

Gibsons Regatta - July 22/23, 2023

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing authority: Sunshine Coast Yacht Club (SCYC)

Race Director: David Pritchard

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).

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

2. ELIGIBILITY, FEES, AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to anyone.

2.2 There is no entry fee for SCYC members or Gibsons Yacht Club (GYC) members. The entry fee for non-SCYC/GYC members is \$25 per boat.

2.3 How to enter:

- If you are an SCYC member we ask that you confirm by email to (sunshinecoastyc@gmail.com) whether you are competing in the regatta or not. Please do this before the deadline for entries shown below.

- If you are not an SCYC member 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 20**.

3. SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 22:

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

11am Vhf check-ins completed.

11:30am Long Race start.

3pm to 6pm Social gathering at the Gibsons Public Market.

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:

Div 1 PHRF LESS than 170

Div 2 PHRF 170 and above

6. Scoring

We are scoring the races by Division.

First place in Division

1 point

Second place	in Division	2 points
Third place	in Division	3 points
Etc.		
Did Not Compete (DNC)		Number of boats entered in Division plus 1
Did Not Start (DNS)		Number of boats entered in Division plus 1
Did Not Finish (DNF)		Number of boats entered in Division plus 1
Disqualified (DSQ)		Number of boats entered in Division plus 2
No throw outs		

Points from each race are added to determine the overall Division winners.

7. AWARDS

Awards will be given for:

Overall winner

Division 1 Winner

Division 2 Winner

Best First Time racer ("First Time" being defined as a boat sailing in an SCYC race for the first time).

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACE SCHEDULE AND COURSES

1.1 Saturday, July 22, 2023: 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 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.

A Sailing Committee power boat displaying an orange flag will be stationed on the seaward side (the non-course side) of the start line to watch for boats which may be over early.

Start sequence: - see section 2.1 below.

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° 24.255'N 123° 30.003'W

and an outer orange buoy at approximately 49° 24.219'N 123° 29.894'W.

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 23, 2023: 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>

1.3 First Short Race July 23

First Race Start Time:

There will be separate starts for each division

Division 2 (PHRF of 170 or more) 10:30am

Division 1 (PHRF less than 170) 10:35am

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: For the Division 2 boats starting first the sequence is as per section 2.1 below.

Division 1 boats will start 5 minutes later with Vhf warnings from the Committee Boat at 4, 1, 0.

Finish: The finish line is off Armours Beach and is the same as for the Long Race

Time Limits: 2hrs from Division start

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

1.4 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.

Second Race Check In: By 1pm

Second Race Start Time:

Division 2 (PHRF of 170 or more) 1: 10 pm

Division 1 (PHRF less than 170) 1: 15 pm

2. START SEQUENCES

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

2.1 START SEQUENCE FOR THE LONG RACE, JULY 22

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

2.2 START SEQUENCE FOR THE SHORT RACES, JULY 23

Division 2 boats (PHRF 170 and higher) will start first with a start sequence as above.

Division 1 boats (PHRF lower than 170) will start 5 minutes later with Vhf announcements and horn sounds at 4 minutes to Division start, then 1 minute to start, then the start.

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

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

11.2 Boats must keep clear of all commercial traffic.