



BLAST SPRING REGATTA

(part of BMW VARC 2012 Championship Series)

April 21ST, 2012

Event sponsored by: **BLAST Performance Sailing** www.shop.blastsailing.com

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by (a) the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012, (b) the ISAF 2010-2011 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 – Monohulls, (c) the rules of PHRF of BC, (d) the rules for ORC club, (e) the Farr 30 International Class Rules, and (f) the VARC 2012 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 that are not registered for the BMW VARC 2012 Championship Series may register directly with FCYC, using the registration form available on the FCYC website www.fcyc.com.
- 2.2. Boats competing must have a valid PHRF of BC certificate or ORC Club certificate, and if not 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 official notice board located at FCYC, and on the FCYC website 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 day before the event, In addition, every effort will be made to place notices of change on the VARC website, and on the FCYC Notice Board prior to the day of the event.
- 4.2. The Race Committee may also make changes afloat by displaying code flag L and requesting competitors to come within hail.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Because of the location of the False Creek Yacht Club, there will be no Signals Made Ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Day 1 is 1030.
- 6.2. There will be no warning signal made after 1630.
- 6.3. The Race Committee will endeavour to run as many races as possible.

7. CLASS AND DIVISION FLAGS

- 7.1. Class Flags will be as follows:

Div. 1 (pennant 1):	ORC - GPH 590.0 or less.
Div. 2 (pennant 2):	PHRF rating of 60 - 99
Div. 3 (pennant 3):	PHRF rating of 100 - 149
Div. 6 (pennant 6):	PHRF rating of 150 - 199
Div. 7 (pennant 7):	PHRF rating of 200 - 275

Each division must have a minimum of two boats registered to be considered for standings and prizes (see Sec.19.3 below). If, in any division, only one boat shows at the start line, the RC may direct that boat to start with another division.

The Race Committee may combine any division starts at its discretion.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing will take place in English Bay, in the vicinity of one to two miles off Kitsilano and Jericho Beaches.
- 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 COURSE

- 9.1** The Spring Regatta Course Diagram “Course Echo” in Appendix A to these SI’s shows the courses to be sailed by the divisions, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

- 10.1.** The Windward Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable ‘tomato’ buoy.
The Leeward Mark 2a will be a yellow inflatable upright 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 at the starboard end, and a nearby floating Orange Flag or shape at the port end (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 Warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning signal has been made. The starting area is 75 meters (250 ft) from the start line in any direction.
- 11.5** The Race Committee will attempt to announce the sail number or boat name of OCS boats on **VHF Ch.73**. Failure to announce sail numbers or names of OCS boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.6** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS and must keep clear of the starting area.

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 at the starboard end, and a nearby floating Blue Flag or shape at the port end (Mark F).

14 PENALTIES (For Farr 30 One Design class only)

14.1 N/A.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours. Boats that fail to finish within the time limit, or within 30 minutes after the first boat in its division finishes within the time limit, will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 For each class the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The exact time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office of the False Creek Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there, to the attention of the Club Race Officer, and within the appropriate time limit, or as specified on the official Club Notice Board

16.3 Notices regarding protests will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. If possible, hearings will be held at the False Creek Yacht Club on the day of the event at the location posted and will commence at the time posted. If hearings cannot be held on the day of the event, protests will be heard as soon as possible in the weekdays following the regatta.

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 When five (5) or more races have been completed, one throw-out is allowed.

17.4 For ORC Club Division 1 :

Prior to the first ORC Club boat finishing in each race, the Race Committee will determine and record wind strength, which is to be taken into account for final scoring. No wind strength flags will be flown from the RC vessel.

18 SAFETY

18.1. All boats must comply with the ISAF 2010-2011 Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 – Monohulls, except as amended by VARC 2011 NOR Section 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.73**, 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 immediately report her retirement to the Race Committee, 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 may be requested from the appropriate authorities.

18.5 If no radio contact can be established, the RC may be reached by phone 604 671 0606

19. RESULTS AND PRIZES

19.1 See Regatta Program at www.fcyc.com and at www.varc.bc.ca for information on Prizes and Social Event

19.2 Preliminary Race Results will be posted at the FCYC Clubhouse as soon as possible on return of the RC boat, and all efforts will be made to post results on both the VARC website www.varc.bc.ca and the FCYC website www.fcyc.com by the following day.

Preliminary Race Results and Division Winners will be announced during the social event in the Clubhouse of the False Creek Yacht Club,

19.3 Prizes for overall Regatta standings will be awarded to the top winning boats in each division, based on the following schedule:

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| -when only one (1) boat competes in the division: | -no prize |
| -when only two (2) boats compete in the division: | -1 st prize only |
| -when only four (4) boats compete in the division: | -1 st and 2 nd prize |
| -when five (5) or more boats compete in the division: | -1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd prize. |

19.4 Every effort will be made to accommodate visiting yachts at the FCYC docks during the social event. Please call the FCYC Dockmaster on Ch.66A or phone 604 648 2628 before 1700 hours for mooring directions, if available.

19.5 Very limited moorage is available at FCYC. However, racers who wish to moor overnight at FCYC on Saturday, April 21st, must put in a request by Wednesday April 18th, by emailing racing@fcyc.com

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

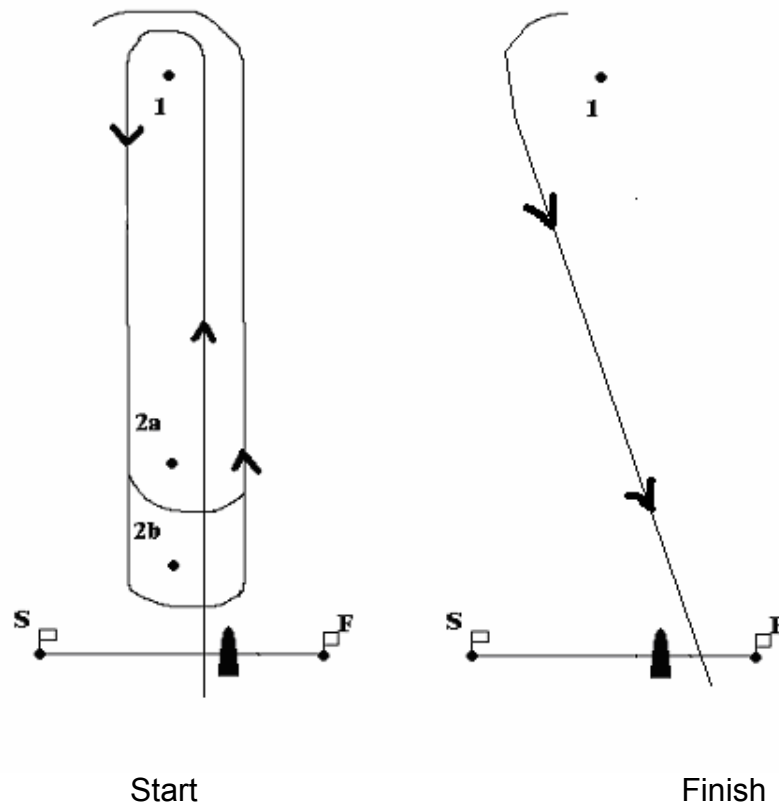
20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

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.

20.3.1 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 Sponsors, 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 to Sailing Instructions

FCYC *BLAST* Spring Regatta – Course “Echo”



DIV 1, 2, 3 long course : S – 1 (orange) – 2b (orange) – 1 – F
DIV 6, 7 short course: S – 1 (orange) – 2a (yellow) – 1 – F