

VERNON YACHT CLUB  
7919 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, BC  
RACING FLEET  
2025 Weekly SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1.0 RULES

1.1 The 2025 club races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2025 – 2028), the prescriptions of the Sail Canada, the rules of each class racing, the Notice of Race (NOR), the following sailing instructions (SI) and any amendments. If there is any conflict between the NOR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions (SI) shall take precedence.

## 2.0 RACE SCHEDULE:

2.1 Schedule will be posted on the VYC web site along with those persons responsible for race committee boat on each given day. Races will be divided into 4 series – Spring, Summer, Fall and Hot Rum. One completed race will constitute a series.

2.2 Sunday racing - first warning signal will commence no earlier than 1:00 pm (1300 hrs) local time. Races to be held in the bay in front of the Yacht club or as posted prior to the race(s).

2.3 Wednesday night racing - first warning signal will commence no earlier than 6:15 pm (1815 hrs) local time and will be held in the bay in front of the Vernon Yacht Club, or as posted prior to the race(s).

## 3.0 AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Awards will be presented at the windup party to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in each series for each fleet.

## 4.0 ORDER OF CLASS STARTS:

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- 4.1 The starting sequence is determined by the committee boat on race night. A Fleet flag is YELLOW.
- B Fleet flag is RED, .WS Fleet flag is white
- 4.2 Fleets are to be started separately unless there are 10 or less boats in total (A fleet + B fleet + WS fleet) then the committee may start the race as one start. If one or more fleets have finished a race and the other fleets have not yet finished, the race committee may start those fleets that have already finished, on their next race, before the other fleets have completed their race.

## 5.0 COURSES AND MARKS (see chart):

- - X = the start line (between the RC flag on the committee boat and north yellow tower)
  - F = the finish line (between the RC flag on the committee boat and south yellow tower)
  - Mark 'A' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy- the most westerly placed buoy.
  - Mark 'B' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy - the first buoy west of the start line.
  - Mark 'C' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy - the first buoy east of the start line (sponsored by Lyle Enns).
  - Mark 'D' is a yellow tower shaped buoy. It is the most easterly place buoy.

Mark 'E' is a yellow tower racing buoy. It is between A & B and to the south.  
 Mark 'Y' is the south yellow racing tower south of the committee boat.

Courses 1 to 14 Turning Marks are to be left to PORT

Course 1	XBEFCF	1.76 NM
Course 2	XBFDf	1.96 NM
Course 3	XBEFDf	2.28 NM
Course 4	XBEYBFCF	2.60 NM
Course 5	XEYBFCF	2.52 NM
Course 6	XCfBEF	1.76 NM
Course 7	XCYCfEF	2.43 NM
Course 8	XCYCfBEF	2.42 NM
Course 9	XCfAEF	2.43 NM
Course 10	XDFBF	1.96 NM
Course 11	XDFBEF	2.28 NM
Course 12	XDFAEF	2.93 NM
Course 13	XAEFCF	2.43 NM
Course 14	XAEFDf	2.93 NM

## 6. STARTING SYSTEM: The starting system will be as follows:

6.1 Approximately 60 seconds before the first starting sequence, there will be 5 short blasts on the horn to advise the fleets that the starting sequence will begin shortly. This is only necessary for the first race of the day. As per racing rule 26, races shall be started by using the following signals:

Warning signal	Fleet flag up	1 sound	5 minutes to start
Preparatory signal	P flag up *	1 sound	4 minutes to start
One-minute signal	P flag down*	1 sound	1 minute to start
Start signal	Fleet flag down	1 sound	0 minutes

\*P flag is the blue flag with white square in the center

A Fleet flag is YELLOW. B Fleet flag is RED. WS fleet flag is white.

6.2 There will be at least one minute between the starting signal of one fleet, and the 5-minute warning signal for the start of the next fleet.

## **7. RECALLS:**

7.1. Individual Recall - Flag X will be displayed (with one sound) until all the boats that are over early are completely on the prestart side of the line but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal.

7.2 General Recall - First Substitute Flag will be displayed (with 2 sounds). The flag will be displayed for at least one minute. This fleet's start sequence will then begin again after all the other fleets' normal start orders have occurred (i.e. the fleet must move to the last of the classes to start). Watch the committee boat for your Class Flag to go up which will be the beginning of your 5-minute start sequence. This changes rule 29.2

## **8. TIME LIMIT:**

8.1 For Wednesday races the maximum time for the first yacht in each class to finish shall be 90 minutes. All other yachts in that class must finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht in that class to avoid being scored DNF. For all Sunday afternoon races, the maximum time for the first yacht in a class to finish shall be 120 minutes, or as posted prior to the race. All other yachts must finish within 45 minutes after the first yacht to avoid being scored DNF.

