

Round Bowen Race 2026

June 13, 2026
Bowen Island, Canada

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Vancouver Area Racing Circuit (VARC) Notice of Race will apply.
- 1.3 Boats will be scored according to the rules of PHRF BC using time on time calculations. In addition, VARC boats with a current ORC rating certificate will receive a TCF score for their VARC season standing.
- 1.4 The Canadian Marine Mammal regulations will apply. More info [here](#).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at <https://www.biyc.bc.ca/racing/round-bowen-race/> by Wednesday, June 10, 2026

3 COMMUNICATIONS

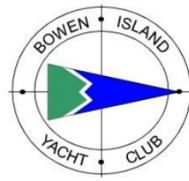
- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 73.
- 3.3 While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The race is open to self-righting cruising class boats, all boats that have a valid PHRF, ORCi, or ORC Club certificate, and to sport boats as classified in VARC Notice of Race section 3.2.1.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form found at <http://www.biyc.bc.ca/wordpress/racing/round-bowen-race/>.
- 4.3 Online registration will be accepted until 1900 on Friday June 13, 2026
- 4.4 In person registration will be accepted at Race Headquarters until 2000 hours on Friday, June 13, 2026.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Early registration fees received before June 1, 2026 are \$90 CAD.
- 5.2 Regular registration fees received on or after June 1, 2026 are \$110 CAD.
- 5.3 Fees include rafting moorage for Friday and Saturday nights.



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6 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12

- 1400 – onward: Free rafting moorage at the Unions Steamship Marina
- 1700 – 1900 hours Host tasting bar at Race HQ. Sponsored by Hestercreek Winery, Copper Spirit Distillery and Bowen Cider House.
- 1900 – 2100 hours Late registration, race package pick up.
- 2100 hours – Registration Closed

Saturday, June 13

- 0730 hours Pancake breakfast – By donation, proceeds supporting The Bowen Island Football Club
- 0830 hours Skippers' meeting
 - *****Note: There is a 1' tide expected Saturday morning at 10:40am, we encourage all skippers to leave the docks promptly after the skippers' meeting.**
- 0950 hours Start Sequence
- 1730 hours No finish will be recorded after this time.
- 1800 - 2000 hours Barbecue and prizes.
- 1800 - 2200 hours Live music by Black Molly

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 Boats will sail around Bowen Island, in either a clockwise or counterclockwise direction, as indicated by signals displayed at the start.

8 RATINGS

- 8.1 Each boat shall declare its BC PHRF rating at registration. The race committee will assign ratings to boats without PHRF ratings as necessary.

Div 1 PHRF < 60

Div 2 PHRF 60 – 99

Div 3 PHRF 100 – 174

Div 7 PHRF 175 – 275

Sportboat*

Martin 242

Multihull

Cruising

*Div. PHRF Sportboat (pennant 4): PHRF Sportboat Class Rules modified as follows;
Length Overall LOA (m) 5.5 to 8.5



Displacement in measurement Trim DSPM (kg) < 2000

Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM03 < 3.70

Spinnaker is Asymmetric on CL (Centerline).

(examples: Melges 24, GP 28, Elliott 770, Viper 640, Seascope 27, J70, T240, VX One)

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8.2 Boats with current ORC certificates will receive a courtesy TCF score as part of their VARC season.

9 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of their boat or competitors made during the period of the competition without compensation.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race 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 race.

11 INSURANCE

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

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact us at: rbr@biyc.bc.ca