



SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

Hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club

May 21-25, 2020

Victoria, British Columbia



SWIFTSURE

*The Royal Victoria Yacht Club is pleased to announce details for the 77th running of the Swiftsure International Yacht Race, and extends a cordial invitation to **monohull** boats with a PHRF or ORC handicap and to **multihulls** with a PHRF handicap who meet the eligibility requirements specified in this Notice of Race.*

NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE FOUR LONG COURSES

(Swiftsure Lightship Classic, Hein Bank Race, Cape Flattery Races, and Juan de Fuca Races)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Swiftsure Committee of the [Royal Victoria Yacht Club](#).

NOTE: The notation '[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.

1 RULES

1.1 The Swiftsure International Yacht Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \("RRS"\)](#) with the following exception:

RRS rule 52, Manual Power, is amended for monohulls to include:

Boats entered in the Double-Handed division in the Juan de Fuca Race for Monohulls or the Cape Flattery Race for Monohulls are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms to ensure safe boat handling, such as during sail changes and to avoid fatigue.

1.2 The Prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.

1.2.1 Specifically for the purposes of this Notice of Race, 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.

1.2.2 The full text of the Sail Canada Prescriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions but may be accessed via the following link: [Prescriptions of Sail Canada](#).

1.3 Boats shall be familiar with the Traffic Separation Scheme and have charts on board for the area where they will be racing. Charts that meet this requirement are either the Canadian chart 3606 as revised and published November 29, 2002 or both the US charts 18460 (edition 13 or 14) and 18465 (edition 38 or 39). [DP]

1.4 Between sunset and sunrise, the "[International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972](#)" shall replace the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.

1.5 Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic. [DP]

1.6 Between sunset and sunrise while on deck all crew shall wear life jackets having a light, whistle, marine grade retro-reflective material, crotch/thigh strap, and tether. [DP]

- 1.7 Boats shall display their official sail numbers on both the port and starboard lifelines or hull while racing. Size of letters and numbers shall be similar to that required in the RRS Appendix G1.2 for sail numbers. [DP]
- 1.8 Boats which intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the boat's official sail number shall report those numbers to the race committee by **1800 Friday May 22**. 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 rule 63.1 and A5.
- 1.9 Boats shall fly from their backstays the following International Code Numeral Pennants:
 - Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race – Pennant 1
 - Hein Bank Race for Monohulls - Pennant 1
 - Cape Flattery Race for Multihulls - Pennant 2
 - Cape Flattery Race for Monohulls - Pennant 3
 - Juan de Fuca Race for Monohulls -- Pennant 4
 - Juan de Fuca Race for Multihulls – Pennant 2
- 1.10 **Monohull** boats racing under PHRF Handicap or ORC Handicap shall comply with the requirements in column 4 ('Coastal') in the [Safety Equipment Requirements \("SERs"\) for Monohulls for the 2020 Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#) [DP]
- 1.11 **Multihull** boats shall comply with the requirements in column 4 ('Coastal') in the [Safety Equipment Requirements \(SERs\) for Multihulls for the 2020 Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#). [DP]
- 1.12 Boats shall mount the SPOT transponder they are issued when they check in at Swiftsure Centre, and shall install and operate the SPOT in the manner indicated in the Sailing Instructions. [DP] A deposit of \$200 shall be required to ensure the return of the units in good condition.
- 1.13 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration – will apply except that T1(b) is modified to read: The post-race penalty shall be 25% 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 40 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty.

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 and multihull boats which meet the Safety Equipment Requirements identified in 1.10 and 1.11 of this Notice of Race.
- 3.2 *Monohull* and *Multihull* Boats Racing under *PHRF* Handicap:
 - 3.2.1 Monohull boats shall have a valid PHRF certificate. Multihull boats shall have a valid PHRF Multihull rating 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 multihull boat's PHRF rating or a monohull boat's PHRF-NW, PHRF BC or other PHRF rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted,

the organizing authority shall be advised by emailing registrar@swiftsure.org. No rating changes will be accepted after **1700 on Friday May 15**.

