

NOTICE OF RACE
2025 VERNON REGATTA & 2025 SANTANA 525 NATIONALS
Vernon Yacht Club
7919 Okanagan Ldg Rd, Vernon, BC
May 30th to June 1st , 2025

INVITATION: The Vernon Yacht Club is pleased to announce their annual VYC Vernon Regatta which includes the 2025 Santana 525 Nationals. VYC's delicious 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 ticket package to include more boats. The Regatta Committee invites all skippers, sailing crews, 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 2025-2028, the Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race , Santana Class Rules 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.
- 1.3. See Sailing Instructions for the Whiskey Island Race for details of that race. There are separate Sailing Instruction for the races on Saturday & Sunday.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at [Vernon Yacht Club](#) on or before May 26th, 2025.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is in the VYC clubhouse.
- 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. Suggested fleet divisions are as follows, however the organizing committee reserves the right to adjust the fleets as necessary:

S525 Fleet – One design Santana 525

A Fleet – PHRF 90- 158

B Fleet – PHRF 159- 199

C Fleet – PHRF 200-250

D (WS) Fleet – Non Flying sails

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4.4 Registration will be available online at [Vernon Yacht Club](#) starting May 2nd, 2025 and ending May 29th, 2025 at 2200 hours. Late registration in person available at VYC, May 30th, from 18:00 – 20:30.

5. Fees

5.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fee is \$170 per boat including GST.(details below) Crew will need to register and will be able to chose from a full meal package, or partial packages (details below) or no meals. Additional dinner & dance tickets (Cost \$40) will be available but due to the popularity of this event, they will be limited. Bagged lunches for Saturday will also be available for purchase but must be ordered and paid for by Friday May30th at 2030 hours.

5.1.1 Vessel & Skipper Registration Entry Fees include:

- *Friday Whiskey Island Race, plus two days of racing on Saturday and Sunday*
- *Saturday Night Socials*
- *Sunday Awards with Prizes for Winners in Each Fleet*
- *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:

- *Full Weekend Meal Ticket \$70*

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*

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*

5.4 Prices stated above are inclusive of appropriate taxes, & gratuities.

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6. Schedule of Events

6.1. Friday May 30, 2025

- Whiskey Island Race – Warning Flag raised 14:00 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 by May 26th.
- Late registration for Saturday and Sunday races will be available in the VYC club house between 18:00 and 20:30
- 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 May 31, 2025

- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast
- 09:00 Skippers' Meeting
- 10:00 First Warning Signal
- 16:00 No race started after 16:00
- 18:00 Buffet Dinner & Dance-

6.3. Sunday June 1, 2025

- 07:00 – 08:45 Continental breakfast available
- NO SKIPPERS' MEETING - unless posted
- 09:30 First Warning Signal
- 13:00 No race started after 13:00
- BBQ Lunch on shore
- 14:30 Awards Ceremony

7. Courses

- 7.1. The Saturday and Sunday 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 except for the Santana 525 fleet
- 8.3. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 8.4. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta
- 8.5. For all classes:
 - i) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scored.
 - ii) 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.

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- 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.
- 9.3. Entry in the Early Bird Draw is only available to skippers who have registered and paid prior to 22:00 May 16, 2025. The winner is to be drawn from the participating skippers at the Awards Ceremony June 1st. The prize consists of \$150. sponsored by Kalamalka Physiotherapy Centre.

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

- 12.1.1. 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 Moorage Request form at [Moorage Request Form](#).
- 13.2. Access to the Vernon Yacht Club and marina is by keycard only. Key cards can be obtained from Liam Fitzgerald fitzgerald.liam@gmail.com and at the Vernon Yacht Club Office from 09:00 – 15:00 on Friday, May 30th and prearranged cards can be obtained at the Welcome desk from 18:00 until 20:30 on Friday night. 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.

16. Further information

- 14.2. For further information please contact any of the following:
- Regatta Chairs: Robb Polloway robb01@protonmail.com 587-989-2120
Bob Annand annand@shaw.ca 250-938-0209
Keycards and Moorage: Liam Fitzgerald fitzgerald.liam@gmail.com