

NOTICE of RACE

Revision 1 - 2012-01-12
Revision 2 - 2012-02-08

Intent of Revision 2:

The Notice of Race is amended to permit each boat to select compliance with either PIYA category II or ISAF Offshore Special Regulations category 3, with the respective amendments specified in this amended Notice of Race.

Summary of Amendments to Revision 2 of the Notice of Race:

NOR 1.2 is amended by appending to the end of the paragraph the sentence "The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2012-2013 (OSR) will apply."

NOR 1.6 is amended by replacing the phrase "PIYA paragraph 3.16 now permits" with the phrase "PIYA 3.16 and OSR 3.14.6(a) now permit".

NOR 12.1 is amended by inserting the phrase "or OSR Category 3 (Monohulls)" following the phrase "PIYA Category II".

NOR 12.3 is amended by inserting section heading "OSR amendments:" and the item "4.10.1(a,b) Tubular radar reflectors are acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical."

NOR 12.4 is amended by inserting the phrase "or OSR" following the word "PIYA".

NOR 12.5 is amended by appending the phrase "or OSR Category 3 (Monohulls)" to the end of the first sentence.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Pacific International Yachting Association Special Regulations Governing Minimum Special Equipment & Accommodation Standards (PIYA) revised January 1, 2012, and the rules of PHRF of BC will apply.
The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2012-2013 (OSR) will apply.
- 1.3. Notice of Rule Change: As authorized by Rule 86.1, The Southern Straits Race Committee is hereby amending Rule 51 to include:
"A boat issued a current PHRF Handicap that assumes her use of a built-in system for moving, taking on or discharging water ballast, is permitted to use that system."
- 1.4. Between civil sunset and sunrise, the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" shall replace Part 2 of the RSS.

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- 1.5. A boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to disqualification.
- 1.6. Competitors are advised that while PIYA paragraph 3.16 and OSR 3.14.6(a) now permit single-braided UHMWPE (eg. Dyneema) rope as an alternative to stainless steel wire lifelines, RRS 49.2 continues to prohibit hiking outside upper lifelines when either lifeline is made of materials other than (stainless steel) wire.
- 1.7. Boats shall carry the equipment required by law. Particular attention is drawn to the Small Vessel Regulations.
- 1.8. Competitors are reminded of the Fundamental Rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS): Helping those in Danger, Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy, and Decision to Race. Competitors are reminded of the Responsibility of Person in Charge as described in the Offshore Special Regulations. Competitors are reminded of the safe boating practices described in the Safe Boating Guide published by Transport Canada

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1. All Boats shall comply with Rule 75.1.
- 3.2. All entries must be received by end of day Sunday, April 1st, 2012
- 3.3. Registration:
 - Complete registration online at www.southernstraits.ca
 - Payment through VISA or MASTERCARD is necessary to complete your registration.
- 3.4. You will be required to accept the terms of the waiver in order to complete your registration.
- 3.5. No changing of courses will be permitted once registration closes
- 3.6. Send to the Southern Straits Race Office:
 - A copy of your current Rating Certificate
 - A copy of your current Insurance Certificate
 - A copy of your Crew list.

Note that the Crew List will be reviewed and must be signed as part of your mandatory registration confirmation procedure on Thursday April 5th, 2012 at the WVYC Clubhouse.



3.7. Supporting documents may be sent to the Southern Straits Race Office:

- as a PDF or scan in an email attachment to raceoffice@southernstraits.ca
- by FAX to 604-921-7599 (please confirm receipt by calling 604 921 7575 after transmittal)
- by post to:
West Vancouver Yacht Club
Attn: Straits Race Office
5854 Marine Drive
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Please ensure that your Sail #, Boat Name and Registration Transaction # are prominently noted on supporting documents.

3.8. The entry fee for all boats will be \$150.00 Canadian funds for non-WVYC members and \$120.00 Canadian funds for WVYC members.

