



SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE
Hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club
May 24-25, 2025
Victoria, British Columbia



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SWIFTSURE INSHORE RACE

(See separate Sailing Instructions for the three Long Courses)

The notation '**[NP]**' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Swiftsure International Yacht Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in [Racing Rules of Sailing \("RRS"\)](#).
 - 1.1.1. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see the incident, or
- 1.2. The Sail Canada Prescriptions 2025 – 2028 shall apply (see Appendix A of Notice of Race).
- 1.3. RRS Appendix TS, Traffic Separation Scheme applies, as per NOR 1.4 and NOR Addendum B.
- 1.4. [DP] All crew shall wear lifejackets having a light, whistle, marine grade retro-reflective material, crotch/thigh strap, and tether while on deck between sunset and sunrise, when sustained winds are 25 knots or above, if alone on deck, or while visibility is less than one nautical mile.
- 1.5. Commencing at the time 30 minutes prior to the warning signal for the First Start and at all times while racing, a boat shall not operate or receive images or media from a drone (UAV).
- 1.6. Boats shall comply with the applicable safety requirements as noted in NOR sections 1.3 through 1.5.
- 1.7. A boat whose actions or manoeuvres result in a danger signal (5 or more blasts) from commercial or military traffic are subject to protest from the race committee.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Swiftsure website, as per NOR 2.2 before 2000 on Friday May 23, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS


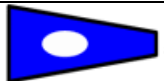
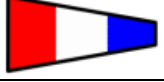

- 3.1. Notices to competitors including amendments to these SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board page on the [Swiftsure International Yacht Race website](#). Protest notices will be posted on the website as soon as practicable.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- First Start Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race
Second Start Cape Flattery Race
Third Start Juan de Fuca Race for Multihulls and Monohulls
Fourth Start Inshore Race (All Divisions)

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Race Numeral Pennant

Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race		 1
Cape Flattery Race		 2
Juan de Fuca Race for Monohulls & Multihulls		 3
Inshore Race		 5

- 5.1. Boats shall fly from their backstays their Class flag. Size of the Class flag shall be approximately 12 inches on the hoist.

6. RACING AREAS

- 6.1. Racing will be conducted in the Juan de Fuca Strait (adjacent to the City of Victoria), in southern Haro Strait, and in Oak and Cadboro Bays.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses will be determined the morning of the race.
7.2. The course selection will be a number from the listing of courses in Appendix A of these SIs.
7.3. There may be a separate course identified for each of the Racing Division and Cruising Division, and any Classes within those Divisions where applicable.
7.4. The courses will be announced via VHF channel 09 at 0840, Saturday, May 24 and again, prior to the preparatory signal for boats flying Numeral Pennants 5.
7.5. A boat's failure to monitor VHF channel 09 and hear the announced courses will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.1(a)

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The marks, the rounding sequence, bearing for recording rounding time, and approximate course length are detailed in Appendix A of these SIs.
- 8.2. When rounding each mark, boats shall record their rounding time as noted on the Finish Card, see Appendix D of these Sailing Instructions.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions and boats shall not sail:
 - a) Between Mouat Reef and Gonzales Point which is located north and northeast of Enterprise Channel
 - b) Between 48° 24.507' N 123° 18.514' W (Prima Rock) and the north extension of the Trial Islands Group
 - c) Between Fulford Reef and Chatham Island
 - d) Between Brin Rock and Discovery Island
 - e) In the Oak Bay Marina and its entrances: west of Emily Islet (north entrance) and the Robson Reef day marker (south entrance)

