



North Sails English Bay Scramble

Saturday August 16, 2014
Tiddly Cove Yacht Club & VARC
Vancouver BC, Canada



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules and Race Requirements

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* and all prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, the Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Race Category 4 or PIYA Category 3, the VARC 2014 NOR, the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules for ORC club, the Farr 30 International One Design Class Rules, and the Martin 242 Class Rules as amended by Fleet One.

1.2 All boats must include with their entries a copy of the certificate of insurance indicating that the boat is covered with a minimum \$1,000,000 liability. A copy of this certificate must be carried aboard at all times.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Tiddly Cove website at www.tiddlycove.bc.ca.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Tiddly Cove website (www.tiddlycove.bc.ca) no later than 2000 on the day prior to the race.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals will not be made ashore.

5. Schedule

There will be one race. The warning signal for all divisions will be at 1055.

6. Check-in

Prior to the warning signal, all boats must check in with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 or in person, stating the following: Boat Name, Sail Number, Division, and if displaying BMW stickers, after which confirmation from the Race Committee must be obtained. Boats intending to race double-handed must indicate that intention during this communication.

7. Communications

Skippers are encouraged to monitor VHF 68, from 1045 onward. In the case of a wayward mark or any alteration to the finish line, Race Committee will broadcast information on VHF 68 in a timely fashion.

8. Course

8.1 The four marks of the course are P, G, K, and N (see “Marks” below), as well as the start/finish line and its two pins (see “Start/Finish” below). Each boat must round as many different marks as possible, in any order, taking them to either port or to starboard, but ***must also cross the start/finish line after either its first or its second mark rounding leaving the committee boat to starboard***, before continuing to subsequent mark roundings. Boats can also cross the start/finish line in between any other mark roundings, because your most-recent crossing of the start/finish line will be recorded as a finish in the case of a shortened course (see “Shortened Course” below) or in the event that you failed to round all four marks.

8.2 In the event that a mark has drifted a considerable distance from its original posted position yachts are asked to round the GPS position stated in these instructions and report the wayward mark to Race Committee.

8.3 Boats must report which marks were rounded in the order of rounding to the Race Committee via VHF channel 68 immediately each time they cross the start/finish line.

8.4 Boats must report which marks were rounded in the order of rounding to the Race Committee via VHF channel 68 immediately upon finishing racing for the day. See example below.

9. Example Course

As an example, the boat that finished first overall last year sailed K-SF-G-P-N-SF or Kits Barge Buoy, through Start/Finish, Point Grey Bell Buoy, Passage Island, North Shore, and through Start/Finish.

10. Marks

Mark N: North Shore, TCYC Orange Buoy Marker North of QB (49° 19.90' N, 123° 12.07' W)

Mark P: Passage Island (49° 20.78' N, 123° 18.40' W)

Mark G: Point Grey Bell Buoy. (49° 17.34' N, 123° 15.98' W)

Mark K: Kitsilano Barge Buoy (49° 16.97' N, 123° 09.86' W)

11. Start/Finish Line

11.1 The start/finish line will be in the middle of English Bay (at approximately 49°18.00' N, 123°12.07' W).

11.2 The committee boat will be in the middle of the line and ***two pins*** will be placed, one on either side of the Committee Boat. The start line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and ***either one of the two pins***.

11.3 Either of the two “start-lines” can be used, but in every case a boat **must cross the start/finish line with the committee boat to starboard**. This applies both at the start **and during subsequent crossings including the final finish**.

11.4 A boat OCS at the start or otherwise failing to start properly after the start signal will have the option of restarting properly (still leaving a pin to port and the committee boat to starboard) or accepting a 10 percent time penalty.

11.5 The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS boats by radio (VHF Channel 68). Failure to notify will not be grounds for a request for redress.

12. Start

The race will be started according to Rule 26. There will be one start for all boats, the class flag for all boats being the VARC pennant. The scheduled 5-minute warning signal for all divisions is 1055 hours.

13. Finish

A boat must cross the start/finish line from the direction of its previous mark, leaving the Race Committee boat to starboard. Every finish will be confirmed by a sound. Once again, **upon finishing racing for the day, all boats must report to the race committee the number of marks rounded and the order in which this was done.**

14. Shortened Course

In case of light wind, a boat may shorten her own course by crossing the finish line after rounding fewer than all of the marks. Having recorded a finish this way, a boat may then continue racing in hopes of rounding additional marks. To record her improved finish, a boat must again cross the finish line after rounding the additional marks.

15. Time Limit

No finishing times will be recorded after 1700 unless any boat has finished before 1700, in which case the time limit is extended to 1730 for all boats.

16. Scoring

Within each VARC division, boats that round more marks within the time limit will be placed ahead of those rounding fewer marks. Boats rounding the same number of marks as one another will be placed according to time-on-time corrected time consistent with the ratings and classifications specified in the VARC 2014 general Notice of Race.

16.1 Yachts that wish to compete Double-Handed may do so as long as they report their intention during either registration or check-in. Double-Handed yachts will be scored as such, as well as within the VARC divisions they would normally compete. This race is included as a double-handed component of the TCYC Sailor of the Year Award.

17. Protests and Penalties

17.1 Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF rules.

17.2 Protests must be delivered in person to the Fleet Captain of TCYC by 1930 on race day.

18. Safety and Responsibility

18.1 All boats must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4, Monohulls, or PIYA Category 3, as amended by the VARC 2014 NOR.

18.2 Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be disqualified from the race.

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

18.4 Racers are reminded to use their good seamanship when deciding when and where they are crossing existing shipping lanes.

18.5 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 race.

THE PARTY

Join us after racing at the Kitsilano Yacht Club for the best party of the summer.

Highlights include:

- Free admission for all skippers, crew, and friends.
- Free Burger Bar including salads, chips, dessert, and a beer or wine for skippers registered and paid by 2300 on Friday, August 15.
- For the crew and friends, Burger Bar including salads, chips, dessert, and a beer or wine for only \$25. Cash only please.
- Live Music & Dancing with Christine Best
- Cash bar with lots of beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Results, awards and prizes.
- The world famous Div 7 Hot Tub Boat!
- Tall tales from the race course.

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