



**false creek yacht club**

## **VOGEL B&B SPRING REGATTA**

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**April 19 – 20, 2008**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by (A) the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008, (B) the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, (C) the ISAF 2008-2009 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 – Monohulls, (D) the rules of PHRF of BC, (E) the rules for ORC club, (F) the International Martin 242 Class Rules as amended by Fleet One, (G) the International J24 Class Rules, and (H) the VARC 2008 Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. Boats may enter the regatta by completing the prescribed registration with VARC. Boats not registered for the VARC series may register directly with FCYC, using the registration form available on the FCYC website [www.fcyc.com](http://www.fcyc.com).
- 2.2. Boats competing must have a valid PHRF of BC 2008 certificate, and if not previously registered with VARC, must submit a copy of the certificate with their registration.
- 2.3. All boats must carry on board, while racing, or have filed with VARC or FCYC, a copy of a valid Certificate of Insurance indicating public liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.



**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the FCYC website [www.fcyc.com](http://www.fcyc.com)

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions or the Racing Schedule will be posted on the FCYC website no later than 20:00 hours on the Friday before the event,  
4.2. Flag L displayed ashore means that a notice has been posted.  
4.3. Flag L displayed on the Race Committee boat means that racers may come within hail to receive instructions.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the FCYC Clubhouse, on the third floor balcony.  
5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore without numeral pennant(s), postponement will not be less than 30 minutes.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55 hours.  
6.2. On Saturday there will be no warning signal made after 1600 hours. On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.  
6.3. As many races as possible will be run on Saturday and Sunday.

**7. CLASS AND DIVISION FLAGS**

- 7.1. Signal Flags will be as follows:

Div. 1 (pennant 1):	ORC - GPH 600 or less.
Div. 2 (pennant 2):	ORC - GPH between 600.1 and 630.
Div. 3 (pennant 3):	PHRF rating of 99-133
Div. 5 (pennant 5):	PHRF rating of 134-164.
Div. 6 (pennant 6):	PHRF rating of 165-195
Div. 7 (pennant 7):	PHRF rating of 196-275.
Div. 0 (pennant 0):	PHRF Open - 'No Flying Sails'.
Div. M (M242 pennant):	The Martin 242 class will race as one-design.

**8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. Racing will take place in English Bay.  
8.2. The area lying South of a line running from the NW corner of the RVYC Jericho breakwater to the North end of the most Westerly pier at the Jericho Sailing Centre shall be considered an obstruction. Boats sailing into the obstruction area may be subject to protest and disqualification.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1** The diagram Course “E” in Appendix A shows the courses to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left (leave turning marks to Port).
- 9.2.** Divisions 1,2 and 3 shall sail around Mark 2B,  
Divisions 5,6,7,0 and M242 shall sail around Mark 2A.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1.** The Windward Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable upright buoy.  
The Leeward Mark 2A will be an orange inflatable tomato buoy.  
The Leeward Mark 2B will be an orange inflatable upright buoy.
- 10.2.** New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be ‘green’ colour
- 10.3.** The Starting Mark “S” will be a floating staff displaying an orange flag or shape.  
The Finishing Mark “F” will be a floating staff displaying a blue flag or shape.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** Races will be started according to ISAFRRS Rule 26. Warning signal shall be 5 minutes before the Start signal.
- 11.2** The Start Line will be between an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee vessel, and a nearby floating Orange Flag or shape: Mark S.
- 11.3.** The Race Committee may lay a clearance mark behind the RC vessel or between the starting mark and the RC vessel. When approaching the line to start, no boat shall pass between the clearance mark and the Race Committee vessel.
- 11.4.** Boats whose Preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory signal has been made. The starting area is 75 meters (250 ft) from the start line in any direction.

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 12.1** A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. Class pennants may be used to designate a change of course exclusive to the division(s) whose pennant is displayed.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** The Finish Line will be between an Orange Flag or shape on the Race Committee vessel, and a nearby floating Blue Flag or shape: Mark F.

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**15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race using Course E shall be 2 hours.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes Rule 35.
- 15.3 Within the time limits of two hours, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat that finishes in their division, will also be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest time limit shall be 19:00 hours on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and 17:00 hours on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 16.2 Protests shall be filed in the Board room of the FCYC Club House.
- 16.3 Time permitting, protests may be heard on the day of racing. If not, protests will be heard on the Tuesday following the event beginning at 19:00 hrs at the FCYC Clubhouse. Parties affected will be advised.