10. THE START

- 10.1. The races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Subject to postponements and general recalls, the warning signal for each race will be made approximately 5 minutes after the previous start.
- 10.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race is 0900 on Saturday May 24, 2025.
- 10.3. The Inshore Race start will follow the three Long Course starts; the scheduled time of the warning signal for both divisions in the Inshore Race is 0930, subject to postponement and recalls. See Appendix C.
- 10.4. The starting line will be between a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Signal vessel (a Canadian Naval ORCA class vessel) at the port (southerly) end, and a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Pin vessel (WCMRC vessel) at the starboard (northerly) end. Note that the definition of mark states that an object intentionally attached to a mark is part of the mark.
- 10.5. The starting line will be oriented in an approximate southeast direction. The starting area is that area within 100 metres on either side of the starting line and 50 metres outboard of the Signal vessel and the Pin vessel. (See Appendix B, Start Area)
- 10.6. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.7. The Official race signals will be displayed from the Signal vessel at the port end of the starting line.
- 10.8. Horns will be sounded from the Signal vessel. Courtesy signals will be displayed on the Pin vessel. If there are conflicts between the official signals on the Signal Vessel and courtesy signals or sounds, the visual signals from the Signal Vessel will be regarded as the correct signal. Starting errors caused by reliance on courtesy signals will not be subject to redress.

- 10.9. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number or name on VHF channel 09. Failure to hail her number or name, failure of the boat to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.10. A boat that does not start within 90 minutes after the final starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.11. [DP] All boats shall check-in between 0745 and the warning signal for their race by contacting Swiftsure HQ by texting 236 464-1065. Boats shall provide their boat name, sail number, race entered and indicate they are "checking in". NOTE: boats shall NOT attempt to check-in by sailing past or hailing the Signal or Pin vessel. Boats failing to check-in may be subject to protest.

11. SHORTENED COURSE

- 11.1. In the event that no boat in a division finishes the course, scoring will be based on Rounding Times at the last mark that at least 25% of the boats in a division rounded.
- 11.2. The course may be shortened at any of the marks included in Appendix A. The race committee will not display flag S or make any sound signals. This changes RRS 32.
- 11.3. If the course is shortened, to be scored in the race, boats do NOT have to be still racing until the time limit expires (see SI 13.1).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the finish boat, (*MV Salt Shaker*), and a yellow inflatable buoy, both anchored in Cadboro Bay adjacent to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club visitor "V" dock. See Appendix D.
- 12.2. Boats shall record their own finishing time, on the supplied Inshore Finish Record card in Appendix D, in GPS time using the 24-hour notation.
- 12.3. Boats shall not radio the race committee at the finish line to advise they are approaching the finish line.
- 12.4. A photo of the completed Inshore Finish Record card (Appendix D) must be texted to the Race Committee cellular phone 236 464-1064 as soon as practicable after finishing.

Note - If visiting boats require moorage at RVYC they shall call the Dockmaster using VHF 09 on low power to obtain instructions regarding moorage assignments.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit is 7.5 hours.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed online at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=11646 This link is also available on the Official Notice Board
- 14.2. The protest time limit is the earlier of one hour after the last boat in a division finishes, or one hour after the time limit expires.

- 14.3. Notices will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) as soon as practicable after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Protest hearings will be held in the upstairs boardroom of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's clubhouse as soon as reasonably possible after all affected parties have finished racing. Hearings may also be held virtually if necessary.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).
- 14.6. 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 15 minutes, added to the corrected finish time of the boat accepting the penalty.

15. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. Boats shall monitor VHF Channel 09 Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) broadcasts in the following circumstances:
 - Before entering a VTS Lane; and
 - While operating in a VTS Lane or in a VTS Separation Zone, and
 - During times of reduced visibility.
- 15.2. [DP] Boats withdrawing from a race for whatever reason shall notify the race committee by text to 236 464-1064, or on VHF channel 09 to provide their current position and intentions. It is the responsibility of the yacht withdrawing to ensure its withdrawal is received by the race committee. Failure to report withdrawal may result in a protest from the race committee.
- 15.3. [DP] As permitted by RRS 42.3(i); a boat may use its engine for propulsion when she is:
 - a) In danger of being run down or impeding commercial or other traffic, in which case she may use engine propulsion to gain a safe position;
 - b) Required to aid another person or vessel in danger, or need of assistance; or
 - c) Engaged in search and rescue activities including COB recovery.If engine propulsion is used, after finishing the race, the boat shall give a written report to the race committee. The report shall include time of the incident, duration of use of power, speed, direction, wind and current conditions, the reason for using engine power, and whether or not redress is being requested in relation to b) or c). Use of a boat's engine for reasons other than specified in a), b), or c) may result in a protest.

