

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025 VERNON REGATTA & 2025 SANTANA 525 NATIONALS

Vernon Yacht Club

7919 Okanagan Ave, Vernon BC

**May 30th to June 1st, 2025
Vernon, BC**

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, these Sailing Instructions (SI), the Notice of Race(NOR) , Santana 525 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. There are separate Sailing Instructions for the Whiskey Island Race on May 30, 2025.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the upper lounge at the Vernon Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore. Postponements of the event due to weather conditions shall be announced in the clubhouse at least one hour prior to the 1st Class Warning Flag that day.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday May 30, 2025

- Whiskey Island Race = Warning Flag at 14:00 at a start line located near the island. Race time limit is 4 hrs and 30 minutes. Sailing instructions will be available only on- line by May 26 th.
- Late registration for Saturday and Sunday races will be available in the VYC club house between 18:00 and 20:30
- Friday BBQ your own steak/Salmon. Tickets available for purchase. Not included in registration. Please phone VYC 250-545-5518 to book a table (seating is limited)

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5.2 Saturday May 31st , 2025

07:00- 08:45 Continental Breakfast
09:00 Skippers Meeting, Upper Lounge VYC
10:00 1st Class Warning Signal
16:00 no race started after 16:00
18:00 Buffet Dinner & Dance

5.3 Sunday June 1, 2025

07:00 - 08:45 Continental Breakfast
No Skippers' Meeting - unless posted
09:30 1st Class Warning Signal
13:00 no race started after 13:00
BBQ Lunch on shore
14:30 Awards Ceremony

6. Class Flags

6.1 The following is a preliminary guide of fleet divisions, subject to registration. At the close of registration, the race committee will designate the boats in each fleet. Fleets may be added, deleted, or modified.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>	
525	Pink	One design
A	Yellow	PHRF 0 - 158
B	Teal	PHRF 159 – 199
C	Green	PHRF 200 +
D	Purple	PHRF Open Rating No Flying Sails

6.2 The race committee reserves the right to combine fleets except S525 fleet.

6.3 Boats sailing in a spinnaker class will be assigned a spinnaker rating whether they choose to fly a spinnaker or not.

6.4 Please note that we may start the fleets in various start sequences and the starts for some fleets may be combined. If some fleets are finished a race and the other fleets have not yet finished, the race committee may start the fleets that have finished already before the other fleets have completed their race. Therefore, please watch the committee boat for your fleet warning flag (indicating another race will be starting) as soon as your fleet has completed its race.

7. Racing Areas

7.1 SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

7.2 The Start line is to be considered an obstruction and shall not be crossed unless a boat is starting or within her start sequence.

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8. The Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the approximate positions of the marks.

8.2 The courses are below:

Note: All marks are to be left to PORT except X and Y.

X refers to a line between the committee boat (CB) and X Mark

Y refers to a line between the committee boat (CB) and Y Mark

Courses 1 – 6

Course 1	XBCY	1.46 NM approx.
Course 2	XBEYCY	1.78 NM
Course 3	XBYDY	1.96 NM
Course 4	XBEYDY	2.28 NM
Course 5	XAEYCY	2.43 NM
Course 6	XAEYDY	2.93 NM

Courses 7 – 12

Course 7	XCBY	1.46 NM
Course 8	XDYBY	1.96 NM
Course 9	XDYBEY	2.28 NM
Course 10	XCYBEY	1.78 NM
Course 11	XDYAEY	2.93 NM
Course 12	XCYAEY	2.43 NM

9. Marks

9.1 The starting line will be between the orange flag on Committee Boat and the X mark.

9.2 The finishing line will be between the blue flag on Committee Boat and the Y mark.

9.3 Race marks are as follows:

Mark 'A' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'B' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'C' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'D' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'E' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'X' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy
Mark 'Y' is a yellow tower-shaped racing buoy

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10. The Start

10.1. Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sounds may be made one minute before a warning signal is made.

10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and Mark X to the north of the committee boat

10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. Shortening the course

11.1 To shorten the course, the race committee will display Flag S with two sounds and place a race committee boat with Flag S at the new finish mark.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat) signaling the change and the nearby mark.

11.3 When Y is displayed mid-course, Y denotes a gate between CB and Y. This gate shall be crossed in the direction traveled from the previous mark. If Race Committee displays Flag S and 2 sounds prior to crossing CB/Y line, Course shortened at CB/Y.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and Mark Y to the south of the committee boat.

13. Time Limits

13.1. Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
All	90 Minutes

13.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 Minutes after the first boat of their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. Competitors are requested when finishing to inform the Committee Boat if they are intending to file a protest. Failure to do so will not affect the validity of a protest but is requested as a courtesy.

14.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the committee boat has docked at the conclusion of the day's racing. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3. Protest forms are available at the race office.

