



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the Offshore Special Regulations issued by World Sailing, the class rules of the PHRF BC, and the Notice of Race.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Official Notice Board is virtual and on-line. Notices will be posted at [www.roundsaltspring.ca](http://www.roundsaltspring.ca).

2.2 Commencing 16 May, courtesy copies of all new notices will be posted at the dock gatehouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on 18 May, except that any changes to the schedule will be posted before 2000 on 17 May.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

### 5 COURSE

5.1 The course will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting starting at 0830 on 18 May, posted on the Official Notice Board, and signaled from the Committee Boat.

5.2 The Green Course is the Start, leaving Sisters and Chain Islands to port, then leaving Salt Spring Island, Idol Island, Grappler Rock and Atkins Reef, Sisters and Chain Islands to starboard, then to the Finish.

5.3 The Red Course is the Start, leaving Sisters and Chain Islands, Salt Spring Island, Atkins Reef, Grappler Rock and Idol Island to port, then leaving Sisters and Chain Islands to starboard, then to the Finish.

### 6 DIVISIONS AND SCHEDULE

6.1 Division breaks and the final order of starting will be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before 17 May. Competitor's Registration Package will include a coloured division pennant that must be flown from their backstay.

6.2 The provisional order of start is:

Division	Warning Time	Warning Signal	Backstay Pennant Colour
7 Cruiser	0955	Flag 7	Green
6 Small Light		Flag 6	Yellow
5 Cruiser Racer		Flag 5	Blue
4 Select Light		Flag 4	Orange
3 Racer Cruiser		Flag 3	none
2 Faster Cruiser		Flag 2	Pink
Time Gap			
1 Fast & Light		Flag 1	none
Multi		Flag M	none



6.3 Boats in Island Time Class or sailing with No Flying Sails will start within their assigned division.

## 7 THE START

7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 0955 on 18 May.

7.2 The race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from visual signals made aboard the Committee Boat. The absence of a sound signal shall not be grounds for redress.

7.3 The starting line will be located between an orange flag on the Committee Boat anchored to the southeast of the SISC breakwater float, and an orange flag hoisted by an inflatable boat moored off Goat Island.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100 meters clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

7.5 Rule 30.1 ("I" Flag Rule – Round the End) will be in effect for all starts.

7.6 If conditions would not allow a fair or safe start, or if the starting line is not clear of the previous division, then the next division start may be delayed or postponed.

The time limit for the race will not change.

7.7 For the convenience of boats, the Race Committee will transmit an unofficial countdown on VHF Channel 72. Errors in the countdown transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1 (a).

7.8 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or make it promptly will not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1 (a).

7.9 In the event of a General Recall or Postponement, competitors shall pay attention to warning signals made from the Committee Boat.

## 8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Finish Boat (a white power boat moored at the south end of the SISC breakwater dock), and an orange mark anchored approximately 100 meters off the Finish Boat. This area will be lit at night.

NOTE: Boats should be aware of the drying sand bar immediately south of the Sailing Club and the Finish.

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8.2 When nearing the finishing line boats MUST announce their approach by contacting the Race Committee by phone at 250-221-9749 or on VHF Channel 72 informing the Race Committee of the boat name, sail number and hull color(s).

8.3 All boats are required to record their finish time and the names of the boats in front and behind at the finish on their Finish Form.

8.4 After crossing the finishing line, all competitors are required to promptly submit their completed Finish Form to the Finish Boat. Boats that fail to submit a completed Finish Form will be scored DNF.

## 9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit for the race will be 1030 on 19 May. Boats not finished at this time will be scored DNF.

## 10 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Competitors are reminded that this race involves a wide range of boat sizes and speeds, and crews of varying experience. Boats should make an extra effort to appreciate the performance differences of nearby boats. If fouls do occur, please respect the principles of sportsmanship.

10.2 Protest forms will be available from the Finish Boat. Protests and requests for

redress shall be delivered to the Finish Boat within one hour of the finish of the boat filing the protest or request for redress.

10.3 Notices of hearing and named parties will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the receipt of protest or request for redress. Hearings will be held on 19 May in the protest room located on bottom floor of the SISC Clubhouse beginning at 1000.

## 11 PENALTIES

11.1 Competitors are reminded that Rule 44.1 (2 turns for breach of a rule in part 2 and 1 turn for breach of Rule 31) are in effect, and that Rule 44.3 is not.

11.2 The Protest Committee at its sole discretion shall impose penalties for violations of Rules. Penalties may be less than disqualification of a boat from the race. This modifies Rule 64.1.

