

# Tiddly Cove Yacht Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

TCYC 2017 Sailpast Race

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Start of race: +11:30am (**Dependent on length of Sail Past**)

All TCYC boats with a valid PHRF certificate that meet other requirements as stated in the Sailing Instructions below, are invited to participate in the Tiddly Cove Yacht Club Sailpast Race.

The Sailpast race is a fun race and carries its own trophy. It now also qualifies as a single-handed race counting towards the Sailor of the Year Award. While we will endeavor to have a finish line committee boat on station, boats racing **must have a timer on board** capable of recording the vessel's elapsed finish time in the event there is no structured finish line.

There is no entry fee for this race, and boats may register when they check in (giving sail number, boat name, rating and division) but if you know that you will be racing *you are encouraged to register in advance*. Advance registration is available on our web site.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RACE INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#), subject to alteration by [PHRF-BC](#), the sailing instructions and notification from the race committee.

1.1.1 All boats must comply with [2016 PIYA SER Coastal Category](#).

1.2. Ratings: Racers must hold valid 2017 PHRF certificates.

1.2.1. For those without ratings, a temporary rating may be assigned by the Fleet Captain. Such ratings will not be open to challenge.

1.3. Sail Numbers PIYA or fleet sail numbers must be displayed.

1.4. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be given verbally, or by written handout from the committee boat. If this is required, code flag L will be displayed.

1.5. Yachts must have on board a valid insurance certificate, available for inspection by the race committee, or other TCYC authorities.

1.6. Non-TCYC Boats: Non-TCYC boats are unfortunately not invited to participate in this members-only event.

1.7. This race now counts towards single-handed points in the TCYC Sailor of the Year Challenge, so boats are encouraged to race as such if possible. This race does not count towards the TCYC Fleet Championship.

1.7.1 Boats that wish to participate in the sailpast with crew, but wish to race single-handed are encouraged to find a boat to offload their crew for the race.

1.8 Rule 52 is modified to allow boats racing single-handed to use auto-pilot or tiller-pilot.

## 2. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

2.1. Safety Equipment: All boats must comply with [2016 PIYA SER Coastal Category](#).

2.2. TCYC Responsibility: At no time will TCYC, its Directors, Flag Officers, Sailing Committee or Race Committee(s) accept responsibility for accidents or misadventures.

2.3. Skipper's Responsibility: The decision to start or continue a race is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper of a participating yacht. Responsibility for the safety of a yacht and her crew is the inescapable responsibility of the owner and skipper.

2.4. If Code Flag "Y" is displayed, skipper and crew are required to wear safety flotation gear.

2.5. Inspection: Any yacht participating in a TCYC race may be subject to a safety equipment inspection by the Race Committee.

## 3. SIGNALS

3.1. Races will be started according to ISAF rules, i.e.: 5-min warning: Division flag 1, or 2 or both (1 horn) 4-min warning: Code flag P, I, or Black Flag (1 horn) 1-min warning: Removal of P, I, or Black Flag (1 horn) Start: Removal of Division flag (1 horn -or 2 horns if boat(s) OCS)

3.2. (\*) A flag for the next division may be hoisted at or after, the previous start.

3.3. Communications: Radio communications with the Race Committee will be conducted on VHF Channel 68.

## 4. DIVISIONS AND SPECIAL SIGNALS

4.1. Divisions: Yachts will be divided into Racing Division (Division 1), and Cruising division (Division 2), based on the Performance Value "PV" ( $PV=(60-LOA)^{5.4}$ ). If your yacht has a PHRF faster than her PV, she is in Racing Division; otherwise she is in Cruising Division.

4.2. Start: The start line will be off of the Commodore's vessel anchored off of Tiddly Cove (on the West Vancouver waterfront, in the vicinity of Sandy Cove Park). The Commodore's vessel will be flying a large TCYC Burgee.

4.3. The committee will endeavor to have the first leg of the course to windward. A red flag on the committee boat means "leave all marks to port."

