



# SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

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Victoria, British Columbia

Hosted By  
The Royal Victoria Yacht Club



**SWIFTSURE**

## **NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE SWIFTSURE INSHORE CLASSIC (Flying Sails, Legends Of Swiftsure, Cruising, and Six Metre Races)**

*The [Royal Victoria Yacht Club](#) is pleased to announce details for the 75<sup>th</sup> Swiftsure International Yacht Race, and extends a cordial invitation to **monohull boats** which 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 \(“RRS”\)](#).
- 1.2 [Prescriptions of Sail Canada](#) shall apply (see Appendix A).
- 1.3 Boats shall be familiar with the Traffic Separation Scheme and have charts on board for the area where they will be racing. [DP]
- 1.4 Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic. [DP]
- 1.5 Boats that have an official sail number and intend to fly sails that display numbers other than their official sail number shall report those numbers to the race committee by **1800 Friday May 25**. Failure to comply shall result in a time penalty of 5 minutes added to the corrected finish time of the competitor without a hearing. This changes 63.1 and A5 in the RRS.
- 1.6 Boats that do not have an official sail number on their mainsail shall display on the port and starboard lifelines or on their hull a number 18 inches (45.7 centimetres) in height. The organizing authority will assign this number. [DP]
- 1.7 Boats shall fly from their backstays the following International Code Numeral Pennants:  
Flying Sails Race - Pennant 5  
Legends of Swiftsure Race - Pennant 6  
Cruising Race - Pennant 5  
Six Metre Class Race- Pennant 6
- 1.8 Boats in the Flying Sails Race shall comply with the [Safety Equipment Requirements \(“SERs”\) for Monohulls for the 2018 Swiftsure International Yacht Race, ‘Inshore’](#) (column 5). This document is located at the Registration, Notice of Race & Safety Equipment Requirements page of the Swiftsure.org website. [DP]
- 1.9 All boats in the Cruising, Legends of Swiftsure, and Six Metre races shall comply with the safety equipment requirements of the regulatory authority of their country of residence (e.g.; US Coast Guard, Transport Canada). [DP]

- 1.10 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration – will apply except that T1(b) is modified to read: The post-race penalty shall be 20% of the difference between the corrected time of the first boat and the corrected time of the last boat in the boat’s division, to a maximum of 10 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty.

NOTE: The notation of '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all monohull boats which meet the Safety Equipment Requirements identified in 1.8 and 1.9 of this Notice of Race.

### 3.2 *Flying Sails Race:*

3.2.1 Boats shall have a valid PHRF certificate.

3.2.2 The Swiftsure International Yacht Race is a Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest (PHRF-NW) event. Monohull boats 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.

3.2.3 In the event that a boat’s PHRF-NW or PHRF BC rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted, the organizing authority shall be advised by emailing [registrar@swiftsure.org](mailto:registrar@swiftsure.org). No rating changes will be accepted after **1700 on Tuesday May 22**.

### 3.3 *Legends of Swiftsure Race:*

3.3.1 Boats invited to join in a celebration of sailing and the 75<sup>th</sup> running of the race include:

- a) Boats that have previously competed in a Swiftsure long course race (Swiftsure Lightship Classic, Cape Flattery, Juan de Fuca), but have not competed since 2010; **and**
- b) Boats built prior to 1967.

3.3.2 Boats that have a valid PHRF–NW rating will race under that handicap and boats with a PHRF BC or PHRF rating from elsewhere in North America will be normalized with the PHRF NW database by Royal Victoria Yacht Club’s handicapper at no charge.

3.3.3 Boats that do not have a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating for the purposes of this race at no charge.

### 3.4 *Cruising Race:*

3.4.1 There will be Flying Sails and Non Flying Sails classes

3.4.2 Boats that have a valid PHRF–NW rating will race under that handicap and boats with a PHRF BC or PHRF rating from elsewhere in North America will be normalized with the PHRF NW database by Royal Victoria Yacht Club’s handicapper at no charge.

3.4.3 Boats that do not have a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating for the purposes of this race at no charge.

3.5 *Six Metre Class Race:*

3.5.1 This is a one-design class.

3.6 Boats may enter by [registering online](#) beginning on **Tuesday January 2**. Alternatively, an entry form may be delivered or mailed in sufficient time so that the Royal Victoria Yacht Club receives it by **Tuesday May 22** (The entry form can be [downloaded](#)).

3.7 The deadline for registering is **Tuesday May 22**. Late entries will be accepted subject to the sole discretion of the organizing authority.