3.9. Entry fee includes a club provided SPOT transponder, a skipper's meal ticket and participant moorage where possible. A \$200 deposit will be taken for the transponder.

3.10. Boats registered before end of day on March 11, 2012 will qualify for an early bird prize draw.

3.11. There will be no refunds after Sunday April 1, 2012.

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4. RATINGS

4.1. Skippers holding a valid PHRF certificate for their boat will be eligible to compete.

4.2. Skippers must submit a copy of their valid PHRF certificate showing the dimensions used to calculate their PHRF rating.

4.3. Ratings will be adjusted if required by the WVYC Handicapper at no charge in order to align PHRF Northwest ratings and BC Sailing PHRF ratings.



5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Straits website at www.southernstraits.ca on or before Friday March 30th, 2012.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. There will be three courses with a minimum of two Divisions within each course. Divisions will be set once registration is closed.
- 6.2. In the event that wind is insufficient, provision may be made to shorten any course.
- 6.3. Southern Straits Classic **LONG** Course
(Distance approximately 132 nm):
Open to boats with a PHRF rating of 110 and lower.

Start-Line Dundarave Pier (West Vancouver),
to Sisters Islets (leave to Port),
to Ballenas Islands (leave to Port),
to Halibut Bank (leave to Port)
to Ballenas Islands (leave to Port),
to Entrance Island (leave to Port)
to Point Atkinson (Finish).

- 6.4. Jim Pine Memorial **MEDIUM** Course
(Distance approximately 91 nm):
Open to boats with a PHRF rating of 25 to 150 inclusive.

Start-Line Dundarave Pier (West Vancouver),
to Ballenas Islands (leave to Port),
to Entrance Island (leave to Port)
to Halibut Bank (leave to Port)
to Entrance Island (leave to Port)
to Point Atkinson (Finish).

- 6.5. Buddy Hulscher Memorial **SHORT** Course
(Distance approximately 64 nm):
Open to boats with a PHRF rating of 99 and higher.

Start-Line Dundarave Pier (West Vancouver)
to Entrance Island (leave to Port)
to Halibut Bank (leave to Port)
to Entrance Island (leave to Port)
to Point Atkinson (Finish).



6.6. Alternate Course (In-Port leg)

Applicable to boats racing the Long and Medium courses

If conditions allow, the Race Committee may elect to alter the original course to include an In-Port leg which would be communicated by the Starting Vessel. The In-Port leg would consist of the following amendments to 7.3 and/or 7.4:

- a. Port Rounding yellow inflated mark located approximately 1 nm west of the start line
- b. Port Rounding of QB mark
- c. Pass through start line, then proceed on original course as applicable in 7.3 or 7.4

Provisions for the implementation of the In Port leg will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1. Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty will apply in place of Rule 44.1, Taking a Penalty.
- 7.2. The Sailing Instructions require check in via VHF 73 or via cell phone at 604-921-7575 at all mark roundings.
Any boat that does not comply will be subject to a time penalty.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Boats in the Long Course will be scored using the TIME ON DISTANCE formula.
- 8.2. Boats in the Medium Course will be scored using the TIME ON TIME formula.
- 8.3. Boats in the Short Course will be scored using the TIME ON TIME formula.
- 8.4. Any recognized one-design fleet that registers four (4) or more boats in a specific course will also be scored as a one-design fleet as a supplement to divisional scoring.
- 8.5. Any vessels that wish to race double handed shall indicate so at time of registration.
- 8.6. Any Yacht Club that wishes to enter a team of three (3) boats for the purpose of racing against other Club's in a team format shall indicate so at the time of registration.
- 8.7. The top finishing yacht from each course the previous year, will display a "Tour de France Yellow Jersey" in the form of a yellow pennant from the stern of their vessel.



9. MOORAGE

- 9.1. The West Vancouver Yacht Club will provide moorage for this event at no cost in the Fisherman's Cove Basin.
- 9.2. We recommend that boats over fifty feet moor at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (Phone 604-224-1344).

