



SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

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Victoria, British Columbia

Hosted By
The Royal Victoria Yacht Club



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NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE SWIFTSURE INSHORE CLASSIC

The [Royal Victoria Yacht Club](#) is pleased to announce details for the 2017 Swiftsure International Yacht Race, and extends a cordial invitation to monohull and multihull yacht owners with a PHRF handicap who meet eligibility requirements

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Swiftsure International Yacht Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 \(“RRS”\)](#) with the following exceptions:
 - a) RRS rule 52, Manual Power, is amended to include:

Boats entered as a Single-Handed crew are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms.
- 1.2 [Prescriptions of Sail Canada](#) shall apply.
- 1.3 Competitors shall be familiar with the Traffic Separation Scheme in the area they will be racing and shall have charts on board that cover the area of the racecourse.
- 1.4 Competitors who intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the yacht’s official sail number shall report those numbers to the Race Committee (RC) by **1800 Friday May 26, 2017**. Failure to comply shall result in a time penalty of 15 minutes added to the corrected finish time of the competitor without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5 Competitors who do not have an official sail number on their mainsail shall display on the port and starboard lifelines a number 18 inches (45.7 centimetres) in height, which will be assigned by the Swiftsure Organizing Authority.
- 1.6 All yachts shall display a numeral 5 pennant (Yachts competing in the Four Long Courses, which is covered by a different Notice of Race, will display numeral pennants 1 to 4).
- 1.7 All **monohull** yachts shall comply with the [Safety Equipment Requirements \(“SERs”\) for Monohulls for the 2017 Swiftsure International Yacht Race, ‘Inshore’](#) (It is the 5th column). This document is located at the Registration, Notices of Race & Safety Equipment Requirements page of the Swiftsure.org website.
- 1.8 All **multihull** yachts shall comply with the [Safety Equipment Requirements \(SERs\) for Multihulls for the 2017 Swiftsure International Yacht Race, ‘Inshore \(Swiftsure Inshore Classic\)’](#) (It is the 5th column). This document is located at the Registration, Notices of Race & Safety Equipment Requirements page of the Swiftsure.org website.

2 ADVERTISING

Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This race is open to all monohull and multihull yachts which meet the Safety Equipment Requirements identified in this Notice of Race.
- 3.2 Monohull yachts shall have a valid PHRF certificate. Multihull yachts shall have a valid PHRF Multihull rating certificate.
- 3.3 The Swiftsure International Yacht Race is a Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest (PHRF-NW) event. Monohull yachts with a PHRF BC or PHRF rating from elsewhere in North America will be normalized to be consistent with the PHRF NW database by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's handicapper at no charge.
- 3.4 In the event that a yacht's PHRF-NW, PHRF BC or PHRF Multihull (BC or Washington) rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted, the skipper is required to notify the Organizing Authority by email to: registrar@swiftsure.org. No rating changes will be accepted after **1700 on Tuesday May 23, 2017**.
- 3.5 Yachts may enter by [registering online](#) beginning on **Monday January 2, 2017**. If registration is by paper, completed entries shall be delivered or mailed so they are received by the Swiftsure Office by **Tuesday May 23** (The registration form can be [downloaded](#)).
- 3.6 The deadline for registering is **Tuesday May 23**. If received after Tuesday May 23, the entry may be accommodated subject to the decision of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.7 Swiftsure's Registrar will notify entrants of acceptance or rejection, subject to verification of ratings and payment of the registration fee.
- 3.8 As a critical part of safety, yachts must provide a complete crew list, which shall include all persons who will be aboard the yacht during the race. Crew updates and substitutions may be made online until the person in charge checks in at Swiftsure Centre, while checking in, and thereafter by contacting the Race Committee using VHF or mobile telephone up to **0845 on Saturday May 27th**. Failure to provide the RC with an accurate and complete crew list may be subject to protest and penalization up to and including disqualification.
- 3.9 A request to change the race in which a yacht has been registered will not be accepted after **Tuesday May 23** unless the request is submitted in writing to, and approved by, the Organizing Authority by **1300 on Friday May 26**. Such requests should be emailed to registrar@swiftsure.org or presented to the Organizing Authority at the Swiftsure Centre on May 25 or 26 but in any event by no later than noon on May 26.

