



RATTLESNAKE ISLAND PASSAGE

West Kelowna, B.C.

August 10, 2020

Organizing Authority: West Kelowna Yacht Club, West Kelowna, B. C.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) including the most recent Rules and Regulations of any Class Association(s) for boats entered.
- 1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 77 is deleted.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this regatta: -
 - (a) [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee
 - (b) [DP] denotes a rule for which penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee
 - (c) [NP] denotes a rule that will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

2 Entry and Eligibility:

- 2.1 Yachts racing under handicap shall be members in good standing of B.C. Sailing with a valid PHRF certificate, or at the discretion of the Race Committee non-members will be provided with a temporary PHRF rating, valid for this event only.
- 2.2 Handicap classes will race under the BC Sailing PHRF rating Time on Time system.
- 2.3 Each participating boat shall provide proof of current third-party liability insurance coverage.
- 2.4 All boats are required to have a working VHF Radio and monitor Channel 68(US) for racing committee communication.
- 2.5 COVID 19, each participating boat must provide completed documentation forms as/when requested

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Summerland Yacht Club main salon.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located at the Summerland Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 45 minutes, in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of racing: - August 10, 2020

6.2 Number of races: The number of races for the event shall be 1. The maximum number of legs for the race will be 4. The race shall be dependent on the wind conditions and may be shortened to the last leg completed by all the registrants (exclusive of those retiring).

6.3 The schedule for the event is: -

a)	Date	Time	Event
	August 10	Various	Registration (At Giant's Head Registration Desk
b)	August 10	0800-0900	Registration (SYC)
c)	August 10	0830	Competitors' Meeting
d)	August 10	0930	Warning signal for race

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the race committee will display the orange starting line marker and may signal with a series of short horn blasts at least 1 minute before a warning signal is made.

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1200.

7 CLASSES

7.1 Should there be adequate registrations, the RC may divide those registered into Divisions/Classes based on boat type, PHRF-BC ratings and sail area/displacement (SA/D) based on the number of registrants at the close of the registration.

7.2	FLAG	DIVISION
	None	Division 1
	None	Division 2
	None	Division 3
	None	Division 4

7.3 The boat's 'main' sail numbers will be used as the boat identifier. This changes RRS 30.3

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Addendum 'A' shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

9.1 The start will be the starting line as set off Summerland Yacht Club. Should there be inadequate winds the *Starting Line* may be moved northerly until adequate winds to enable a start.

9.2 Leg 1, start line to Squally Point Light is approximately 8.3 Nm bearing approximately 322 degrees.

9.3 Leg 2, Squally Point Light to Rattlesnake Island Light is approximately 1.4 Nm bearing approximately 357 degrees. Should the channel be transited (downwind sailing only), then 'bears 357 degrees' is changed to 'becomes visible' see 10.1.

9.4 Leg 3, Rattlesnake Island Light to Halfway Point Light is approximately 1.3 Nm with a bearing approximately 29.

9.5 Leg 4, Halfway Point Light to Cove Resort log boom is approximately 3.9 Nm with a bearing approximately 29 degrees.

9.6 The **RACE** shall be from the starting line of Leg 1 to the finish of the last Leg sailed and completed by all boats registered in the division/class, excluding those boats scored DNS, RET or DNF by the race committee.

9.7 The **RACE** is comprised of various legs and is approximately 15 Nm or as shortened.

10 MARKS

10.1	Mark 1 (rounding) will be Squally Point Light	N49.43.571	W119.43.536
10.2	Mark 2 (rounding) will be Rattlesnake Island Light	N49.44.945	W119.43.038
10.3	Mark 3 will be Halfway Point Light	N49.45.850	W119.41.565
10.4	Mark 4 will be Cove Resort Log Boom	N49.48.614	W119.37.273
10.5	Starting Mark red ball	off Summerland Yacht Club	

11 [SP][NP] AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: -

The channel between Rattlesnake Island and the Easterly shore of Okanagan Lake is an obstruction, unless the channel may be passed downwind (by jibing as required). Any vessel using such passage does so at their own risk. Should a vessel use the 'channel' in an upwind fashion (tacking as required) it shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee assume no liability for any vessel's use of the passage.

12 THE START

12.1 The races will be started using Rule 26 as stated in the Racing Rules of Sailing, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between an orange staff/flag on the race committee boat on the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 There will be one start for all divisions/classes, unless the Race Committee determines there are too many to safely start. In which case, the slowest Divisions/Classes shall have priority in the order of starts.