**17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Races will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System of ISAFRRS Appendix A.
- 17.2 One completed race constitutes a series.
- 17.3 Boats must start a minimum of four (4) races in order to be eligible for overall standings. When five (5) or more races have been completed, one throw-out is allowed.

**18 SAFETY**

- 18.1. All boats must comply with the ISAF 2008-2009 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 – Monohulls, except as shown in the VARC NOR Para.1.4. All boats not racing within their one design class are required to meet the above regulations.
- 18.2. Any boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic, or sails between a tug and its tow, will be disqualified from the series.
- 18.3 Boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to the first Warning Signal of the day by VHF radio on Ch.68, or by hailing the Race Committee vessel at the start line.
- 18.4 If a boat retires or otherwise does not finish a race, the boat must report her retirement to the Race Committee immediately, and in any event prior to leaving the course area. Unless the Race Committee is able to record a boat as finished or retired, the boat will be considered missing and emergency search procedures will be requested from the appropriate authorities.

**19. RESULTS AND PRIZES**

**19.1** Results for Day 1 will be posted at the FCYC Clubhouse and on the FCYC website [www.fcyc.com](http://www.fcyc.com) , after 18:00 hours on Saturday.

Results for Day 2 and overall Regatta results will be announced after racing on Sunday afternoon, at a social event in the Clubhouse of the False Creek Yacht Club, and will be posted at the FCYC Clubhouse and on the FCYC website [www.fcyc.com](http://www.fcyc.com) .

**19.2** Prizes will be awarded to the top winning boats in each division, based on the following schedule:

- when only one (1) boat competes in the division: -no prize
- when two (2) boats compete in the division: -one prize
- when three (3) boats compete in the division: -1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize
- when four (4) or more boats compete in the division: -1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

**19.3** All efforts will be made to accommodate visiting yachts during the social event on Sunday. Please call the FCYC wharfinger on Ch.66A or phone 604 868 4275 for mooring directions.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

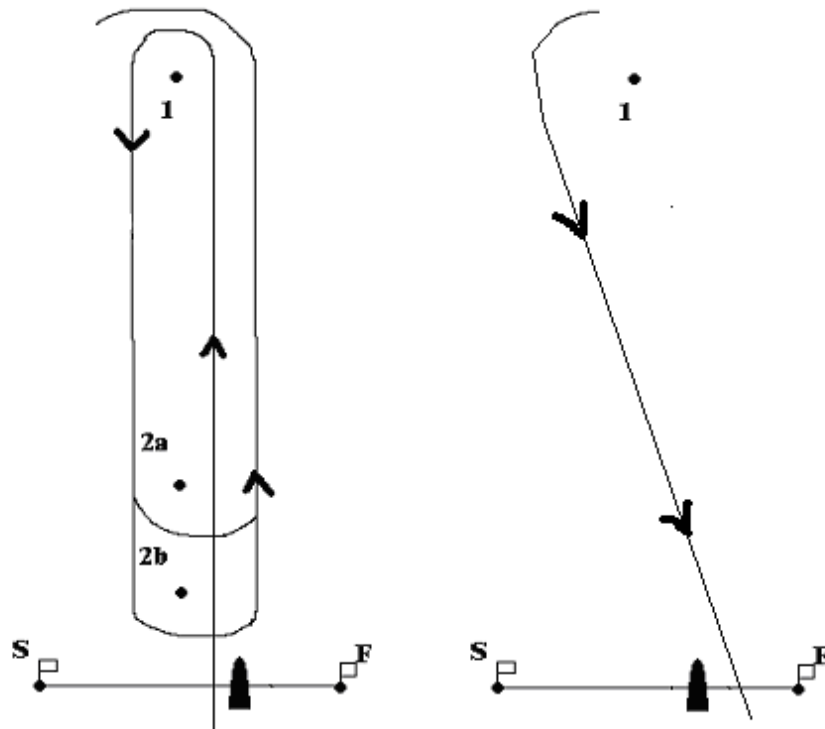
**20.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

**20.2** 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.

**20.3** Participants acknowledge that they will be entering the Regatta at their own risk and will save harmless the False Creek Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the VARC Committee, the Sponsor, and all others involved in organizing this event from any liability, actions, claims or demands that may arise from their participation in this Regatta.

**APPENDIX A**

**Course "E"**



**DIV 1, 2, 3 : S-1-2B-1-F**

**DIV 5, 6, 7, 0, M242, : S-1-2A-1-F**