11.3 Boats using propulsion as permitted under SI 12.8 may voluntarily accept a time penalty of 1% of the boat's elapsed time. Boats not voluntarily accepting a penalty, or reported using propulsion without declaring so on the Finish Form will be protested.

11.4 Boats in Island Time Class are permitted to use propulsion at any time from 30 min after the start until 1 mile from Finish. Boats must log all use of propulsion

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and report it on their Finish Form. A time adjustment of 0.4 times the square root of LWL (ft.) times the duration of propulsion will be added to boat's elapsed time.

## 12 COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY

12.1 Except in an emergency, or in fulfilling the requirements of the Sailing Instructions, a boat while still racing shall neither make or receive radio transmissions, mobile telephone calls, or use mobile internet devices, to obtain information not freely available to all boats.

12.2 The Race Committee can be contacted at 250-221-9749 or VHF 72.

12.3 All Emergency Communications will use VHF channel 16. The Canadian Coast Guard will be the primary contact for all emergency communications. If possible, also inform the Race Committee.

12.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 4 race, with the Round SaltSpring modifications specified in the Notice of Race shall apply.

12.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect boats for safety compliance prior to the start or after their finish.

12.6 After a boat's finish, the Race Committee reserves the right to confirm the "as sailed" specifications of any boat.

12.7 Saltspring Island Sailing Club recommends that all sailors wear Transport Canada approved flotation devices, strobe lights and harnesses.

12.8 If a boat is drifting into danger, grounded, or avoiding a collision, minimal use may be made of propulsion provided the boat does not gain an advantage by use of propulsion. The use of propulsion must be logged with diagrams and reported to the Race Committee on the Finish Form within one hour of finishing. Please see Section 11.3 for penalties.

12.9 In the event of grounding, outside help may result in disqualification.

12.10 Vessels still racing after midnight and not yet arrived at the Sisters Islands are encouraged to contact the Race Committee at 250-221-9749, via email at [racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca](mailto:racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca) or on VHF 72 by 1:00 am to confirm their approximate position and any information about adjacent competing boats.

12.11 Boats retiring MUST notify the Race Committee immediately at 250-221-9749, via email at [racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca](mailto:racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca), or on VHF 72. If you do not receive confirmation from the Race Committee, please try again until you make contact.

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12.12 Failure to notify the Race Committee that your boat is retiring may result in liability for any search costs that may be instigated. Boats may also be protested under Rule 69.1.

### 13 SCORING

13.1 The race will be scored based on Time on Distance. The race distance for scoring will be 42.0 nautical miles.

### 14 CREW and SKIPPER AWARDS

14.1 Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, 20 May, beginning approximately 1130.

14.2 Please remember to nominate crew and/or skipper for any outstanding, brilliant, bold, or just plain odd acts of seamanship, or tactics. Nominations can be made on the Finish Form.

14.3 The major awards are:

- **Marshall Sharp Trophy** – first overall, corrected time
- **Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy** – first overall sailing for SISC, corrected time
- **Lady Minto Foundation Line Honours Trophy** - first monohull to finish, elapsed time
- **Tar and Feathers Trophy** – last to finish, elapsed time

- **UK Sails Team Challenge** – lowest sum of the corrected finishing position of each registered team member within their division.

#### Division Awards:

Less than 7 registered boats – 1 award

7 to 10 registered boats – 2 awards

More than 10 registered boats – 3 awards

Multi-hull division is not eligible for overall awards. Island Time class is eligible for class award only.

Other awards will be given to boats sailing with No Flying Sails, sailing single or double handed, environmental stewardship.

### 15 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

15.1 Round Saltspring subscribes to the Clean Regatta program published by Sailors for the Sea.

15.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirements of Rule 55 of the RRS. As they are easily lost overboard, RSS strongly advises against the use of single-use water bottles. Free filtered water for re-useable bottles will be provided at SISC.

15.3 The waters around Saltspring Island Sailing Club and Ganges Harbour are designated No Discharge Zones. The nearest holding tank pump out is at the Salt Spring Harbour Authority Breakwater Float.

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15.4 Competitors are encouraged to separate recyclables from on-board garbage and use appropriate shore-side containers.

15.5 The award for exception environmental stewardship will be based on sending a list of measures to [racecommittee@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:racecommittee@saltspringsailing.ca).

## 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in this event at their own risk. Please see rule 4, Decision to Race. Saltspring Island Sailing Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

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