12.4 There may be no delay between one starting signal and the warning for the next start, as conditions may require.

12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.6 [DP][NP] A boat starting later than 14 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.

12.7 The Race Committee may make a one-time VHF radio announcement on channel 67 (INT) of the sail numbers of OCS boats. Failure to make or receive this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). See also instruction 27.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE RACE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a 'new mark'.

13.2 Boats, of the division(s) indicated, will pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark to starboard and the race committee boat to port. This changes rule RRS 28.

13.3 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with 2 sounds) at a rounding *mark*, the division(s) indicated shall leave the *mark* to starboard and the race committee boat to port and finish. Any subsequent races, lying between said *mark* and *mark 4*, are deemed to have been deleted. This changes rules RRS 32 and RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line for each leg will be the line as extended from the race committee boat having the appropriate bearings, as described in section "8. Courses", to the appropriate mark.

14.2 In the absence of the race committee boat, it shall be the 'bearing line' as extended (see 13.1) from the racing boat.

14.3 **Required information: - Recording your own GPS finish time for the end of each leg is mandatory.** It is recommended that the name or number of the boat in front and behind be recorded to assist in affirming location.

14.4 If the race committee is absent when a boat finished a leg, she should report her 'Required information' (see 13.3) to the race committee no later than 60 minutes after she finishes or the race committee boat docks, whichever the sooner (see 17.9).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The overall time limit for each division racing is 5 hours after the start of Leg 1. Any of the consecutive legs not sailed and completed by the last boat of each division, within the overall time limit, are thereafter abandoned.
- 16.2 The finish window for any division will be 5 hours after the start of Leg 1 and the finish for any legs and the race shall only include those completed by the last boat of any division.
- 16.3 Boats failing to provide their 'Required information' within 60 minutes of expiry of their 4-hour time limit or their sailing and finishing the course, whichever the lesser, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 The Race Committee may abandon a race at its discretion, in accordance with RRS 32.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 For each division, the protest limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks or the last boat in the division finishes, whichever the sooner.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee Representative at the West Kelowna Yacht Club within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible in their approximate order of receipt.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last scheduled 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 determined. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 11.6, 18 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.8 A pre-hearing arbitration may be held prior to the protest hearing, conducted by a racer knowledgeable in the rules and appointed by the Race Committee. The pre-hearing provides the opportunity to check the interpretation of a rule and will last no longer than 10 minutes. At the end of this time, one of the following three actions will occur:
- 17.8.1 Contesting boat will withdraw the protest This amends RRS 63.1.
 - 17.8.2 Protested boat will withdraw from the race. This amends RRS 63.1.
 - 17.8.3 Protest hearing will be scheduled.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Handicapping will use B.C. Sailing PHRF ratings.
- 18.2 Official Time: - GPS time will be used for all recorded times.
- 18.3 Scoring will be based on Time on Time system using a factor of **TCF = 650 / (558 + PHRF)**.
- 18.4 The finish of Leg 1 is required to be completed to constitute a race.
- 18.5 The finish of a leg for a division occurs when all the competitors in a division, other than those registrants previously scored DNS (see 11.6), RET or DNF (because of section 10. (a) or 17.9) have finished.

- 18.6 When fewer than 4 legs have been completed, a boat's score will be the score calculated as of the last leg completed by all the competitors in her division, other than those registrants previously scored DNS (see 11.6), RET or DNF (because of section 10.(a) or 17.9).
- 18.7 A score of DSQ shall not be excluded. This changes RRS 90.3
- 18.8 To request a correction of an alleged error in posted race results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry and provide it to the Race Committee at West Kelowna Yacht Club.
- 18.9 **TO BE SCORED:** As soon as reasonably possible a registrant shall text or call the Race Committee representative **Dan La Casse at 250-859-3333 or okanaganland@hotmail.com** to report the 'Required information'. The text/email shall be in the format "**boat number/final leg completed/GPS time**". As example: - "114/leg 4/13:05:43.
- 18.10 [DP][NP] Failure to provide the required information for any leg by the registrant may be scored DNF for any race that the information is not provided for.
- 18.11 [NP] Any boat not having called in the 'Required information' by 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signals Boat docks or she finishes, whichever the sooner, shall be scored DNF for those legs not provided.

