



Fraser River Lightship Race

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for the RVYC Opener Regatta is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, in association with Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 PHRF boats will sail according to the rules of PHRF BC. ORC Club boats will sail according to rules of the Offshore Racing Congress.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats wishing to be scored in VARC season calculations shall display advertising in accordance with VARC Notice of Race section 2.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats that have a current PHRF of BC certificate with a rating no higher than 275 or a current ORC Club Certificate with a rating no higher than 610.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter at www.royalvan.com/bigboat before 1200 hours on Thursday, September 27th, entries are only completed once the \$40 entry fee is received.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted before 0700 hours on Saturday, September 29th at: www.royalvan.com/bigboat. Late registration will bear a \$25 surcharge.
- 3.4 Boats shall comply with safety and equipment provisions of the VARC Notice of Race paragraph 1.5.

4. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

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

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| Division 1 | ORC GPH 610.0 or less |
| Division 2 | PHRF rating of 60-99. |
| Division 3 | PHRF rating of 100-173. |
| Division 7 | PHRF rating of 174-275. |

5 SCHEDULE

One race is scheduled for the day, the scheduled time of the warning signal is 1000 hours on Saturday September 29th, 2018.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Boats shall carry a current ORC Club, PHRF of BC measurement certificate when racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at www.royalvan.com/bigboat after 1200 hours on Thursday, September 27th, 2018.

8 VENUE

Racing will be conducted in English Bay, and Eastern portions of the Strait of Georgia.





9 COURSE

- 9.1 For Division 1&2: The course is from the start line in the proximity of Southern English Bay, leaving the Point Grey bell buoy to port, leaving the Sandheads green buoy S1 to starboard, leaving the Point Grey bell buoy to starboard, to the finish line at the North West corner of the RVYC Jericho marina breakwater.
- 9.2 For Division 3&7: The course is from the start line in the proximity of Southern English Bay, leaving the Point Grey bell buoy to port, leaving the T10 buoy to starboard, leaving the Point Grey bell buoy to starboard, to the finish line at the North West corner of the RVYC Jericho marina breakwater.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 Division 1 will be scored using ORC, all other divisions will use PHRF.
- 10.3 Series scoring will be completed by VARC using results from the regatta in accordance with VARC Notice of Race section 10.

11 BERTHING

Visiting boats may request overnight and after-racing moorage by calling the club harbourmaster at 604-224-1033.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please email Hunter Lowden, Sailing Director, Royal Vancouver YC at: sail_dir@royalvan.com.