16. **OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 16.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Start Line:

- Signal vessel at the port end RCN ORCA Class vessel – grey colour;
- Pin vessel at the starboard end WCMRC vessel - orange and blue colour.
- RC Marshall RIB – RC flag / Jury RIB – Jury flag

Finish Line:

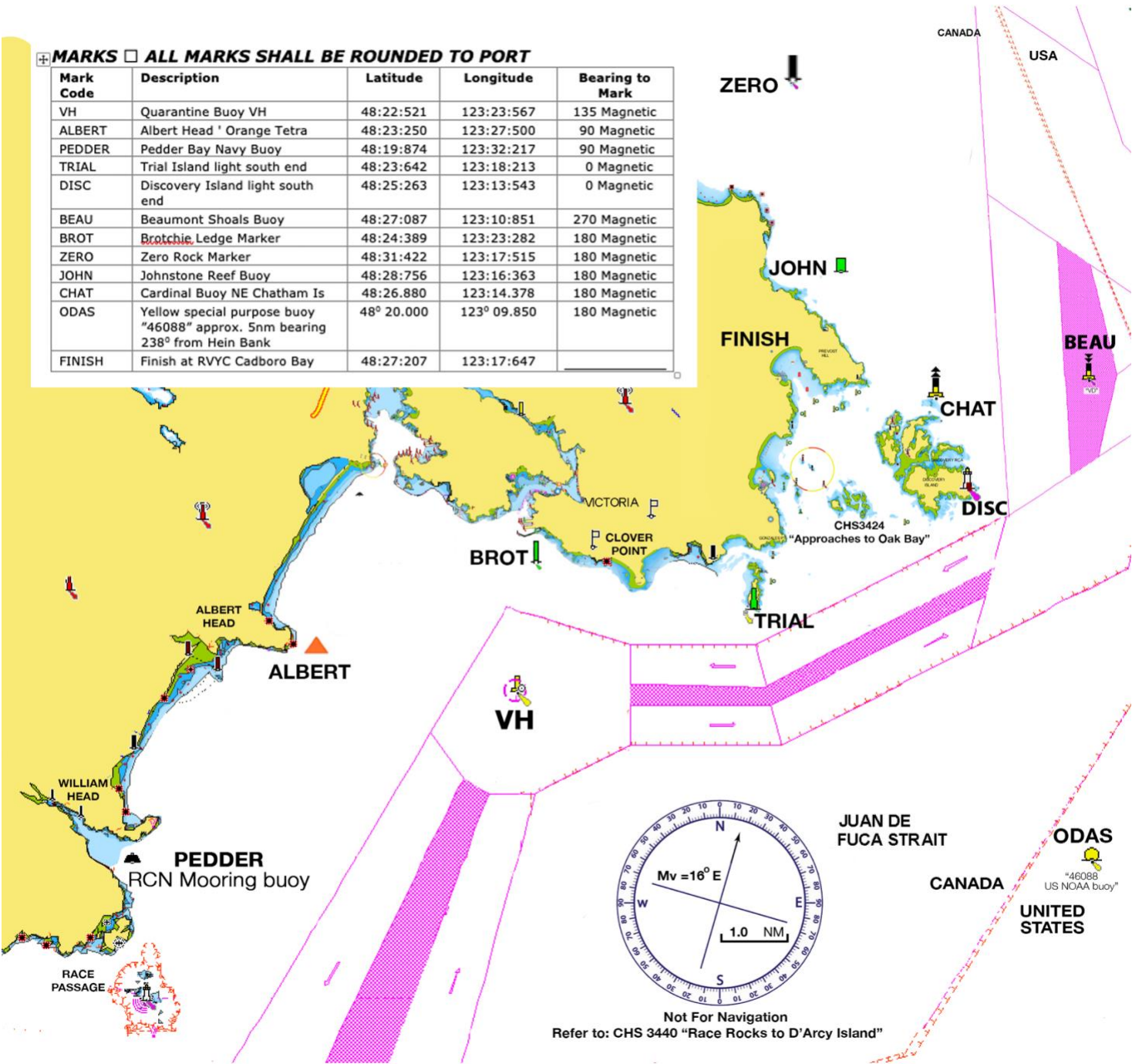
- Finish Line: Finish vessel (MV Salt Shaker) - blue flag