When a race or boat(s) exceeds the maximum time the committee boat will indicate by:

- A Fleet - 2 long sound signals
- B Fleet - 3 long sound signals
- WS Fleet – 4 short sound signals

## **9. SCORING:**

- - 9.1 Shall be by the low point system as per appendix A4 of the RRS.
  - 9.2 Races will be scored using PHRF time on distance.
  - 9.3 Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 9.4 Committee boat score is calculated based on the average score of all race results , including any throw-outs, which the designated committee boat earns during the series. A skipper is only credited for one Committee Boat duty per series to a maximum of two per year.
- 9.5 In order for a race to be counted in a series or overall, at least two boats in that fleet must have started the race in the presence of the committee boat.
- 9.6 In lieu of a DNF score and in order to start another race or to get off the water due to
  - weather or darkness the last place yacht still racing may accept a last place finish in their fleet and motor to the finish line provided the rest of their fleet have completed the race within the allotted time frame.
- 9.7 At year end, the overall winners in each fleet will be calculated by totalling the final results for each of the spring, summer and fall series. CB and throw-outs will not be adjusted but boats that do not register for all series will be scored DNS for the missing races. Lowest number in each fleet is the winner.

## **10. HANDICAPPING:**

- - 10.1 All boats without a valid BC Sailing PHRF Certificate dated after April 2021 and dated within 5 years of registering to race will have a PHRF assigned by the fleet chair and fleet handicapper.
  - 10.2 The race chair and / or the club handicapper also reserve the right to request yachts and sails are measured. Skippers may be required to pay extra funds in order to obtain a current PHRF certificate from BC Sailing.
- 10.3 Yachts sailing without a spinnaker will be assigned a handicap as if they were sailing with a spinnaker.

## **11. PROTESTS:**

11.1 Yachts protesting must immediately display a red flag and hail the yacht being protested. Protests must be written on a provided protest form and presented to the Race committee within 30 minutes after the docking of the committee boat. Decisions of the race committee shall be final.

## **12. PENALTIES:**

12.1 Penalty for right of way infraction or causing a collision shall be 2 turns, each turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction at the first safe opportunity.

## **13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:**

13.1 Penalty for hitting a rounding mark or a start mark shall be a turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction at the first safe opportunity.

## **14. THROW – OUTS:**

14.1 For each of the Spring, Summer, Fall and Hot Rum Series there will be one throw out for every 4 races completed. At year end the overall finishes will be calculated by adding up the results for each series excluding Hot rum series for each boat. CB duty and total number of throw-outs will NOT be adjusted.

## **15. SAIL NUMBERS:**

15.1 Yachts shall display their official sail number on both sides of their mainsail.

## **16. FINISHING CONSIDERATION:**

16.1 Please stay well clear of the finish line while other fleets are finishing. You may be protested by another yacht if you do not comply.

## **17. COMMITTEE BOAT ASSIGNMENTS:**

17.1 Each skipper is assigned an evening/afternoon when he/she is to be on the Committee boat. When it is the skipper's turn on the committee boat, his/her boat is NOT to participate in the racing.

## **18.0 RACING DUES**

18.1 Registration is open to all keel boats. Racing dues for the 2025 race season are \$50 including regatta network fees (does not include the cost of a PHRF Certificate if necessary) per boat to be paid before participating in your first race. There is no refund or reduction of fees should a skipper decide not to race after the start of the first series. Each skipper is to provide the yacht club or racing committee with proof of insurance with liability being no less than \$2,000,000 for 2025.

## **19.0 RISK STATEMENT**

• 19.1 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. 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.

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19.2 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.

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19.3 In case of emergency see VYC Safety Protocol Addendum in the race package