- 3.2.4 In order to ensure ratings are confirmed for the **May 15 deadline** it is highly recommended that Race Registrants apply for or renew their membership in their respective handicap association early, preferably prior to **March 31, 2020**.
- 3.3 *Monohull* Boats Racing under *ORC* Handicap:
- 3.3.1 Boats shall have a valid *ORC* Club or *ORCi* Certificate.
- 3.3.2 In the event that a boat's rating has been changed by its National Rating Office or the central *ORC* Rating Office after the entry has been accepted, the organizing authority shall be advised by emailing registrar@swiftsure.org. No change in a boat's Triple Number scoring coefficients will be permitted after **1700 on Friday May 15**.
- 3.4 The race committee will use *PHRF* measurements as per rating certificates and *ORC* Club or *ORCi* Certificates.
- 3.5 In the Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race for Monohulls, *PHRF* and *ORC* handicapped boats may be split into divisions, it being understood that *PHRF* and *ORC* handicapped boats will compete and be scored as separate classes. Monohull boats in the Hein Bank Race for Monohulls may be split into divisions. Monohull boats in the Cape Flattery and Juan de Fuca races may be split into Heavy, Light, and Double-handed Classes, and each class may be grouped into divisions. Multihull boats in the Cape Flattery and Juan de Fuca courses may be split into divisions.
- 3.6 Preliminary class and division assignments will be made and posted on the Official Notice Board by **0800 Monday May 18**, but will not be made final until **1800 Friday May 22**.
- 3.7 The organizing authority is offering **double-handed monohull** divisions if there are at least 5 boats entered in the Juan de Fuca Race and/or the Cape Flattery Race. The double-handed entrants will be eligible for First to Round and First Overall in these races. If there are fewer than 5 double-handed entries in either of these races, the organizing authority, at its discretion, may move those boats that have registered in the Double Handed Class to the Heavy or Light Classes, as applicable. In any case Rule 1.1a) in this Notice of Race will apply.
- 3.8 Boats may enter by [registering online](#) beginning on Thursday **January 2**.
- 3.9 The deadline for registering and payment of fees is **Friday May 15**. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.10 The Swiftsure Registrar will notify entrants of acceptance or rejection, subject to verification of ratings and payment of the registration fee.
- 3.11 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 shall not name other persons on the yacht or in the race as their emergency contact. Crew updates and substitutions may be made online. The Sailing Instructions will indicate how to advise of any crew changes made after checking in at Swiftsure Centre. [DP]
- 3.12 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 22**. During check-in the boat's moorage location will be recorded, the crew list verified, and the transponder unit and race package will be picked up.
- 3.13 For the purposes of scoring, a boat is not considered an entry until all fees are paid, the entry form and rating has been accepted by the Registrar, and, the check-in process described in section 3.12 of this Notice of Race has been completed.

3.14 A request to change the race in which a boat has been registered must be made in writing or email to registrar@swiftsure.org before **1200 noon on Friday May 22** and shall be subject to approval by the Organizing Authority at the Swiftsure Centre. Requests made and accepted by end of day **Friday May 15** will be incorporated in the competitors list supplied to competitors. Requests made and accepted between **Friday May 15** and **1200 noon on Friday May 22** will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Swiftsure Centre.

4 FEES

- 4.1 **Early Bird:** if received **on or before** midnight **Friday April 24** the entry fee is **CAD \$6.45** per foot of length overall, and **CAD \$174.00** for boats with an overall length of 27 feet or less (8.2 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.
- 4.2 **Regular:** if received on or after **Saturday April 25** the entry fee is **CAD \$7.65** per foot of length overall or **CAD \$207.00** for boats with an overall length of 27 feet or less (8.2 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.
- 4.3 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 converted from US to Canadian dollars during the credit card transaction.
- 4.4 The entry fee payment may be made via PayPal or by VISA, MasterCard, cash, cheque, or Royal Victoria Yacht Club member account. Please make cheques payable to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, write the Reference Code in your confirmation email on the memo line of the cheque, and send to Swiftsure International Yacht Race, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria BC V8R 6H1.
- 4.5 Refunds, less \$20.00, will be given if the Registrar is advised of Cancellation of Registration prior to midnight **Friday May 15**. At the sole discretion of the organizing authority refunds less \$20 may be given if Withdrawal from the race for exceptional circumstances is advised between **May 16** and **1800 May 22**.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Entry deadline and rating changes: **Friday May 15**
- 5.2 Registered skippers check-in and collect their race packages at Swiftsure Centre:
1400 to 1800 on **Thursday May 21**
1000 to 1800 on **Friday May 22**
- 5.3 The Skippers Meeting, Swiftsure 2019 Four Long Courses Awards Ceremony, Weather and Current Briefing plus a Technical Training session by Mike Turner (World Sailing International Judge) will occur at the Strathcona Hotel located at 919 Douglas Street, Victoria between **1400 and 1730 on Friday May 22**. Additional details will be available at [Racer Key Dates](#) on the Swiftsure website after **May 1, 2020**.
- 5.4 Swiftsure racers pre-race parties:
See [Racer Key Dates](#) available on the Swiftsure website after February 1, 2020.
- 5.5 Start of Swiftsure International Yacht Race: **Saturday May 23**
Warning signal will sound at 0851, with the first race scheduled to start at 0900
- 5.6 Race time limit: **0600 on Monday May 25**

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online after **Monday May 11** on the Swiftsure website at the Race Info, [Sailing Instructions 2020](#) page. Printed copies will be given to skippers when they check-in at Swiftsure Centre.
- 6.2 All amendments to the Sailing Instructions issued prior to **Friday May 15** 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 after **Friday May 15** will be posted on the Swiftsure website ([Official Notice Board](#)).