4 FEES

- 4.1 **Early Bird:** if received **on or before Monday May 1, 2017**, the entry fee is **CAD \$2.50** per foot LOA or **CAD \$52.50** for yachts with an overall length of 21 feet or less (6.4 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.
- 4.2 **Regular:** if received on or after **Tuesday May 2** the entry fee is **CAD \$3.65** per foot LOA or **CAD \$76.65** for yachts with an overall length of 21 feet or less (6.4 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.

- 4.3 For 2017, USA currency will be accepted at the rate of \$1.25 Canadian for registration fees paid by cash or personal cheque. Credit card payments will be automatically exchanged from Canadian to USA dollars during the credit card transaction.
- 4.4 The entry fee must be paid at the time of registration. Payment is accepted by VISA, MasterCard, cash, cheque, or Royal Victoria Yacht Club member account. Please make cheques payable to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.
- 4.5 Refunds, less \$20.00, will be provided if withdrawal is advised prior to **Tuesday May 23**. At the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority refunds less \$20 may be given if withdrawal for exceptional circumstances is advised from **May 24 to May 26**.

5 SKIPPER CHECK-IN

- 5.1 Each registered person in charge, or their representative, is required to check in at the Swiftsure Centre in Victoria no later than **1800 Friday May 26, 2017**. During check-in the yacht's moorage location will be recorded, the crew list verified, and the race package will be picked up.
- 5.2 Registered entrants who do not check-in and pick up their race package will be recorded as "Did Not Compete (DNC)".
- 5.3 The Skippers' Meeting for the Swiftsure Inshore Classic and the Four Long Courses will start at **1630 on Friday May 26** in the 'Distrikt' in the Strathcona Hotel located at 919 Douglas Street in Victoria, BC (within easy walking from the docks in the Victoria Harbour). It is highly recommended that skippers and navigators attend.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Entry deadline and rating changes: **Tuesday May 23, 2017**
- 6.2 Registered skippers check-in and collect their race packages at Swiftsure Centre:
 - 1400 to 1800 on **Thursday May 25**
 - 1000 to 1800 on **Friday May 26**
- 6.3 Technical training – "The Start Line" by Mike Turner (World Sailing International Judge)
 - 1400 to 1500 on **Friday May 26** (location TBA)
- 6.4 Awards Ceremony recognizing winners of the Four Long Courses in Swiftsure 2016:
 - 1530 on **Friday, May 26** (at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel, 919 Douglas Street in Victoria)
- 6.5 Skippers' Meeting:
 - 1630 on **Friday May 26** (at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel located at 919 Douglas Street in Victoria)
 - It is highly recommended that persons in charge and navigators attend.
- 6.6 Swiftsure racers pre-race party:
 - 1830 to 2200 on **Friday May 26** (at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel located at 919 Douglas Street in Victoria, complete with the popular band Consenting Adults)
- 6.7 Start of Swiftsure International Yacht Race: **Saturday May 27**
 - Warning signal will sound at 0851, with the first race scheduled to start at 0900
 - The Starting Line will be located adjacent to Clover Point.
 - The Swiftsure Inshore Classic will be the fifth start in the starting sequence.