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- 14.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the club house, beginning at the time posted.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
15.2. Appendix A5.3 will apply
15.3. Scoring will be calculated using Time on Distance except for the 525 class which will be scored using actual time.
15.4. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
15.5. When 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.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
17.2. For all Classes handicapping will be by B.C. Sailing PHRF. The VYC handicapper reserves the right to assign handicaps to yachts which do not have a current B.C. Sailing PHRF certificate. The race committee reserves the right to assign yachts to certain fleets.

18. Radio Communication

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This applies to mobile phones too.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
19.2. 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.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1. All those taking part in the racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for seaworthiness of a yacht or for the safety of those whose entry is accepted. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. Attention of the competitor is drawn to RRS 3.

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21. Insurance

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

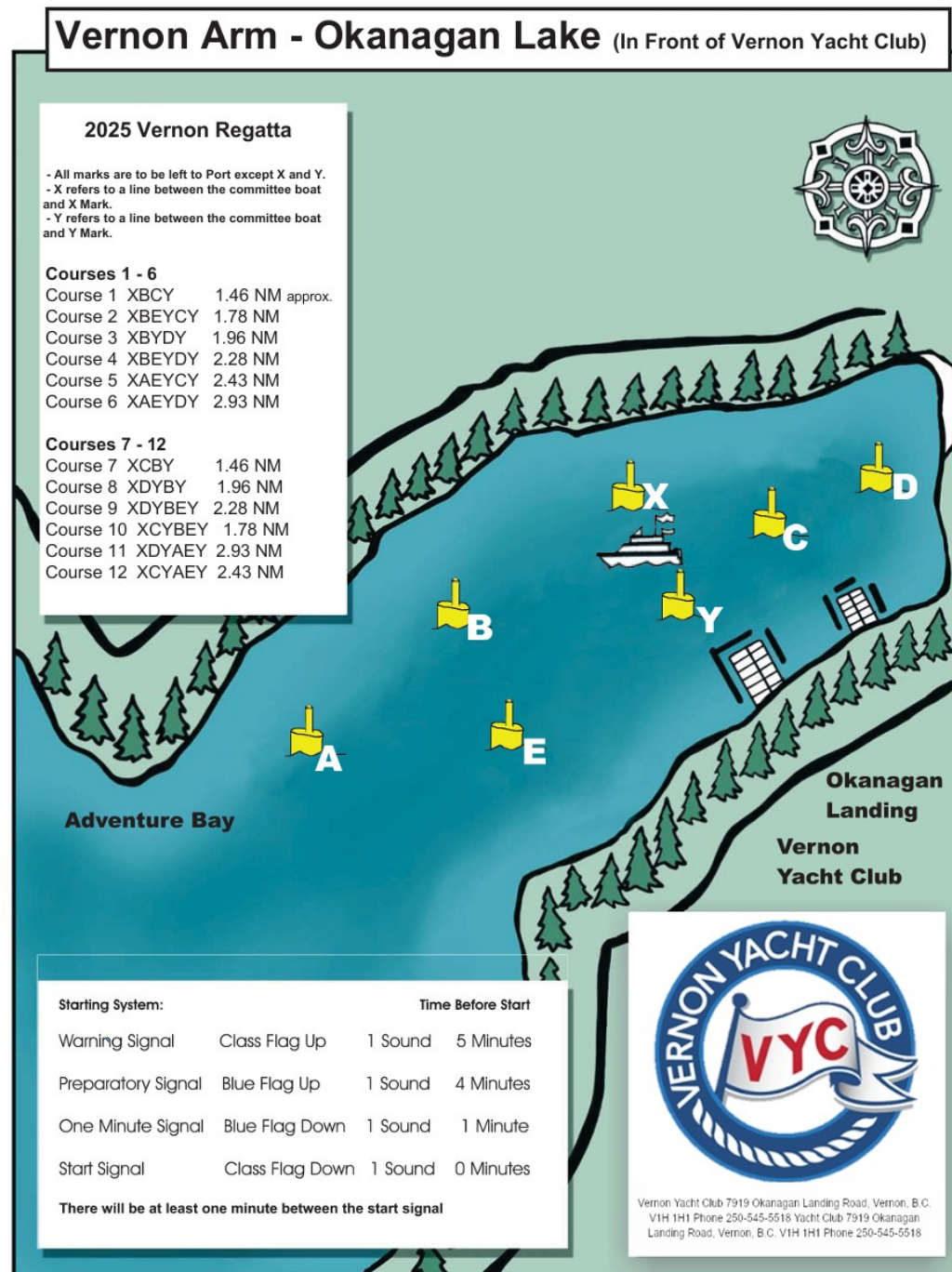
22. Risk Statement

22.1. 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 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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Addendum A



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