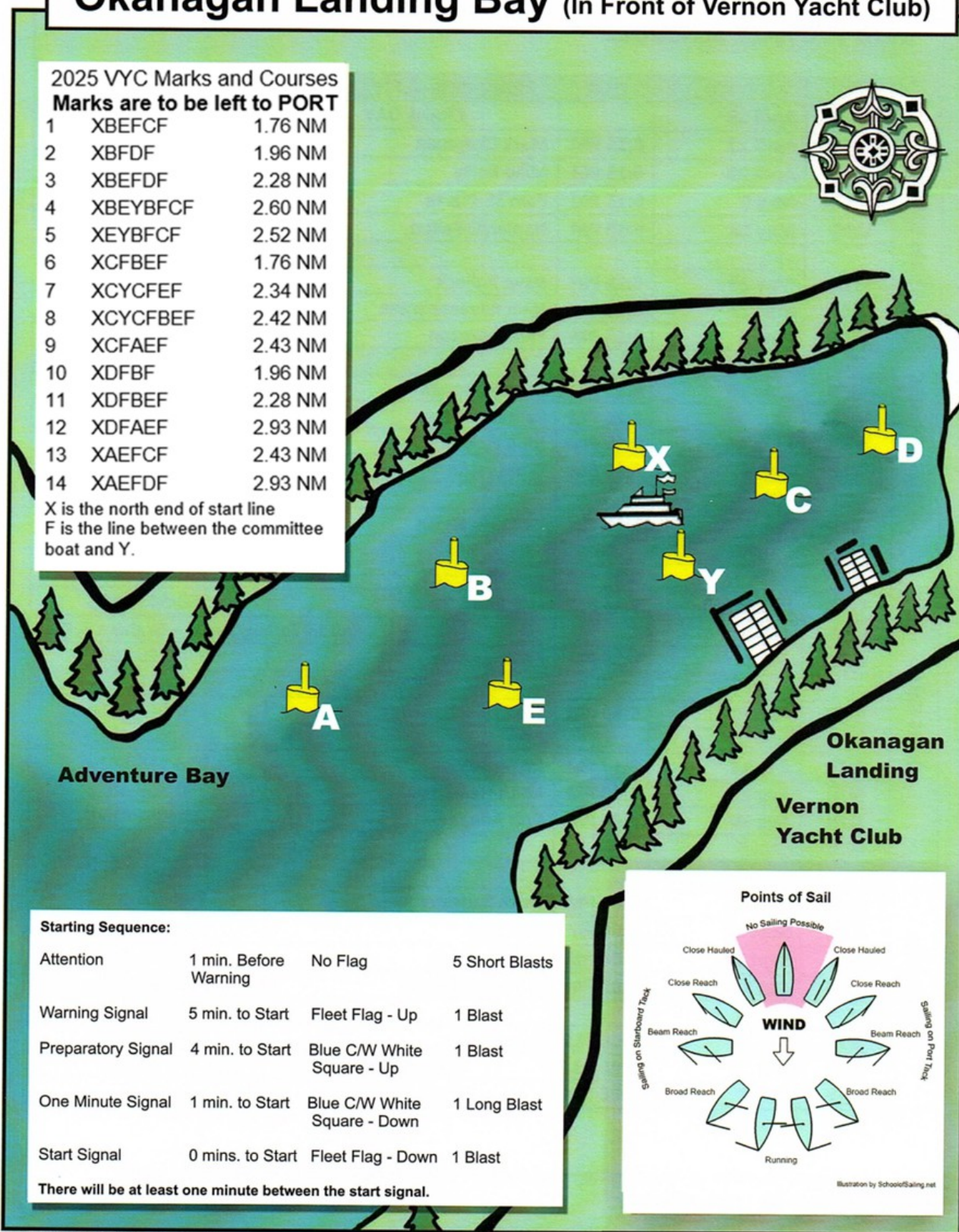
# Okanagan Landing Bay (In Front of Vernon Yacht Club)

## 2025 VYC Marks and Courses

Marks are to be left to PORT

1	XBEFCF	1.76 NM
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11	XDFBEF	2.28 NM
12	XDFAEF	2.93 NM
13	XAFCF	2.43 NM
14	XAFCDF	2.93 NM

X is the north end of start line  
F is the line between the committee boat and Y.



### Starting Sequence:

Attention	1 min. Before Warning	No Flag	5 Short Blasts
Warning Signal	5 min. to Start	Fleet Flag - Up	1 Blast
Preparatory Signal	4 min. to Start	Blue C/W White Square - Up	1 Blast
One Minute Signal	1 min. to Start	Blue C/W White Square - Down	1 Long Blast
Start Signal	0 mins. to Start	Fleet Flag - Down	1 Blast

There will be at least one minute between the start signal.

### Points of Sail

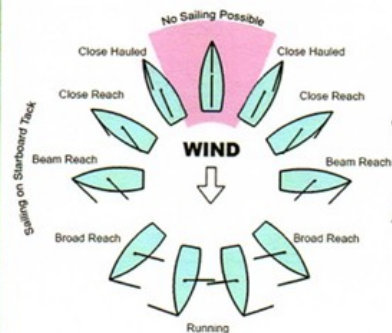


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