



SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL
YACHT RACE
May 28-30, 2016



Royal Victoria Yacht Club
Victoria, British Columbia

**AMENDMENT #2
TO THE
NOTICES OF RACE FOR
THE FOUR LONG COURSES**

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

Amendment #2 eliminates the IRC Class and adds an ORC Class for Monohulls in the Swiftsure Lightship Classic and Hein Bank courses (PHRF classes remain in these two courses).

Amendment:

1 RULES

- 1.10 All **monohull** yachts racing under PHRF Handicap or IRC Handicap shall comply with the [2016 Pacific International Yachting Association's Safety Equipment Requirements \("SER"\)](#), 'Coastal' Category (This document is located at www.swiftsure.org, Race Info tab, Notices of Race subtab).

Is changed to read:

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Amendment:

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.9 For Yachts Racing Under IRC Handicap:

3.9.1 All yachts shall have a valid IRC Certificate. It does not need to be an Endorsed IRC certificate.

3.9.2 Yachts shall provide their IRC rating to the Organizing Authority through the registration process by **Friday May 20, 2016**.

3.9.3 No change in a yacht's Time Correction Coefficient ("TCC") will be permitted after **Friday May 20, 2016**, except as provided for in Section 9 Rating Review and Section 10

Rating Protests as specified in the IRC Rules issued October 2013, which became effective January 1, 2014.

Is changed to read:

- 3.9 For Yachts Racing Under an ORC Handicap:
- 3.9.1 All yachts shall have a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate.
- 3.9.2 Yachts shall provide their ORC rating to the Organizing Authority through the registration process by **Friday May 20, 2016**.
- 3.9.3 In the event that a yacht's rating has been changed by its National Rating Office or the central ORC Rating Office after the entry has been accepted the skipper is required to notify the Race Committee by email to: registrar@swiftsure.org. No change in a yacht's Triple Number scoring coefficients will be permitted after **Friday May 20, 2016**. All ratings are subject to verification with the yacht's National Rating Office or the central ORC Rating Office.

Amendment:

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race for Monohulls (PHRF handicapped class and IRC 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 NM.

Open to monohull yachts with a PHRF rating, and monohull yachts with an IRC rating.

The fleets in the PHRF and IRC classes may be split into divisions, in order to create the best competition possible, it being understood that PHRF and IRC handicapped yachts will compete and be scored as separate classes. The Race Committee will use PHRF Rating Certificates and IRC Rating Certificates, as applicable.

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And

8.2 The Hein Bank Race for Monohulls (PHRF handicapped class and IRC handicapped class)

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 NM.

Open to monohull yachts with a PHRF rating, and monohulls yachts with an IRC rating.

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Amendment:

10 SCORING

10.2 Scoring for yachts racing under an IRC handicap shall be in accordance with the following: the yacht's corrected time (CT) will be determined to the nearest second by multiplying her elapsed time (ET) by her IRC time correction factor (TCC).

Is changed to read

10.2 Scoring for yachts racing under an ORC Club or ORCi Certificate 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 8 and 14 knots)

High Range (equal to or greater than 14 knots)

- 10.2.1 At the Skippers' Meeting the Race Committee will advise of the Declared Wind Speed Range that it plans to use for the Swiftsure Lightship Classic and for the Hein Bank course. The Race Committee may change the wind speed range if the actual recorded wind speed range is different than the Declared Wind Speed Range for more than 50% of the time that it takes the first-to-finish boat to transit the course. Any adjustments to the wind speed range will be based on the average hourly winds observed at wind stations and adjusted to the 10m datum.

Amendment:

13 PRIZES

- 13.2.2 In any of the courses where there are both PHRF and IRC handicapped classes (i.e., the Swiftsure Lightship Classic and Hein Bank courses) a prize for the first to round and for first overall for the course will be awarded based on PHRF ratings.
- 13.2.3 Yachts racing under their IRC handicap will be eligible for the first to round and for first overall for their course 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 20, 2016**.

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- 13.2.3 Yachts racing under their ORC handicap will be eligible for the first to round and for first overall for their course 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 20, 2016**.

Rationale for the change: This change is being made in response to skippers in Greater Seattle and Victoria who have raced under IRC handicap in the past several years and as a fleet they now prefer to race under the ORC handicap system. In the Pacific Northwest there are 37 yachts which have or are in the process of obtaining ORC certificates, and additional certifications are anticipated. Yachts racing in Vic Maui 2016 may wish to compete under ORC as that is the handicap system being used for that race (Swiftsure is a qualifier race for Vic Maui).

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