3.8 Swiftsure's Registrar will notify entrants of acceptance or rejection, subject to verification of ratings and payment of the registration fee.

3.9 As a critical part of safety, boats shall provide an accurate crew list of all persons who will be aboard the boat during the race. Crew updates and substitutions may be made online and will be confirmed when the person in charge checks in at Swiftsure Centre. The Sailing Instructions will indicate how to advise of any crew changes made after checking in at Swiftsure Centre. [DP]

3.10 A request to change the race in which a boat has been registered will not be accepted after **Tuesday May 22** unless the request is submitted in writing by **1200 noon on Friday May 25**. Such requests made up to May 24 shall be emailed to [registrar@swiftsure.org](mailto:registrar@swiftsure.org), and requests made on May 24 or 25 shall be presented to the organizing authority at the Swiftsure Centre.

#### **4 FEES**

4.1 **Early Bird:** if received **on or before** midnight **Friday April 27** the entry fee is **CAD \$2.50** per foot LOA or **CAD \$52.50** for boats 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 **Saturday April 28** the entry fee is **CAD \$3.65** per foot LOA or **CAD \$76.65** for boats with an overall length of 21 feet or less (6.4 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.

4.3 For 2018, US 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 US dollars during the credit card transaction.

4.4 The entry fee payment may be made 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 22**. At the sole discretion of the organizing authority refunds less \$20 may be given if withdrawal for exceptional circumstances is advised from **May 23 to May 25**.

4.6 When registering competitors may pre-order take away non-vegetarian or vegetarian breakfasts from Sam's Deli (805 Government Street). Cost is \$15 per breakfast, tax included.

*Non-vegetarian Breakfast:* ham, egg, cheese, tomato, and basil mayonnaise on an English muffin plus a carrot raisin bran muffin, an apple, small vanilla yoghurt, orange juice, and a choice of 16 ounce drip coffee or tea

*Vegetarian Breakfast:* egg, cheese, tomato, spinach, and basil mayonnaise on an English

muffin plus a carrot raisin bran muffin, an apple, small vanilla yoghurt, orange juice, and a choice of 16 ounce drip coffee or tea

## **5 SKIPPER CHECK-IN AND SKIPPERS' MEETING**

- 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 25**. During check-in the boat'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 25** 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 the person in charge and navigator attend.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Entry deadline and rating changes: **Tuesday May 22**
- 6.2 Registered skippers check-in and collect their race packages at Swiftsure Centre:
  - 1400 to 1800 on **Thursday May 24**
  - 1000 to 1800 on **Friday May 25**
- 6.3 Technical training – by Mike Turner (World Sailing International Judge)
  - 1400 to 1500 on **Friday May 25** (location and topic TBA)
- 6.4 Awards Ceremony recognizing winners of the Four Long Courses in Swiftsure 2017:
  - 1530 on **Friday, May 25** (at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel, 919 Douglas Street in Victoria)
- 6.5 Skippers' Meeting:
  - 1630 on **Friday May 25** (at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel located at 919 Douglas Street in Victoria)
  - It is highly recommended that persons in charge (skippers) and navigators attend.
- 6.6 Swiftsure racers pre-race parties:
  - See [Racer Key Dates](#)
- 6.7 Start of Swiftsure International Yacht Race: **Saturday May 26**
  - 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.
- 6.8 *No host* barbecue and prize giving
  - Saturday May 26** – at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in the late afternoon. Music and dancing to follow in the Clubhouse.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online after **Monday May 14** on the Swiftsure website at the Race Info, ([Sailing Instructions](#)) page. Printed copies will be given to skippers when they check-in at Swiftsure Centre.

7.2 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions will be accepted by e-mail to [pro@swiftsure.org](mailto:pro@swiftsure.org) until **1800 Thursday May 24** and their answers will be posted on the Swiftsure website under the Race Info, [Official Notice Board](#) page.

7.3 All amendments to the Sailing Instructions issued prior to **Friday May 18** will be provided in a printed addendum, and they will be posted on the Swiftsure website under the Race Info, [Official Notice Board](#) page. Amendments issued on or after **Friday May 18** will be posted on the Swiftsure website [Official Notice Board](#).

## **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 predictions and tidal currents.

8.3 Subject to the number of entries, boats in each race will be split into divisions in order to create the best competition possible. The race committee will use PHRF measurements as per rating certificates or as assigned by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's handicapper, as applicable.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS rule 44.3 will apply when a boat breaks a rule of part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. The penalty shall be 30% of the difference between the corrected time of the first boat and the corrected time of the last boat in the Division, to a maximum of 15 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat 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 May 24 and 25 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 23** 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 26**).