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. 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") shall not be liable for: any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property howsoever caused which may occur during, that 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.
- 17.2. Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

Dugald Smith
Principal Race Officer
Swiftsure International Yacht Race

APPENDIX A - Race Course Options for the 2025 Swiftsure Inshore Race



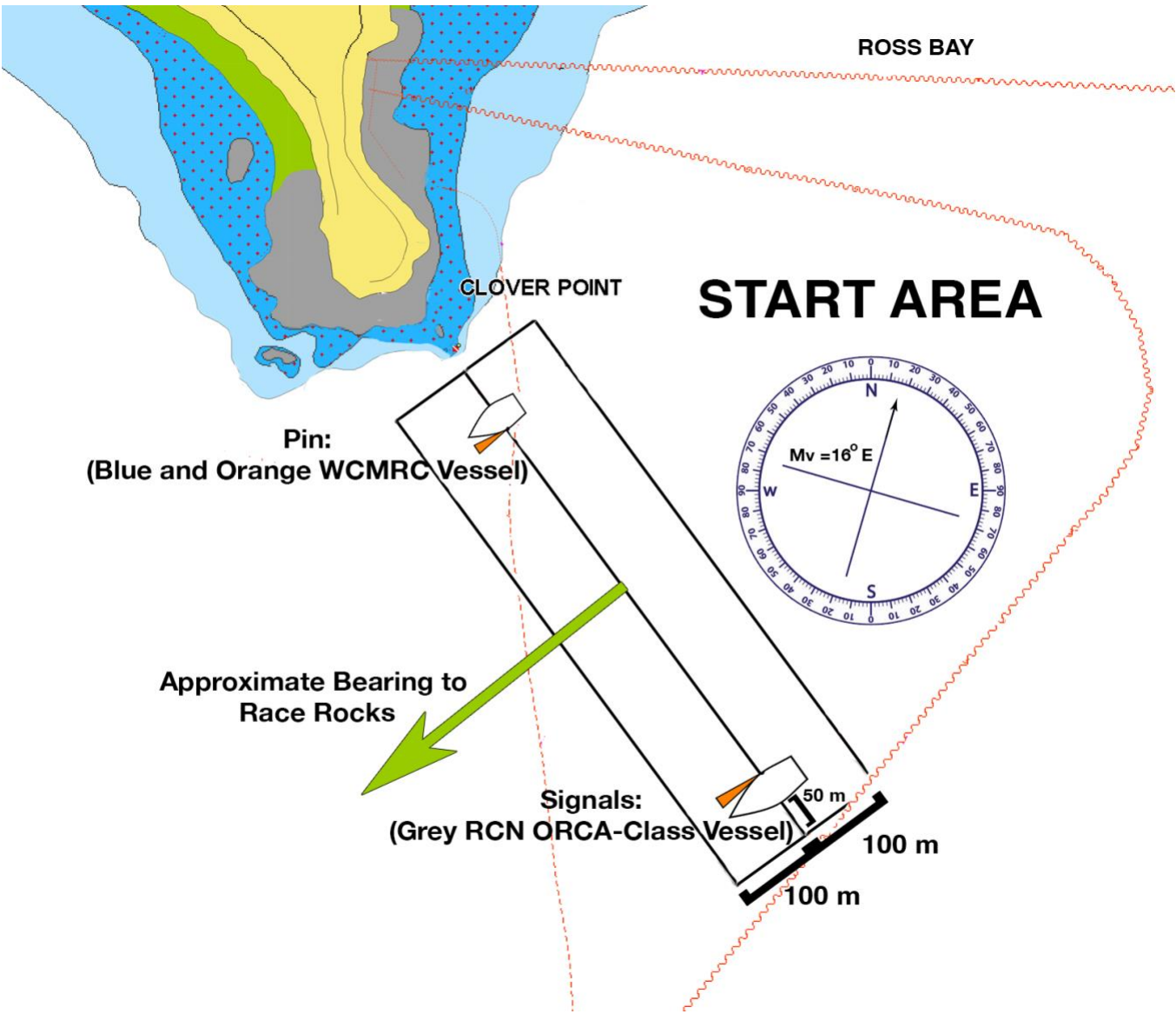
COURSES:**Marks On Each Course**

No .	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	NM
1	VH	TRIAL	FINISH					10
2	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	FINISH			14
3	VH	BROT	VH	TRIAL	FINISH			14
4	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	FINISH				15
5	VH	TRIAL	JOHN	FINISH				15
6	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	JOHN	FINISH		17
7	VH	TRIAL	DISC	BEAU	CHAT	FINISH		17
8	VH	BROT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	FINISH	18
9	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	FINISH		19
10	ALBERT	VH	BROT	VH	TRIAL	FINISH		19
11	VH	ODAS	CHAT	FINISH				22
12	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	ZERO	FINISH		23
13	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	BEAU	CHAT	FINISH	23
14	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	JOHN	FINISH	23
15	PEDDER	VH	TRIAL	FINISH				23
16	VH	ODAS	BEAU	CHAT	FINISH			24
17	PEDDER	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	FINISH		26
18	PEDDER	VH	BROT	VH	TRIAL	FINISH		26
19	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	BEAU	JOHN	FINISH	27
20	ALBERT	VH	TRIAL	DISC	CHAT	ZERO	FINISH	28
21	PEDDER	VH	TRIAL	DISC	BEAU	CHAT	FINISH	29









