



## Spring Quartet Series, 2025

### Notice of Race Series

The Spring Quartet is organized by the Bowen Island Yacht Club (the Organizing Authority).

#### 1. Rules

The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing with CYA Prescriptions.

#### 2. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available on the BIYC website before noon on March 15, 2025.

#### 3. Communication

The official notice board, including Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Notice to Competitors, Results and Protest information will be located at:

<https://www.biyc.bc.ca/racing/spring-quartet-series/>

Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Race Committee's failure to receive a hail, to transmit a hail, the order of the hails or to provide other communications to the fleet, shall not be grounds for redress.

No skippers' meeting will be held. Proceed directly to start line. If first time in race, notify race officer on VHF 73 of your vessel's name.

#### 4. Eligibility & Entry

Open to all sailboats with a PHRF of BC handicap rating. Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing including CYA Prescriptions where applicable.

Registration is available up until one hour prior to each race.

Boats not registered one hour prior will not be scored.



## 5. Schedule

Race #	Date	Time
1	March 16, 2025	10:30am PDT
2	March 30, 2025	10:30am PDT
3	April 13, 2025	10:30am PDT
4	April 27, 2025	10:30am PDT

## 6. Venue

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Howe Sound and Georgia Strait.

## 7. Courses

The Race Officer can set a northerly, southerly or ODAS course up to the beginning of the start sequence. Please watch for the committee boat's 'N', 'S' or 'O' boards and/or monitor VHF 73. A five-minute start sequence scheduled to begin at 10:25, with start at 10:30. An initial pre-warning may also be given prior to the start sequence. Start line will be between the pin & committee boat off Miller's Landing, Deep Bay's northern headland.

North course: Signaled by N placard on Race Committee boat.

- Miller's Landing → Cates Bay (Hood Point) Orange Ball → Bird Islet → Miller's Landing. (Start/Finish line)

South course: Signaled by S placard on Race Committee boat.

- Miller's Landing → Passage Island → Bird Islet → Miller's Landing. (Start/Finish line)

ODAS course: Signaled by O placard on Race Committee boat.

- Miller's Landing → English Bay ODAS Buoy (49.3N 123.36W) → Miller's Landing. (Start/Finish line) (~11NM)

## 8. Scoring

The scoring for the series will be best 3 of 4 races.

Results will be posted on the BIYC website [biyc.bc.ca/racing](http://biyc.bc.ca/racing) as soon as possible after the race.



## 9. Risk Statement

The RRS 3 Decision to Race 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, but are not limited to, 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. 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 Spring Quartet series' race.

Safety of the boat and crew is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper. All competitors shall comply with the boating safety regulations as issued by the government of their registry. When considering the safety of their vessels, all owners/skippers are advised to review World Sailing 2023-2024 Offshore Special Regulations (generally, and specifically Appendix B).

Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel, agree to indemnify the Bowen Island Yacht Club for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in a Spring Quartet Series race.