## **12 COMMUNICATION**

12.1 The transmission or receipt while racing of any communication for the direct or indirect benefit of an individual boat is prohibited, per RRS rule 41. Boats may receive weather information and fleet position information in any form, provided 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 boat's performance in the race is permitted.

- 12.2 The race committee will be using marine VHF to communicate with boats.
- 12.3 Every boat 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 in a division of 5 boats; prizes of first and second in a division of 6 to 10 boats, and prizes of first, second, and third in a division of more than 10 boats. The minimum entry required to form a separate division shall be 5 boats, except by special decision of the organizing authority. If a division of less than 5 boats is established, a prize of first will be awarded.
- 13.2 **Flying Sails Race** -- A trophy for the First Overall will also be awarded.

### **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.
- 14.3 The Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the organizing authority for the Swiftsure International Yacht Race, the Swiftsure Race Committee, and their respective organizers, agents, officials, servants, representatives, and volunteers ("the Organizers") do not accept any liability for death, injury, loss, or damage to person or property howsoever caused, arising out of, or connected with competitors' participation in the Swiftsure International Yacht Race notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to, caused, or occasioned by the negligence of the Organizers or any of them.

### **15 INSURANCE**

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

### **16 INQUIRIES**

Event Chair: [chair@swiftsure.org](mailto:chair@swiftsure.org)  
Registration: [registrar@swiftsure.org](mailto:registrar@swiftsure.org)  
Website: [www.swiftsure.org](http://www.swiftsure.org)  
Swiftsure Office: (Telephone: 250-592-2441)  
Royal Victoria Yacht Club  
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Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 6H1

## APPENDIX A

### **Sail Canada Prescriptions 2017–2020**

Effective 1 January 2017

#### **Rule 46 – Person in Charge**

Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.

#### **Rule 61.2 – Protest Contents**

Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.

#### **Rule 64.3 – Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules**

Sail Canada prescribes that unless otherwise provided in its class rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to all classes racing in Canada.

#### **Rule 67 – Damages**

Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.

#### **Rule 70.5(a) – Appeals and Requests to a National Authority**

Sail Canada so prescribes.

#### **Rule 86.3 – Changes to the Racing Rules**

Sail Canada so prescribes.

#### **Rule 88.2 – National Prescriptions**

Sail Canada prescribes that the sailing instructions for events with an international jury or no-appeal protest committee may change or delete any Sail Canada prescription except the prescriptions to rule 61.2, 67 and 91(b). The sailing instructions for other events may not change or delete any Sail Canada prescription.

#### **Rule 91(b) – Protest Committee**

Sail Canada prescribes that a request for an international jury formed under rule N1.7 comprised of only three members requires written approval be obtained from Sail Canada before making the request to World Sailing.

#### **Appendix E8 – Appendix G Changes to Identification on Sails**

Sail Canada prescribes that this rule applies to Canadian boats in all classes.

#### **Appendix R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests**

Sail Canada prescribes that it may delegate an appeal or request for confirmation or correction to an association appeals committee, such as a provincial association appeals committee or a racing association appeals committee. Decisions of an association appeals committee may be further appealed to Sail Canada.

#### **Appendix R2.1(a) – Submission of Documents**

Sail Canada prescribes that no later than 15 days after receiving the association appeals committee's written decision, the appellant may send a further appeal and a copy of the association appeals committee's decision to Sail Canada. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the association appeals committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.

#### **Appendix R2.2 – Submission of Documents**

Sail Canada prescribes that in the case of a further appeal to Sail Canada, this rule shall apply to the appellant as though it was an initial appeal, and to the appealed committee as though it was the protest committee.

#### **Appendix R3 – Responsibilities of National Authority and Protest Committee**

Sail Canada prescribes that when an appeal is delegated to an association appeals committee, the responsibilities and actions required of the national authority in this rule, and in rules R4, R5, 71.2 and 71.3, shall be performed by the association appeals committee.

When a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, Sail Canada shall send to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee copies of the appeal. No member of the association appeals committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on the appeal.

#### **Appendix R4 – Comments and Clarifications**

Sail Canada prescribes that when a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal. Comments on the appeal shall be made no later than 15 days after receiving it from Sail Canada. Sail Canada shall send copies of the comments to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee as appropriate.

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