- 6.8 No host barbecue and prize giving

Saturday May 27—at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in the late afternoon after all yachts have finished. DJ music and dancing to follow.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online after **Monday May 8** on the Swiftsure website ([Sailing Instructions](#)) on the Race Info, Sailing Instructions 2017 page. Printed copies will be included in the race package, which will be available when registered skippers check-in at Swiftsure Centre.
- 7.2 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions will be accepted by e-mail to principalraceofficer@swiftsure.org until **1800 Thursday May 25** and their answers will be posted on the Swiftsure website under the Race Info, Official Notice Board page ([Official Notice Board](#)).
- 7.3 All amendments to the Sailing Instructions issued prior to **Friday May 19** will be provided in a printed addendum included in the race package, and they will be posted on the Swiftsure website under the Race Info, Official Notice Board page ([Official Notice Board](#)). Amendments issued on or after **Friday May 19** will be posted on the Swiftsure website ([Official Notice Board](#)).
- 7.4 No changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made after **0700 Saturday May 27**.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Racing will be from a starting line at Clover Point and will occur in the vicinity of Juan de Fuca Strait and the Victoria waterfront reaching from William Head to Trial Island and in the vicinity of Haro Strait, as far easterly as Beaumont Shoal and northerly to D'Arcy Shoals and Zero Rock, and crossing a finish line located in Cadboro Bay near the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.
- 8.2 The course will be determined for each Race after consideration of the weather prediction and tidal currents.
- 8.3 Subject to the number of entries, yachts in the Multihull Race, Monohull Flying Sails Race, and Monohull Non Flying Sails Race will be split into divisions in order to create the best competition possible.
- 8.4 For any race wherein at least 5 fully-crewed yachts register, a division will be created.
- 8.5 Single-handed divisions will be created in any of the three races if there are at least three single-handed entries in a race. If there are fewer than three single-handed entries registered, those yachts which have registered for single-handed will be entered in a fully crewed division, and in any case Rule 1.1a) in this Notice of Race will apply.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 20% of the difference between the corrected time of the first yacht and the corrected time of the last yacht in the Division, to a maximum of 10 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the yacht accepting the penalty. This modifies RRS rule 44.3[c].

10 SCORING

The results will be calculated by Time on Distance.

11 MOORAGE

- 11.1 There will be no moorage charge for race entrants on the Thursday and Friday preceding the Swiftsure start if moored at the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's Causeway Floats in front of the Fairmont Empress Hotel and at Ship Point. To make arrangements for moorage up to and including **Wednesday May 24** contact the [Greater Victoria Harbour Authority](#) (you will pay the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority directly for such moorage).
- 11.2 After the race, overnight moorage for race entrants will be provided at no charge at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Cadboro Bay (i.e., on **May 27**).

12 COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 The transmission or receipt while racing of any communication for the direct or indirect benefit of an individual yacht is prohibited, per RRS rule 41. Yachts may receive weather information and fleet position information in any form, providing that the information is public and in a form that is available without charge. Communication, including electronic communications, required in order to comply with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions or for personal messages not related to a yacht's performance in the race is permitted.
- 12.2 The Race Committee will be using marine VHF to communicate with yachts.
- 12.3 Every yacht shall have onboard during the race at least one designated cellular or satellite phone which can be used as a backup in case of VHF communications failure. The phone number for the backup onboard cellular or satellite phone shall be provided to the Race Committee through the Registration System prior to the race.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 **Division Winners** – Prizes will be awarded as follows: a prize of first for a division of five yachts; a prize of first and second if there are from six to 10 yachts in a division; and prizes for first, second, and third if more than 10 yachts are in a division. With the exception of single-handed entries, the minimum entry required to form a separate division shall be five yachts, except by special decision of the Organizing Authority. If a division of less than five yachts is established, a prize will be awarded for first place in that division.
- 13.2 Trophies will be awarded for each division established in all races, and a trophy will be awarded for the overall winner among yachts racing in the Monohull Flying Sails Race. Single-handed entries in Flying Sails Race will be eligible for First Overall.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participating in the Swiftsure International Yacht Race agree that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone (See the [RRS fundamental rule 4, Decision to Race](#)).
- 14.2 Competitors acknowledge and agree that the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation. (See 1.2 of the [Safety Equipment Requirements for monohulls for the](#)

[2017 Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#) or 1.2 of the [Safety Equipment Requirements for Multihulls for the 2017 Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#), as applicable)

- 14.3 The Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the Organizing Authority for the Swiftsure International Yacht Race, does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall have third party liability insurance covering property damage, personal injury and death in an amount not less than \$500,000 (Canadian or U.S.) per occurrence, and the policy must cover yacht racing activities.

16 INQUIRIES

Event Chair: chair@swiftsure.org

Registration: registrar@swiftsure.org

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