



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the 2026 Round Saltspring Race and Saltspring Day Race is the Saltspring Island Sailing Club, 152 Douglas Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2J2.

1 AWARDS

- 1.1 The race awards for the Round Saltspring Race and the Saltspring Day Race will be presented at approximately 1130 on Sunday, May 17.
- 1.2 The Lady Minto Foundation Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the Round Saltspring Race.
- 1.3 The Marshall Sharp Trophy will be awarded to first overall, corrected time, for the Round Saltspring Race.
- 1.4 The Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the first SISC boat, corrected time, for the Round Saltspring Race.
- 1.5 Division prizes will be awarded to the top corrected time finishers in each division in the Round Saltspring Race and in the Saltspring Day Race.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Round Saltspring Race and Saltspring Day Race will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race is open to monohull sailboats 18 feet or longer with sufficient ballast for

self-righting, and to multihull sailboats 18 feet or longer.

- 3.2 Boats with a valid 2026 PHRF certificate are eligible for awards. Sailboats without 2026 PHRF certificates may participate in the race but are not eligible for awards.
- 3.3 Canadian entries shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$3,000,000 CAD per incident. American entries shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 USD per incident.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 All participants are encouraged to take advantage of Early Entry, which closes April 30, 2026. Entries will continue to be accepted through Sunday, May 10, 2026. Entries received after May 10, 2026 will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 Entry may be completed via the race website at <https://www.roundsaltspring.ca>
- 4.3 During entry, boats will be required to provide PHRF certificate information, provide a non-sailing emergency contact, and confirm compliance with the safety requirements outlined in Section 7 and the insurance requirements outlined in Section 3.3



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| 5 | FEES | 7.3 | All boats must have auxiliary power suitable for the size and intended use of the boat. |
| 5.1 | The early entry fee for the Round Saltspring Race, received not later than April 30, 2026 is \$140.00. The fee for entries received after April 30, 2026 is \$170.00. | 7.4 | In addition to meeting the safety recommendations of 7.1, a boat's equipment must comply with the Transport Canada Small Craft Regulations or the requirements of their home country. Boats that do not display required navigation lights between sunset and sunrise are subject to protest. |
| 5.2 | The early entry fee for the Day Race, received not later than April 30, 2026 is \$120.00. The fee for entries received after April 30, 2026 is \$150.00. | 7.5 | The Organizing Authority reserves the right to inspect any boat for compliance with the race requirements prior to the race and after finishing the race. |
| 5.3 | Fees for the race are refundable prior to May 10, 2026 only. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to rs-registrar@saltspringsailing.ca. A \$50 non-refundable charge will apply. | 8 | COURSE |
| 5.4 | Included with each entry fee is one ticket to the Friday Night Dinner as well as a world famous Round Saltspring Cap. | 8.1 | The starting and finishing line will be located in Ganges Harbour in the vicinity of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. |
| 6 | SKIPPER'S MEETING | 8.2 | The course for the Round Saltspring Race will be a complete circumnavigation of Salt Spring Island, clockwise or anticlockwise at the choice of each skipper. |
| 6.1 | The Skippers' Meeting shall be held on Saturday, May 16 at 0830 at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. | 8.3 | The course for the Saltspring Day Race will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. If expected wind conditions allow, the course may be a complete circumnavigation of Moresby Island, clockwise or anticlockwise at the choice of each skipper. If the expected wind conditions will not allow the fleet to complete a circumnavigation of Moresby Island before 1800, a shorter course such as a circumnavigation of Prevost Island |
| 7 | SAFETY | | |
| 7.1 | At a minimum, all boats should comply with the 2026-2027 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 and compliance with Category 3 is recommended. | | |
| 7.2 | At the time of Entry, all boats must acknowledge their understanding of the safety requirements, and submit the name and contact information for a non-sailing emergency contact. | | |



- will be substituted and announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 8.4 The Sisters and Chain Islands must be left to port when leaving Ganges, and to starboard when returning to Ganges Harbour.
- 8.5 Warning Signal for the first start will be 0955 on Saturday, May 16.
- 8.6 The time limit for the Round Saltspring Race will be 0930 on Sunday, May 17.
- 8.7 The time limit for the Saltspring Day Race will be 1800 on Saturday, May 16.

9 DIVISIONS

- 9.1 Boats will be placed into divisions at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. The placement of boats into divisions will not be grounds for protest or request for redress.
- 9.2 A list of entries and divisions will be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before Friday, May 15.

10 RATINGS

- 10.1 Boats with valid 2026 PHRF BC certificates will sail with that rating. A SISC rating will be assigned at no cost to boats with a valid 2026 PHRF certificate from other areas to normalize with PHRF BC.
- 10.2 Boats with 2026 PHRF certificates from areas other than BC must submit their rating certificates by email to racing@saltspringsailing.ca before April 30, 2026 to be eligible for awards.
- 10.3 Boats without valid 2026 PHRF certificates will be placed in handicapped

- divisions with similar speed potential but may not be scored and will not be eligible for awards.
- 10.4 Decisions of the Organizing Authority's Handicapper will not constitute grounds for protest or redress.
- 10.5 PHRF handicapped divisions will be scored Time on Time using a time correction factor (TCF) = $650 / (520 + \text{rating})$.

11 MOORAGE

- 11.1 The Organizing Authority will provide moorage for boats entered in the race at the SISC docks on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability.
- 11.2 Moorage for hotel vessels or other vessels not entered in the race will not be available at the SISC docks.
- 11.3 There is no charge for moorage of entered boats from 1200 Thursday, May 14 to 1500 Sunday, May 17. Reciprocal rates will apply to boats that have made prior arrangements to stay longer; advance notice is required.
- 11.4 The On-dock Wharfinger will monitor VHF channel 72 Friday, May 15 from 1200 to 1800 and will assign moorage space. Failure to follow instructions may result in loss of moorage privileges.



12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in this event at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, 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.

13 EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday May 15

- 1400-2200: Social
1800-2100: Dinner
1900-2100: Live Music

Saturday May 16

- 0630: Light Breakfast
0830: Skippers Meeting
0955: First Warning Signal
1700-2100: Cash Bar
1800: Day Race Time Limit
1800-2100: Light Meal

Sunday May 17

- 0930: Pancake Breakfast
0930: Round Saltspring Time Limit
1130: Awards