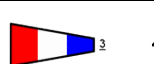


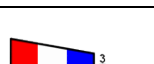
Courses Announced on VHF 09 Prior to Start





APPENDIX B – STARTING AREA

* *Diagram is not to scale.*



APPENDIX C – STARTING SEQUENCE

	Signal	Class Flag	Diagram	Race Starting
0900	Warning	Numeral 1 Displayed		Swiftsure Lightship Classic Race
0901	Preparatory	“P” flag Displayed		
0904	One minute	“P” flag Removed		
0905	Start	Numeral 1 Removed		
0910	Warning	Numeral 2 Displayed		Cape Flattery Race
0911	Preparatory	“P” flag Displayed		
0914	One minute	“P” flag Removed		
0915	Start	Numeral 2 Removed		
0920	Warning	Numeral 3 Displayed		Juan de Fuca Race (Monohulls and Multihulls Race)
0921	Preparatory	“P” flag Displayed		
0924	One minute	“P” flag Removed		
0925	Start	Numeral 3 Removed		

0930	Warning	Numeral 5 Displayed		Inshore Race (All Divisions)
0931	Preparatory	"P" flag Displayed		
0934	One minute	"P" flag Removed		
0935	Start	Numeral 5 Removed		

- *It is the Race Committee's intent to begin the Start Sequence of the Inshore Race five minutes after the Start of the Juan de Fuca Race.*
- *Actual Start Sequence times are subject to change for Postponements and General Recalls.*

APPENDIX D – FINISH LINE AND INSHORE FINISH RECORD CARD



Sail Number and Name of Boat:	Marks of the Course (max 7)	GPS Rounding/Finish Times
	1.	
	2.	
Division: Racing or Cruising	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
Course Number (see chart above for marks):	6.	
	7.	
	8.	

NOTE: please complete the FINISH RECORD CARD and send a photo to 236 464-1064 per SI 12.4. Please ensure the text includes. <yourboatname> and "Inshore finish".

DIAMOND



PLATINUM



GOLD



ODLUM BROWN

Brad Dovey
Director, Portfolio Manager