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race for Monohulls (PHRF handicapped class and ORC handicapped class)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Swiftsure Bank to port, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour – 138.2 nautical miles
Open to monohull boats with a PHRF rating, and monohull boats with an ORC rating

7.2 The Hein Bank Race for Monohulls (ORC handicapped boats)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Neah Bay to port, leaving to port the ODAS 46088 (located about 5 nautical miles bearing approximately 238⁰ M from Hein Bank, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour – 118.1 nautical miles
Open to monohull boats with an ORC rating

7.3 The Cape Flattery Race for Monohulls (PHRF handicapped boats)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Neah Bay to port, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour – 101.9 nautical miles
Open to monohull boats with a PHRF rating

7.4 The Cape Flattery Race for Multihulls (PHRF handicapped boats)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Neah Bay to port, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour – 101.9 nautical miles
Open to multihull boats with a PHRF rating

7.5 The Juan de Fuca Race for Monohulls (PHRF handicapped boats)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Clallam Bay to port, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour – 78.7 nautical miles
Open to boats rating 40 PHRF and higher

7.6 Juan de Fuca Race for Multihulls (PHRF handicapped boats)

From a starting line at Clover Point, leaving a mark at Clallam Bay to port, and crossing a finish line across the Victoria Harbour. Distance 78.7 nautical miles.
Open to multihull boats with a PHRF rating

8 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 20% 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 30 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty. This modifies RRS rule 44.3[c].

9 SCORING

- 9.1 For boats racing under the PHRF handicap system, the results will be calculated by Time on Distance.
- 9.2 Scoring for boats racing under the ORC handicap system will be calculated by Time on Time using the Triple Number scoring coefficient for one of the following three wind speed ranges:
 - Low Range (9 knots or less)
 - Medium Range (between 9 and 14 knots)
 - High Range (equal to or greater than 14 knots)

10 MOORAGE

- 10.1 There will be no moorage charge for race entrants from 1200 noon Thursday May 21 through 1100 AM Monday May 25 if moored at the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's Causeway Floats or Ship Point located in Victoria's Inner Harbour.
- 10.2 To make arrangements for moorage up to and including **Wednesday May 20** or after 1100 Monday **May 25** contact the [Greater Victoria Harbour Authority](#) (you will pay the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority directly for such moorage).

11 COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 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 for the Swiftsure International Yacht Race or for personal messages not related to a boat's performance in the race is permitted.
- 11.2 The race committee will be using marine VHF to communicate with boats.
- 11.3 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.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 **Division Winners** – A prize of first will be awarded 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 five boats is established, a prize of first will be awarded.
- 12.2 **Class Winners** – A prize of first in class will be awarded in races where there are heavy and light classes.
- 12.3 **First to Round and Overall Race Winners**
 - 12.3.1 Where there is more than one division in a race and all boats in the race are sailing the same course, a prize will be awarded for first to round based on corrected elapsed time and for first overall in that race.
 - 12.3.2 In the Swiftsure Lightship Classic if there are both PHRF and ORC handicapped classes, a prize for the first to round and for first overall for the course will be awarded based on PHRF ratings.
 - 12.3.3 Boats racing under their ORC handicap in the Swiftsure Lightship Classic will be eligible for first to round and for first overall provided they have also entered in the

Registration System or emailed to the Swiftsure Registrar (registrar@swiftsure.org) their approved PHRF rating by **Friday May 15**.

- 12.4 **Line Honours** – Prizes will be awarded for the first boat to finish in each of the four courses for monohulls, including line honours for light and heavy classes where such classes exist, and for the first multihull boat to finish in each of the two courses.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 The Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the Swiftsure Committee, and their respective organizers, agents, officials, servants, representatives, and volunteers ("the Organizers") shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property howsoever caused which may occur during, arise out of, or in connection with this Race notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to, caused, or occasioned by the negligence of the Organizers or any of them.
- 13.2 Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

14 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 boat-racing activities.

15 INQUIRIES

Event Chair: chair@swiftsure.org

Registration: registrar@swiftsure.org

Website: www.swiftsure.org

For additional contact information please refer to the contact list located at <https://www.swiftsure.org/contact/>

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