1. Friday May 31, 2024

- Whiskey Island Race – starts 14:30 at a start line located near the Island. Race –time limit is 4 hours and 30 minutes. Sailing instructions will be available only on-line.
- Late registration for Saturday and Sunday races will be available in the VYC club house Friday, May 31st between 18:00 and 20:30

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- Friday Barbecue your own Steak/Salmon Dinner Tickets available for purchase. Not included in registration. **Please phone VYC: 250-545-5518 to book a table (seating is limited)**

6.2. Saturday June 1, 2024

- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast buffet
- 07:30 – 08:30 Late Registration
- 09:00 Skippers' Meeting
- 10:00 1st Fleet Flag
- 16:00 No race started after 16:00
- 18:00 Buffet Dinner & Dance

6.3. Sunday June 2, 2024

- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast buffet
- NO SKIPPERS' MEETING - unless posted
- 09:30 1st Fleet Flag
- 13:00 No race started after 13:00
- BBQ Lunch in dining room
- 14:30 Awards Ceremony

7. Courses

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be on Okanagan Lake in the vicinity of the Vernon Yacht Club. A detailed description will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 8.2. Scoring will be calculated using Time on Distance.
- 8.3. One race is needed to constitute a series.
- 8.4. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 8.5. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 8.6. For all classes:
- 8.6.1. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.7. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one of her worst scores for every 4 races completed.

9. Prizes

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 9.2. First place overall will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score calculated as follows: sum of all its finishes including throw-outs divided by the number of races in its class divided by number of boats in its class.

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10. Disclaimer of Liability

- 10.1. 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.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2 million.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. RRS 3 states “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. The 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.**

13. Moorage & Club Access

- 13.1. If temporary moorage is required at the Vernon Yacht Club make sure to complete the, Required Moorage Date(s), Vessel Details, Moorage Preferences, and Required Documents section in the Regatta Registration form located at: vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/vyc-okanagan-sailing-regatta/ and on okanagancharityregatta.ca
- 13.2. Access to the Vernon Yacht Club and marina is by keycard only. Key cards can be obtained from Liam Fitzgerald and at the Vernon Yacht Club Office from 09:00 – 15:00 on Friday, May 31st and prearranged cards can be obtained at the registration desk from 18:00 until 20:30 on Friday night or Saturday, June 1st from 07:30 to 08:30. A non-refundable payment of \$20.00 is required.

14. Media Release

- 14.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

15. Further information

- 15.1. For further information please contact one of the regatta co-chairs:
Pamela Miller: [pamelaswork\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pamelaswork@gmail.com)
Bob Annand: [annand\(at\)shaw.ca](mailto:annand(at)shaw.ca)