

# Gibsons Regatta - July 20/21, 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing authority: Sunshine Coast Yacht Club (SCYC)

Race Director: David Guy

### 1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Boats will be scored according to PHRF BC rules.

1.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her start and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name on Vhf73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Rule 30.2 will be in effect “..no part of a boats hull shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the line and the first mark during the last minute before the starting signal...”

1.4 Safety: Boats shall carry the equipment required by law and must obey the Small Vessel Regulations.

1.5 Participants are not required to comply with RRS 75

### 2. ELIGIBILITY, FEES, AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to anyone.

2.2 The entry fee is \$25 per boat.

2.3 How to enter:

You may enter by completing the entry form and waiver form to be found on website page

<https://www.scycsailing.ca/gibsons-regatta>.

The deadline for the receipt of entries is 5pm Thursday, July 18.

### 3. SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, July 20:

9am Skipper's Meeting in front of the Gibsons Marina office.

11am VHF check-ins completed.

11:30am Long Race start.

4pm to 6pm Social gathering at the Tapworks Brew Pub.

#### Sunday, July 24:

10am VHF check ins completed.

10:30am Short Race #1 start.

1:15pm Short Race #2 start.

4pm Results and prize giving on the Gibsons Marina pier.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

**All communications will be made by VHF radio on Channel 73 Low power.**

You are advised to keep your radio on while racing to monitor any instructions from the Race Committee, such as shortening the race in the case of very light winds.

### 5. RATINGS AND DIVISIONS

Entrants shall declare their PHRF rating when registering; the Race Committee will endeavour to assign a rating to boats that do not have one. If you have a spinnaker on board for any of the races you must use your with spinnaker rating for all races.

There will be TWO DIVISIONS such that there are approximately the same number of boats in each Division PLUS a M242 Division (if 3 or more M242s participate). The Division split will be determined by the Race Committee by 5pm Friday, July 19.

## **6. SCORING**

First place in race 1 point

Second place race 2 points

Third place in race 3 points, etc.

Did Not Compete (DNC) - number of boats entered plus 1

Did Not Start (DNS) - number of boats entered plus 1

Did Not Finish (DNF) - number of boats entered plus 1

Disqualified (DSQ) - number of boats entered plus 2

No throw outs

## **7. AWARDS**

Awards will be given for:

Overall winner

Division 1 Winner

Division 2 Winner

M242 (if 3 or more boats)

## **8. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2 million per event or the equivalent.

## **9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death, sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after, the race.

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RACE SCHEDULE AND COURSES

##### 1.1 Saturday, July 20, 2024: The “Long” Race.

**Check-In:** Call the Committee Boat on Vhf 73 (Low power) when on your boat and ready to sail between 10:15am and 11am for 11:30am start.

**Course:**

The course is approx. 14 nm., starting outside the Gibsons Harbour and circumnavigating the islands located between Gibsons and Bowen Island (Popham, Pasley, Worlcombe, and Hutt Island) and finishing off Armours Beach on the Gibsons waterfront. In normal weather conditions the direction of circumnavigation is expected to be anti-clockwise, however it may be sailed in the other direction if the Race Committee decides it would be better in the conditions on race day.

**WARNING:** Take note of the very extensive shallows around the marked rocks off the western side of Bowen Island and behind Hutt Island.

A Course Chart is available at <https://www.scycsailing.ca/gibsons-regatta>

**Start:**

Start Time: 11:30am.

All boats will start together.

Start line location: Between the southern point of Home Islet at 49° 22.985’N 123° 29.750’W and an orange buoy located at approx. 49° 22.862’N 123° 30.303’W beside the Race Committee Boat. ***The area between the orange buoy and the Race Committee is an exclusion zone for all racing boats.***

A Race Committee power boat will be stationed on the seaward side (the non-course side) of the start line, beside the orange bouy, to watch for boats which may be over early.

Start sequence: - see section 2.1 below.

**Finish:**

Finish-line location: Off Armours Beach on the Gibsons waterfront between the Race Committee power boat having an orange flag, on station at approximately 49° 24’ 14.5” N 123° 31’ 0.57”W and the wood piling at approximately 49° 24’ 15.39”N 123° 31’ 3.28”W (the outermost piling of 4 in a row at the southern end of Armours Beach).

When approaching the finish please call the Committee Boat on Vhf Ch 73 to advise them of your approach to help identify you when crossing. The Committee Boat will record the GPS time of your finish and will advise that time by VHF. Keep your own record of your finishing time.

Time Limit: 4pm but if any boat is finished by 4pm the time limit is extended to 4:30pm.

The race may be shortened if it is determined that no boat is likely to finish by 4pm.

##### 1.2 Sunday, July 21, 2024: Two “Short” Races.

**Check-In:** Call the Committee Boat on Vhf 73 between 9:15am and 10am for a 10:30am start of the first race.

**Course:** The short course is approx. 6 nm. and is expected to be sailed in 2 hours, or less. The same course will be used for both short races. It may be sailed in either direction, as advised by the Race Committee before the start procedure.

A Course Chart is available at <https://www.scycsailing.ca/gibsons-regatta>

### 1.2.1. First Short Race July 23

Start Time 10:30 am.

Start line location: Between the green can buoy Q57 located off Soames Point at 49°24.774'N 123° 29.044'W and the Sailing Committee power boat carrying an orange flag and on station at the seaward end of the start line at approximately 49° 24.665' N 123° 28.932' W  
Start sequence as per section 2.1 below.

Finish: The finish line is off Armour's Beach and is the same as for the Long Race

Time Limits: 2hrs.

The course may be shortened if it seems that no boat will finish within the time limit.

### 1.2.2 Second Short Race July 23

The course and start procedures for race 2 will be exactly the same as for race 1 except for the check in and start times.

Check In: By 1pm

Start Time 1:15pm

## 2. START SEQUENCES

All communications will be by VHF73 and sound signals (i.e. flags will not be used).

All boats will start together (i.e. there will not be separate Division starts).

### START SEQUENCE

MINUTES BEFORE START	VHF ANNOUNCEMENT	SOUND SIGNAL
SIX, 6	SIX MINUTE WARNING	None VHF only
FIVE, 5	FIVE MINUTES TO START	ONE SHORT BLAST
FOUR, 4	FOUR MINUTES TO START	ONE SHORT BLAST
ONE, 1	ONE MINUTE TO START	ONE LONG BLAST
ZERO, 0	START NOW	ONE SHORT BLAST

## 3. PROTESTS

These are fun races so hopefully no protests, but, if needed, protests shall be written on the Sail Canada form available at <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/> and delivered to the Race Committee before 5pm on race day.

## 4. SAFETY

4.1 A boat retiring from the race is required to notify the Race Committee by Vhf as soon as possible after retiring.

4.2 Boats must keep clear of all commercial traffic.