



# ROUND BOWEN RACE

Saturday June 13, 2026  
Bowen Island Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats need not check in by radio with the race committee.

### 2 CLASSES

- 2.1 Boats will be placed in the following classes:

Class	Rating		Class	Rating
PHRF 1	Less than 60		Martin 242	One-design
PHRF 2	60 to 99		Multihull	Handicap
PHRF 3	100 to 174		Cruising	(without flying sails)
PHRF 7	175 to 275		Sport Boat	PHRF

- 2.2 PHRF boats will sail under PHRF of BC handicaps, using time on time calculations.
- 2.3 VARC boats with ORC ratings will be scored using PHRF and separately with the ORC 5 Band AP system using time on time calculations.
- 2.4 Cruising boats may use whisker poles on their headsails but not spinnakers.
- 2.5 The race committee will assign ratings to boats without a PHRF of BC certificate.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 An electronic link to the official notice board can be found at the event web site at <https://www.biyc.bc.ca/racing/round-bowen-race>
- 3.2 The race committee will communicate with boats on VHF 73.

### 4 THE COURSE

- 4.1 The course is a circumnavigation of Bowen Island; approximately 18 nautical miles. The decision to sail north or south at the start will be made on race day.
- 4.2 The course direction will be announced on VHF radio, and will be indicated by a course board 'N' or 'S' at the western end of the starting line. 'N' means "Sail north, leaving the island to port; 'S' means "Sail south, leaving the island to starboard."
- 4.3 The course will not be shortened. This changes rule 33.

### 5 SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the warning signal is 0950 hours.

## 6 THE START

- 6.1 The race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 10 minutes before the starting signal. All boats will start together.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between a yellow shape on shore at the race committee station, located in a light grey house on the northeastern shore of Mannion (Deep) Bay, near Miller's landing, and a orange or yellow mark displayed by a race committee boat approximately 1 nm east of the station.
- 6.3 All signals will be made from the shore, and the race committee will attempt to repeat visual signals from the boat at the east end of the line. Failure of the committee afloat to repeat visual signals accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 6.4 The race committee will broadcast signal information during the starting sequence on VHF radio.
- 6.5 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 radio. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 6.7 The race will be started as follows:

Signal	Shape	Sound	Time to Start
Warning	Bowen Island YC 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 Island YC shape removed	1 sound	0 minutes

## 7 RECALLS

- 7.1 A boat on the course side at the start (scored OCS) 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 loud hailer, by boat, or by VHF radio. Failure to notify will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

## 8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a yellow shape ashore and a orange or yellow mark located 200 metres from shore.
- 8.2 Boats without sail numbers should identify themselves on VHF radio when approaching the finishing line.
- 8.3 Boats are requested to identify and record boats finishing immediately ahead and behind in case the information is needed by the race committee scoring team.

## 9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit is 1730 hours.

## 10 HEARING REQUESTS & SCORING INQUIRIES

Protests and scoring inquiries may be filed electronically at the link shown on the official notice board before 1815 hours.

## 11 SAFETY

- 11.1 A boat retiring from the race is required to notify the race committee before leaving the race area or as soon as possible thereafter. The race committee will monitor VHF 73.
- 11.2 Boats must obey any instructions from, and keep clear of, all commercial traffic.

## 12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third in each division, as well as for overall winners. Prizes will include several other special awards.