4.4. A green flag on the committee boat means "leave all marks to starboard."

4.5. A blue flag on the committee boat means that the committee boat is on station to take finishes. **HOWEVER, NOTE THAT FOR THIS RACE THE FINISH LINE MAY BE BETWEEN A BUOY AND A MARK, AND FINISHERS MUST BE**

PREPARED TO RECORD THEIR OWN FINISH TIME (see "Start and Course," below)

4.6. Kiss of the frog rule: If it becomes obvious that one yacht will be last, with no opportunity of improving her position, the race committee may give a yacht a last place finish without requiring her to complete the course. The committee will endeavor to notify the yacht by (a) calling her in on channel 68, (b) raising the kiss of-the-frog flag (green frog on white flag), and (c) sounding 3 horns.

4.7. Before the start: Each participating yacht shall hail the committee boat, on VHF Channel 68 or by approaching to within hailing distance, giving sail number, boat name, rating and division at least 20 minutes before the warning signal for the first start of the day. The committee is under no obligation to score yachts that fail to report in time.

4.8. No Flying Sails: Boats that are rated for spinnaker or cruising spinnaker, but wish to race "no flying sails" must hail the Race Committee to this effect, when checking in.

4.8.1. Any boat declaring "no flying sails" shall be scored in the division appropriate to its usual PHRF rating.

4.8.2. The "no flying sails" allowance for Tiddly Cove races shall be 12 sec. unless there is a valid PHRF certificate that a different allowance is appropriate. (See PHRF manual from BC Sailing for definition of flying sails and more information on the "NFS" allowance)

4.9. Recalls: Individual recalls will be signaled by the use of Code flag "X" and an "extra horn". The committee will try to notify early starter(s), but assumes no responsibility for doing so. Boats may consider having their radios on channel 68 at the start.

4.10. All yachts retiring from a race shall inform the Race committee via Channel 68 or by hail, as soon as possible.

## 5. START & COURSE

5.1. Start & Finish: The start line will be off of the Commodore's vessel anchored off of Tiddly Cove. The Commodore's vessel will be flying a large TCYC Burgee. The finish shall be between a mark and the Barge buoy off of Kits Beach if no committee boat is present. NOTE: THE COMMITTEE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO BE IN THE FINISH AREA IN TIME TO RECORD FINISHES. HOWEVER, ALL VESSELS MUST ALSO RECORD THEIR OWN ELAPSED FINISH TIME.

5.2. The race course will be determined by the fleet captain on the day of the race to take advantage of the prevailing conditions and announced by the race committee.

Possible race courses are:

Easterly or Northerly:

Tiddly Cove to QB to Starboard, Bell Buoy to port, finish at Barge Buoy.

Westerly or Southerly:

Tiddly Cove to Bell Buoy to port, finish at Barge Buoy.

5.3. In the event of a change of course the committee boat will announce the change over Channel 68 and or fly the come within hail flag and give verbal instructions to passing boats.

5.4. In the event of a general recall, boats should return to the start area immediately and watch flags for new indications.

## 6. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

6.1. Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF rules.

6.2. Protests must be announced to the race committee before the boat leaves the race area (if possible) and must be delivered to the fleet captain of TCYC by midnight of the race day.

6.3. Boats may be exonerated for hitting a mark by taking a one turn penalty (previously a 360 degree turn) or other right-of-way violations by taking a two-turns penalty, (previously a 720 degree turn)

6.4. Filing a protest. In protesting another yacht, all ISAF procedures must be followed, and the protest in writing and containing all the required information must be in the hands of the Fleet Captain by midnight of the race day.

## 7. SPORTING BEHAVIOUR

7.1. Skippers should understand that TCYC racing is primarily fun and secondarily competitive. Accordingly, skippers are required to sail in a sporting manner, and aggressive sailing in close-quarters situations is discouraged. Overly aggressive racing could lead to disqualification if such actions are judged to have compromised the safety of other boats or crew or the general enjoyment of the event by all. Dangerous sailing will not be tolerated.

## 8. MAIN OBJECTIVE - HAVE FUN!

\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE — POST-RACE COMMODORES RECEPTION\*\*\*

This year we've planned a hamburger BBQ (beef or veggie) at the Burrard Civic Marina 1655 Whyte Ave. We will set up there at 4PM following the Sailpast and race to enjoy some burgers, salads and socialize. It will be BYOB but food will be provided. Members are encouraged to register for this so we know how many burgers we need. Should the weather not be cooperative we have the use of the downstairs room at Burrard Civic Marina.