19 SAFETY

- 19.1 [DP][NP] Boats will comply with the appropriate Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 [DP][NP] An onboard cell phone contact number is required to be registered prior to racing.
- 19.4 COVID-19 Compliance is required at all times while participating in the event or as may be established by West Kelowna Yacht Club. All boats must complete and provide all COVID 19 documentation at or by the times requested, including but not restricted to 'COVID 19 Confirmation form' and 'COVID 19 Health Disclosure Declaration'.
- 19.5 **Race Committee Safety Contact Person:** -
Dan La Casse at (250) 859-3333 (text or call)

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will be permitted

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 None anticipated

22 [NP] EVENT ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

- 22.1 No restrictions. This changes ISAF Regulation 20, as stated in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

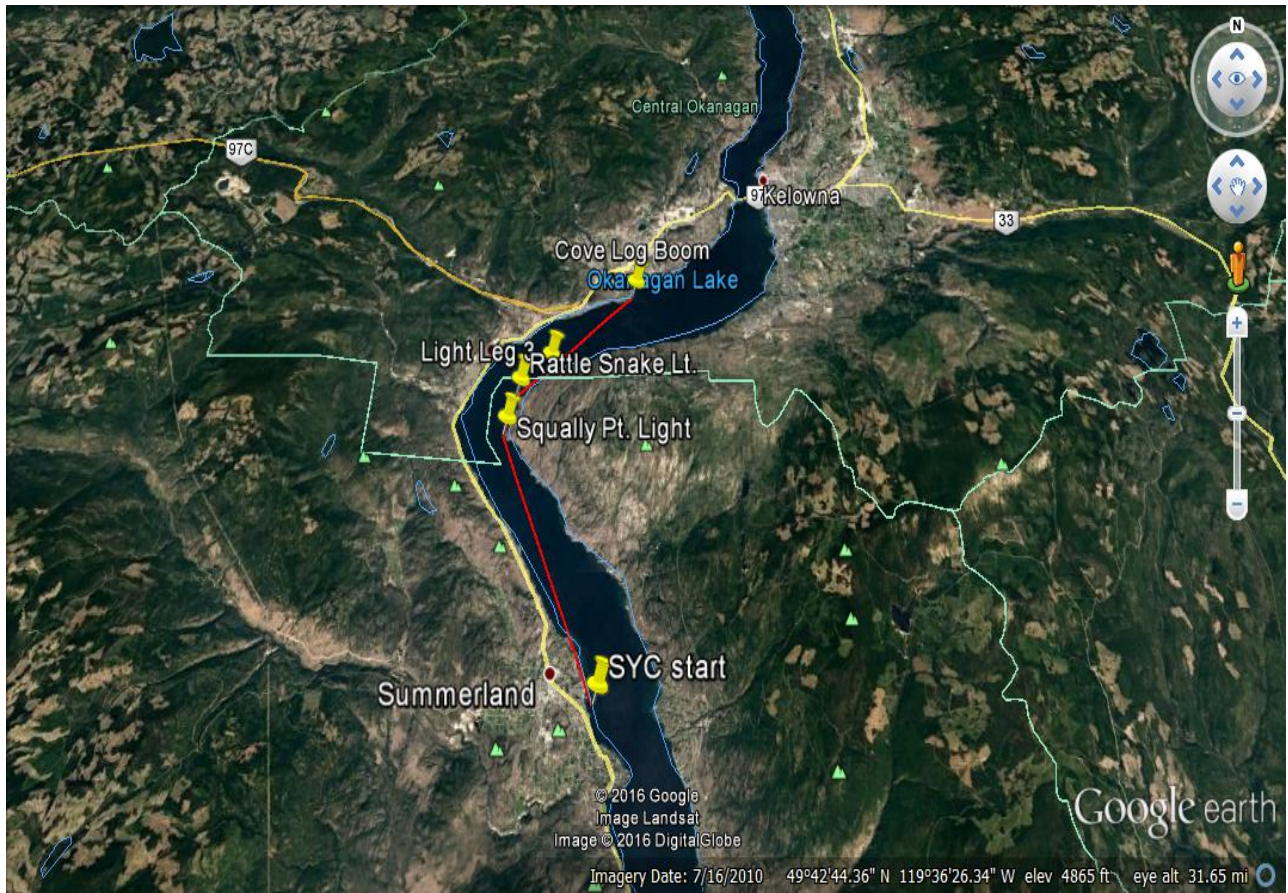
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4. Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. It is the responsibility of the individual yacht to decide when conditions are unsafe for their vessel and to take appropriate safety measures.

24 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 24.1 Official Boats will be marked as follows:
Bearing an 'orange' flag.

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