

ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION

2015 SINGLEHANDED RACE**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Royal Naval Sailing Association (RNSA) and
the False Creek Yacht Club (FCYC) invite you to participate in the
42nd Annual Singlehanded Race across Georgia Strait,
Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th, 2015**

The regatta is supported by EHYC and NYC

1 RULES

- 1.1** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the (a) ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016, (b) the ISAF 2014-2015 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 – Monohulls, and (c) the rules of the PHRF of BC or NW, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2.** All participants must comply with the ISAF 2014-2015 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4, Monohulls, available at www.sailing.org, (also at www.fcyc.com), except as follows:
- 1.2.1.** OSR 3.29.1 (radios) - replaced with:
a marine VHF transceiver capable of receiving weather bulletins shall be provided.
- 1.2.2.** OSR 4.01.2 (sail number panels) - compliance shall not be required.
- 1.2.3.** OSR 4.10.1 (radar reflectors) - a tubular type commercially available radar reflector permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical and meeting the minimum effective height requirement shall be considered compliant.
- 1.2.4.** OSR 4.26.4 (heavy weather jib) - A roller furling headsail or #3 or smaller jib, suitable for heavy weather shall be considered compliant
- 1.2.5.** OSR 5.01.2(a) (lifejacket specifications) - lifejackets or PFDs meeting applicable Canadian Government regulations shall be considered compliant. Competitors are advised that Inflatable Devices shall be considered compliant only if fitted with crotch or thigh straps.
- 1.2.6.** Designated one design boats whose one design class rule conflicts with OSR Section 3 requirements and who are racing in handicap classes:
- a. shall have the skipper wearing a lifejacket or PFD at all times while racing.
 - b. In the absence of compliance with OSR Section 3 re pulpit, stanchion and lifelines, shall carry harness and safety lines (tether) and have attachment point(s) to reduce crew overboard risk when working forward of the mast.
- 1.2.7.** Boats must carry sufficient fuel for 8 hours motoring each day.

- 1.3 Autopilot and/or wind-powered self-steering gear are allowed. This modifies rule 52.
- 1.4 Jack lines shall be installed on both sides as per PIYA regulations, and competitors must use approved harnesses during the race. Random inspections may be performed on completion of Race 1.
- 1.5 Competitors are reminded of the Fundamental Rules of the RRS: Helping those in Danger, Life-saving Equipment & Personal Buoyancy, and Decision to Race.
- 1.6 Competitors are reminded of the minimum safety equipment required by law to be carried on all boats as per Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulations, and the safe boating practices as outlined in the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide.

2 ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code, Category C. In general terms there is no restriction on advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 All keel boats carrying a current valid PHRF of BC or NW certificate are eligible to enter. See para. 8 below.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Registration Form and sending it, together with the required fee, a copy of the PHRF Certificate, and a copy of the Insurance Policy, to FCYC no later than the date of the Skippers Meeting on **Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015**.
- 3.2 Registrations may be submitted by email to racing@fcyc.com or by fax 604 682 3614 or by regular mail or by hand to FCYC, 1661 Granville St. Vancouver V6Z 1N3, or may be submitted at the Skippers meeting. Payment may be made by cheque payable to FCYC, credit card, debit card or cash.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted provided they are received by **1900 Friday, June 5th, 2015**.
- 3.4 A minimum of 15 boats are required for the race to proceed.

4 DIVISIONS

Boats will be assigned to divisions based on their PHRF handicap rating as follows:

Division 1	-PHRF Rating up to and incl. 115	-Pennant 1 or Red ribbon
Division 2	-PHRF Rating 116 to 175	-Pennant 2 or Green ribbon
Division 3	-PHRF Rating 176 to 275	-Pennant 3 or Yellow ribbon
Division 0	-Multi-hulls	-Pennant 0 (zero)

All boats, except multi-hulls, must fly their division pennants or ribbons from the backstay while racing. Boats should not fly the Canadian Ensign while racing.

Any boat that has a PHRF rating within +/- 6 seconds of the division breaks may apply to the FCYC Club Racing Officer to change divisions (racing@fcyc.com).