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM SPACE AVAILABILITY AND ESTIMATE YOUR TIME OF ARRIVAL.

Mooring assistance at the West Vancouver Yacht Club available:

Saturday March 31 st , 2012	1200 hours until dusk
Sunday April 1 st , 2012	0900 hours until dusk
Thursday April 5th, 2012	0900 hours onward
Saturday April 7, 2012	1200 hours until dusk
Sunday April 8, 2012	0900 hours until dusk

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.
- 10.2. This restriction does not apply to mandatory mark rounding check-in requirements on VHF channel 73.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. A valid Certificate of Insurance, indicating liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.00 must be carried on board while racing.

12. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- 12.1. All boats must comply with PIYA Category II or OSR Category 3 (Monohulls).

The following amendments will apply:

12.2. PIYA Amendments:

Paragraph 3.1	Emergency steering system is required.
Paragraph 3.8	Tubular radar reflectors are acceptable acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical."
Paragraph 3.21	Two bailers or buckets are required.
Paragraph 5.3	Crotch or thigh strap(s) or a full safety harness are required for inflatable lifejackets."



12.3. OSR amendments:

- 12.3.1. 4.10.1(a,b) Tubular radar reflectors are acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical.
- 12.4. A signed copy of the PIYA or OSR regulations must be on board for the race. This will be checked by the Safety Committee after the race.
- 12.5. All finishing boats will be subject to inspection to verify compliance with PIYA Regulations Category II or OSR Category 3 (Monohulls).
Any boat found to be not in compliance will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 12.6. All participating boats must utilize a Spot II transponder supplied by WVYC. This transponder must be mounted in such a manner as to have an unobstructed 'view' of the sky in order to ensure proper operation. This mounting will form part of the post race safety check. The transponder units will be distributed along with Race Packages at the registration desk commencing on April 5th. A deposit of \$200 will be required to ensure the safe return of the units. Yacht positions from these transponders will be available through a publicly accessible website during the race.

13. EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:

It is strongly recommended that:

- At least half the crew have overnight racing experience and have extensive experience as a crew in all aspects of seamanship and navigation.
- The Skipper and at least half the crew participating in Southern Straits have taken a Safety at Sea Course within the past five years.

14. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

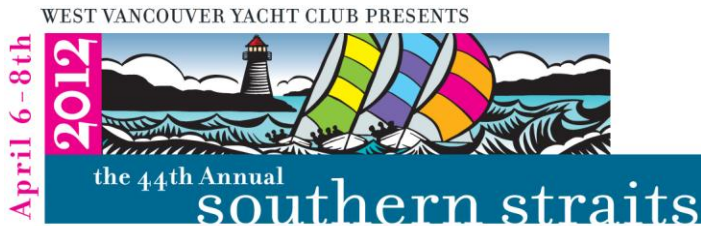
- 14.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance lobby of the WVYC Clubhouse.

15. AMERICAN ENTRANTS

- 15.1. No customs personnel will be present at the WVYC Clubhouse.
- 15.2. Phone Customs at 1-888-226-7277 for information.

16. EVENT CLOTHING

- 16.1. The West Vancouver Yacht Club will begin selling souvenir event clothing Thursday April 5th, 2012 at 1200 hours in the Clubhouse and throughout the race weekend.



17. EXCHANGE, DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS

17.1. American participants are encouraged to convert their cash to Canadian Funds prior to their arrival.

We do not accept debit cards.

We do accept VISA and Mastercard.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1. Contact the event Chairman through one of the following:

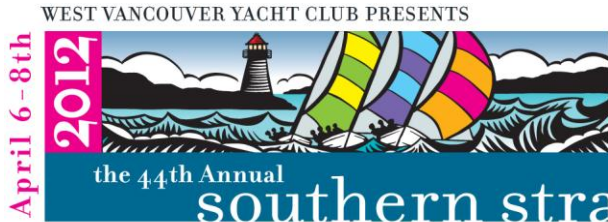
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