



# SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

Hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club

May 21-25, 2020

Victoria, British Columbia



*The Royal Victoria Yacht Club is pleased to announce details for the 77<sup>th</sup> running of the Swiftsure International Yacht Race, and extends a cordial invitation to **monohull** boats which meet eligibility requirements specified in this Notice of Race.*

## NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE SWIFTSURE INSHORE CLASSIC (Flying Sails and Cruising Races)

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

NOTE: The notation of '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race 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 \("RRS"\)](#).
- 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. [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 22**. 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  
Cruising Race - Pennant 6
- 1.8 Boats in the Flying Sails Race shall comply with the requirements in column 5 ('Inshore') in the [Safety Equipment Requirements \("SERs"\) for Monohulls for the 2020 Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#). [DP]
- 1.9 Boats in the Cruising Race 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 30% 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 15 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 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 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 *Cruising Race:*
  - 3.3.1 There will be Flying Sails and Non Flying Sails classes
  - 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 Boats in the Flying Sails Race and each of the classes in the Cruising Race may be split into divisions. Preliminary 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**.
- 3.5 Boats may enter by [registering online](#) beginning on Thursday **January 2**.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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, 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]
- 3.9 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 race package will be picked up.
- 3.10 For the purposes of scoring a boat is not considered an entry until all fees are paid, the entry form and rating have been accepted by the Registrar, and the check-in process described in section 3.9 of this Notice of Race have been completed.
- 3.11 A request to change the race in which a boat has been registered must be made in writing or email to [registrar@swiftsure.org](mailto: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 \$2.65** per foot LOA or **CAD \$55.25** 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 25** the entry fee is **CAD \$3.85** per foot LOA or **CAD \$80.50** for boats with an overall length of 21 feet or less (6.4 metres or less). Federal GST of 5% will be added.
- 4.3 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 exchanged 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 from 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 *No host* barbecue and 2020 prize giving
  - Saturday May 23** – at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in the late afternoon.

## **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 on or after **Friday May 15** will be posted on the Swiftsure website [Official Notice Board](#).

## **7 THE COURSES**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The course will be determined for each race and class after consideration of the weather predictions and tidal currents.
- 7.3 The race committee will use PHRF measurements as per rating certificates or as assigned by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's handicapper, as applicable.
- 7.4 Subject to the number of entries, boats in each race and class will be split into divisions.

## **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 10 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty. This modifies RRS rule 44.3[c].

## **9 SCORING**

The results will be calculated by Time on Distance.

## **10 MOORAGE**

- 10.1 There will be no moorage charge for race entrants from **1200 noon on May 21 and on May 22** if moored at the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority's Causeway Floats or Ship Point located in Victoria's Inner Harbour. To make arrangements for moorage up to and including **Wednesday May 20** contact the [Greater Victoria Harbour Authority](#) (you will pay the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority directly for such moorage).
- 10.2 After the race on **May 23**, overnight moorage for race entrants will be provided at no charge at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Cadboro Bay. Contact information for making these arrangements will be provided in the race package materials.

## **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 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 on-board 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 5 boats is established, a prize of first will be awarded.
- 12.2 **Flying Sails Race** -- A trophy for the First Overall will also be awarded.

## **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 yacht-racing activities.

**15 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)

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

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