



ROUND BOWEN RACE

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Bowen Island Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, including CYA prescriptions, the Notice of Race and by these sailing instructions.

Note: Boats shall not check in by radio with the race committee.

2 CLASSES

2.1 Boats will be placed in one of nine classes: PHRF (using PHRF of BC handicaps), M242, Multihulls, Cruising and Dinghies. There will be five PHRF divisions (1, 2, 3, 6 and 7).

2.2 PHRF Divisions will be as follows:

Division 1: < 60

Division 2: 60 to 99

Division 3: 100 to 149

Division 6: 150 to 193

Division 7: 194 and slower.

2.3 Boats without spinnakers compete for the Cruising Class Award. (Cruising chutes and whisker poles are allowed.)

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the race office (Cabin 2 at Doc Morgan's Pub).

4 THE COURSE

4.1 The course is a circumnavigation of Bowen Island; approximately 18 nautical miles. The decision to sail north about or south about will be made on race day.

4.2 The course direction will be announced on VHF Channel 73, and will be indicated by a course board 'N' or 'S' at each end of the starting line. 'N' means north about, leaving the island to port; 'S' means south about, leaving the island to starboard.

4.3 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 33.

5 SCHEDULE

The scheduled time for the Warning signal is 0950 hours. Timing will be done using GPS.

6 THE START (refer also to diagram following sailing instructions)

6.1 The starting line will be defined by a transit on the shore and will lie in an east-west direction. The transit is established at the light grey house on the north eastern shore of Mannion (Deep) Bay, near Miller's Landing by a yellow staff displaying a yellow diamond mounted on the sundeck of the house in line with a yellow diamond on a yellow staff close to the water's edge.

6.2 The starting line and its offsets will be located as follows:

- the starting line will be at latitude N 49° 23.258';
- the line 100 feet north of the starting line will be at latitude N 49° 23.275'; and

- the line 100 feet south of the starting line will at latitude N 49° 23.241’.

6.3 Limit marks bound both ends of the starting line as follows:

- The Inner Limit Mark, which shall rank as an obstruction, will be a red buoy placed approximately on the starting line, anchored in at least 100 feet of water approximately 150 feet from shore, and boats shall pass offshore of this buoy;
- The Outer Limit Mark will be a vessel, which shall rank as a mark, located approximately on the starting line, displaying a Race Committee flag and other signals as stated. Boats shall pass inshore of this vessel; and
- The Limit Marks do not serve to define the location of the starting line.

6.4 There will be one start with all boats starting together.

6.5 All signals will be from the shore, with the visual signals repeated on the Race Committee boat at the east end of the line.

Note: *Because of the long starting line, the Race Committee will broadcast signal information during the starting sequence on VHF channel 73. A vessel stationed in the middle and ahead of the line may also announce the start with an aerial salute.*

6.6 The race will be started as follows:

SIGNAL	SHAPE	SOUND	TIME TO START
Warning	Bowen shape displayed	1 sound	10 minutes
Preparatory	Blue shape displayed	1 sound	4 minutes
One Minute	Blue shape removed	1 long sound	1 minute
Start	Bowen shape removed	1 sound	0 minutes

This changes rule 26.

6.7 If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7 RECALLS

7.1 Any boat OCS (On Course Side/over early) may re-cross the line to start correctly or accept a penalty equal to 5% of her elapsed time.

7.2 The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS boats by loudhailer, by boat, or by radio (VHF Channel 73). Failure to notify will not be grounds for a request for redress.

8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be between the red Inner Limit Mark and the upper yellow staff displaying a yellow diamond on the shore. Boats must pass inshore of the red buoy and ensure that they identify themselves to the Race Committee on shore. The Race Committee can be contacted on VHF channel 73.

8.2 Boats without visible sail numbers and which do not clearly identify themselves when finishing will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

Note: *To aid the Race Committee in producing accurate results, boats are requested to identify and record, if possible, boats finishing immediately ahead and immediately astern.*

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all divisions will be 1730h. This changes RRS 35.

10 PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there before 1830h.

11 SCORING

PHRF, Multihull, and Cruising Classes will be scored using Time on Time calculations. The Dinghy Class will be scored using the Portsmouth Handicap system.

12 SAFETY

12.1 A boat retiring from the race is required to notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area or as soon as possible thereafter.

12.2 Competitors in dinghies must wear an approved PFD at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.1.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third in each PHRF Division, Multihulls, Cruising Class, and Dinghies, as well as for overall winners. Prizes will include several other special awards.