-No Flying Sails Division (NFS) - Boats may register in the NFS division. However, boats in the NFS division will start in their appropriate division as shown above according to their appropriate PHRF rating. NFS boats must use working sails only, attached by their luff to permanent stays or spars. Not less than 90% of the luff length must be attached to the permanent stay or spar with not less than eight (8) snaps or sailtrack slides distributed evenly

along the luff; or, alternatively attachment may be by a luff-rope groove. Only one (1) working sail luff may be attached to each permanent stay or spar. A boat may not fly more than one jib nor fly any sail forward of the mainmast which does not qualify as a jib. Only one sail may be used forward of the main mast on Sloops, Cutters, Yawls, and Ketches, unless the yacht is specifically rated for carrying additional sails. When changing jibs, the "up" hoisted jib must be fully lowered to the deck before a replacement jib is raised. Before lowering the 'up' jib, the replacement jib may be hanked on the forestay, or started in the second headfoil groove up to five feet above deck. The second halyard may be attached before lowering the "up" jib. Jibs may not be attached to temporary or detachable stays. NFS ratings exclude such sails as spinnakers, mizzen staysails, streakers, drifters flown from their own temporary stays, bloopers, etc. Spinnaker poles and whisker poles may not be used.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Participation fees are \$85.00 per boat, which includes moorage and dinner at the NYC. Sponsor other boats that did not participate in the Singlehanded Race in **2012, 2013, or 2014**, and receive \$10 discount per boat on your entry fee.
- 5.2 Other fees:
No other fees for racers.
\$30.00 for extra guests at the Saturday Evening Dinner at NYC.

6 REGATTA

The regatta will consist of two races:

Race 1 - from Point Grey Bell Buoy to Snake Island Bell Buoy.

Race 2 - from Snake Island Bell Buoy to Point Grey Bell Buoy

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 -Registration: any time after **May 1st, 2015**
-Skippers Meeting (informal) and Registration at FCYC: **Wednesday, June 3rd, - 1900 to 2100 hours**
- 7.2 Dates of racing:
Race 1: **Saturday, June 6th, 2015**
Race 2: **Sunday, June 7th, 2015**
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 0925 hours, unless postponed.

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1. Each boat shall submit a copy of a valid PHRF of BC or NW rating certificate.
- 8.2. Boats without a current PHRF certification may be provided with a provisional rating for this regatta only. Assigned ratings are not subject to appeal by the registered boat. Boats with assigned ratings may not protest other boats.

- 8.3.** Provisional ratings are allowed for one year only. Boats that were provided with a provisional rating in previous year(s) are expected to have a valid PHRF of BC certificate in order to participate in this year's race.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be emailed to all racers on record, and are available on the FCYC website www.fcyc.com

10 VENUE

- 10.1** Locations of the racing areas are English Bay, Georgia Strait and Nanaimo Harbour.

11. THE COURSE

The course is from Point Grey Bell Buoy to Snake Island on Saturday, and return the next day.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** The regatta will be scored using the Low Point System of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A
- 12.2** Boats must complete both Race 1 and Race 2 in order to be scored for the regatta, unless one of the races is cancelled or abandoned.

13 SUPPORT BOAT

The Race Committee boat is identified as "Fraser Lifeboat"

In the event of an emergency or when retiring from the race, contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch.68, or Fraser Lifeboat on VHF Ch.16. Alternatively, contact the PRO on cell number 604 671 0606

14 BERTHING AND SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

- 14.1** On Friday, prior to the race, and Sunday evenings after the race, limited moorage may be made available at FCYC for out-of-town boats. Please advise racing@fcyc.com or make your request during the Skippers meeting.
- 14.2** The Nanaimo Yacht Club (NYC) has extended an invitation to berth all competing boats on Saturday evening. Every effort will be made to accommodate all vessels in secure moorage.
- 14.3** NYC club facilities will be available from 1400 on Saturday. Showers are available in the downstairs restrooms at a cost of \$1.00.
The security code for the NYC gate will be available upon arrival, from the Race Committee or from the NYC wharfinger.
The lounge bar will be open from approximately 1730 hours until 2130 hours.
Dinner in the NYC dining room will commence at 1930 hours

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION WHILE RACING

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, unless required for safety. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 PRIZES AND AWARDS

During the dinner event at the NYC on Saturday evening:

- a. Interim results will be provided
- b. One Prize will be awarded for "Closest to Predicted Time" in Race 1.
- c. There will be door prizes.

All other awards and trophies will be presented during the Awards Evening in the Fall at a location and on a date to be announced later.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (Ref. Rule 4 – Decision to Race). The organizing authority, FCYC and RNSA 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.

19 INSURANCE

All Participants must include with their registration a copy of the Certificate of Insurance indicating that their boat is covered by a minimum of \$1 million liability. A copy of this certificate must be carried on board at all times.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Court Touwslager racing@fcyc.com, FCYC 604 682 3292, fcyc@fcyc.com or go to the FCYC website www.fcyc.com and click on BOATING / Singlehanded Race.