



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Okanagan Women's Regatta
July 12 – 14th, 2024
West Kelowna Yacht Club
4111 Gellatley Rd., West Kelowna

Rules:

1.1 The regatta is governed by:

- a) The “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (2021 – 2024)*
- b) The prescriptions of Sail Canada
- c) The Notice of Race (NoR)
- d) These Sailing Instructions

In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

Entry and Eligibility:

2.1 Yachts racing under handicap shall be members in good standing of B.C. Sailing with a valid 2024 PHRF certificate, or at the discretion of the Race Committee non-members will be provided with a temporary PHRF rating, valid for this event.

2.2 Handicap classes will race under the PHRF rating Time-on-Time system.

2.3 Each participating boat shall provide proof of current third-party liability of \$2,000,000.

Communications with Competitors:

3.1 All boats should carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. The Race Committee will monitor and may give instructions on that channel.

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the Patio.

3.3 Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and signaled no later than 09:00 on race day, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

Competitor's Meeting:

4.1 There will be a competitors' meeting on the Patio 9:00 Saturday. Competitors may ask questions about the sailing instructions during the information session.

Signals Made Ashore:

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on a flagpole on the Patio.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

Race Committee Signals:

6.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races (if applicable) will begin soon, a series of sounds will be made and the orange start line flag will be displayed one minute before the warning signal. If applicable, warning signals for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

Schedule of Races:

Saturday: All Classes

7.3 Start of Racing: Races shall start on or after 10:00.

7.4 Race Committee Boat will designate Fleet starting sequence, and will review the assignment of pennants at the Competitor's Meeting.

PHRF fleet women only crew - Bra

PHRF fleet with coaches on board - Boxer Shorts

Any person on a competing boat must be a crew member/skipper or a coach

7.5 No races shall be started after 4:00 pm

Sunday: All Classes

7.4 Start of Racing: Races shall start on or after 9:30.

7.5 No races shall be started after 1:30 hours.

Racing Area:

8.1 The Racing Area location will be on Okanagan Lake near West Kelowna Yacht Club.

8.2 As boats arrive at the Racing Area before the beginning of racing, they should check in on channel 72 with Race Committee by announcing their name, sail number and receive acknowledgment from the RC.

Courses:

9.1 Course signals will be displayed on the course board attached to the RC boat. The course diagram is in Appendix A list the marks and the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed or rounded. All marks are left to Port.

The Start:

10.1 The starting line shall be between a red buoy and the orange flag on the RC boat, as shown in Appendix A

10.3 All boats not in start sequence must keep clear of start/finish line. Boats not complying with this may be protested and disqualified.

The Finish:

12.1 The finish line shall be the same as the start line.

Time Limit:

13.1 Time Limits are as follows:

All Classes	Race Time Limit
	90 Minutes

If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

Withdrawing from the Race:

14.1 A boat that exits the course must notify the Race Committee on channel 72 at the first opportunity.

Protests:

15.1 Protest and request for redress forms are available at the Jury Desk, located on the Patio. Protests and requests for redress shall be made within the time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat has docked.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest or request for redress has been filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning as soon as possible at a location designated by the West Kelowna Yacht Club.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66

15.6 On the last schedule day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2

Scoring:

16.1 One race shall constitute a series.

16.2 The race committee shall score a race or series using the Low Point System as described in RRS Rule 90.3

16.3 If more than 4 races are completed over the 2 day event, there shall be one discard for each competitor.

16.4 Results will be posted on the official notice board.

16.5 Skippers are responsible for checking their results. Race Committee will be available for at least 30 minutes after posting for discussion, explanation, and possibly corrections.

16.6 Once prizes have been given out, they are final. Any corrections due to protests made after awards will be published but awarded prizes will not be reallocated.

Radio Communication

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

17.2 The race committee will monitor VHF radio channel 72.

Safety:

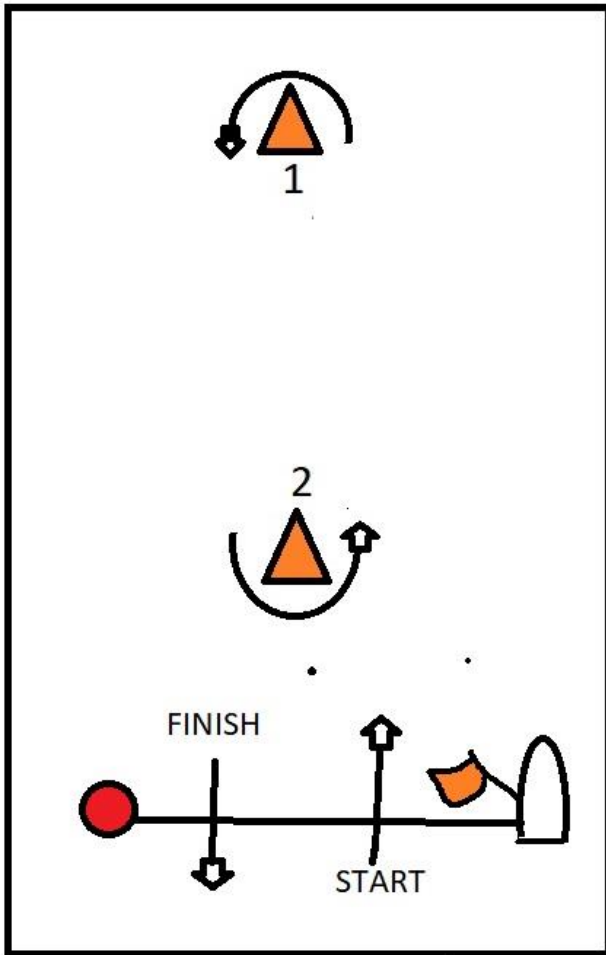
18.1 All boats must comply with Canadian Coast Guard Small Vessel Regulations pertaining to minimum safety equipment on board. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

18.2 For ambulance or other emergency assistance call 911.

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A – Course Diagram



Windward / Leeward, with Leeward Finish	
Course	Mark Rounding Order
L1	Start - 1 - Finish
L2	Start - 1-2-1- Finish
L3	Start - 1-2-1-2-1- Finish
L4	Start - 1-2-1-2-1-2-1- Finish

Mark Descriptions

Marks 1 & 2	Orange Tetrahedron
Start / Finish Pin	Red Ball
Committee Boat	Orange Flag