



Thank Heavens Racing And Spring are Here

2023 THRASH Regatta

April 21st-23rd

with racing on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd

**Royal Victoria Yacht Club
Victoria, BC Canada**

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule refers to a discretionary penalty, which follows guidance from World Sailing and is applicable to certain infractions – safety, code of conduct, class rule and technical breaches – some of which cannot be protested by competitors.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The *Sail Canada Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing*, available at https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/sail_canada_prescriptions_2021_2024_14_03_2022.pdf, apply.
- 1.3 For handicap fleets the 2022 PHRF-BC Rules, available at <https://bcsailing.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/PHRF-BC-Rules-and-Measurement-1.pdf>, apply.
- 1.4 For all One-Design fleets their respective One-Design class rules apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available after 1800 hrs on Thursday April 20th, 2023 online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5KkXcLMgtg/#notice-board>. Printed copies of the SIs will not be made available.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5KkXcLMgtg/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the international VHF maritime mobile band.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on



VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all keelboats that:

4.1.1 Are registered with PHRF-BC and have a valid 2023 certificate; or

4.1.2 For One-Design fleets a minimum of five boats registered per fleet is required for a One-Design Division, subject to section 4.2 below.

4.1.3 Meet the registration, safety, and insurance requirements defined in paragraphs 4, 13 and 14.

4.2 If five or more keelboats of the same One-Design class register for the regatta, they will be placed in a separate One-Design Division.

4.2.1 If a skipper of a One-Design boat wishes to not race One-Design and instead race in one of the PHRF-BC handicap rules Divisions, they must request this in writing to the OA not later than 1800 hrs on Monday April 17th, 2023. .

4.2.2 The final decision whether to provide a Division for a One-Design class rests with the Principle Race Officer (PRO).

4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/5KkXcLMgtg/class>.

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5 Registration closes at 1800 hrs, Friday April 21st, 2023.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Division	Early Entry Fee until 1800 hrs March 22 nd , 2023	Standard Fee
All Divisions	\$100 CDN	\$120 CDN

5.2 Included with the entry fees:

5.2.1 Moorage at the RVYC Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for competing boats and support boats.



5.2.2 One Saturday night dinner ticket per entry.

5.3 Other fees:

5.3.1 Additional dinner tickets for crew and guests can be purchased online at <https://theclubspot.com/shop/regatta/5KkXcLMgtg/merchandise> for \$29 CDN until the close of registration.

6 SCHEDULE

- Friday April 21st, 2023
 - 1800-2200 Regatta social
- Saturday April 22nd, 2023
 - 0900 - Competitors' meeting beside the dinghy shed.
 - 1000 - Warning signal for first race. Subsequent races to follow.
 - 1800-2300 - Regatta Dinner and live music.
- Sunday April 23rd, 2023
 - 1000 - Warning signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races to follow.
 - 1500 - Races will not be started after 1500.
 - Awards in RVYC Main Lounge ASAP after racing.

7 DIVISIONS

7.1 There are four or more Divisions that may be scored in the regatta:

7.1.1 Multihulls Division;

7.1.2 Distance Division(s) – keelboats racing under PHRF-BC rules around courses described in section 9.2 below, which depending on the numbers of boats registered, may be further divided by PHRF-BC ratings;

7.1.3 Around-the-Buoys Division(s) – keelboats racing under PHRF-BC rules around courses described in section 9.3 below, which depending on the number of boats registered, may be further divided by PHRF-BC ratings; and

7.1.4 Additional Division(s) for One-Design boats will be added as required.

7.2 The final Divisions of the boats registered will be defined in the SIs.

8 VENUE

8.1 The event venue is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club located at 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria, BC, or 48°27'12"N 123°17'42"W (visitor's dock).

8.2 The racing area will be in the vicinity of Cadboro Bay, Oak Bay and Haro Strait.



9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course(s) to be sailed in each race will be determined by the PRO on the day of the race.
- 9.2 The courses for boats in the Distance Division(s) will be set among a set of fixed marks in the vicinities of Cadboro Bay, Oak Bay, Trial Island and Haro Strait.
- 9.3 The courses for boats in the Around-the-Buoys Division(s) and One-Design Division(s) will be set among a set of fixed marks in the vicinities of Cadboro Bay and Oak Bay and a series of inflatable marks.
- 9.4 A list and a graphic that illustrates the positions of the fixed marks that may be used in this regatta will be included in the SIs.
- 9.5 Exclusion zones within the race area will be defined in the SIs.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring of races in each of the Distance and Around-the-Buoys Divisions will be based on PHRF-BC rating, corrected with a time-on-time calculation.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 The THRASH Regatta is a designated Vancouver Island Racing Series (VIRS) event and the results of this regatta will be included in the VIRS trophy results in 2023.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Visiting boats shall be provided moorage at the venue for the nights of the event. The skippers of visiting boats should notify RVYC's foreshore office, at 250.592.3433 or foreshore@rvyc.ca, of their berthing requirements at their earliest convenience. Boats may be required to raft together.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor



agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

- 13.2 Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each boat, agree to indemnify RVYC and regatta organizers for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the regatta.
- 13.2 All competitors shall comply with the boating safety regulations as issued by the government of their registry.
- 13.3 It is recommended that competitors wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times during racing.
- 13.4 When considering the safety of their boats and crew, all skippers are advised to review *Sail Canada/World Sailing Special Regulations*
https://fr.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/sc_osr2022-2023_mu4.pdf
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- 13.5 All One-Design competitors shall comply with the safety regulations in their respective One-Design class rules.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 CDN per incident or the equivalent.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The overall winner among the boats sailing in the Distance Division 1 will be awarded the Skipper's Plan Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.2 The overall winner among the boats sailing in the Around-the-Buoys Division will be awarded the Ole Olsen Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.3 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Division.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact the OA at:

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