



[EnglishBayScramble.com]

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(ammended, Aug 8th)

Date: Saturday, August 14, 2010

Host Club: Tiddly Cove Yacht Club (tiddlycove.bc.ca)

Registration: Online, at the TCYC website; follow the "[Payments](#)" button.

VARC: This race is part of the VARC Distance series. (varc.bc.ca)

Racing Area: English Bay, the Strait of Georgia and Howe Sound

Schedule: There will be one race. The warning signal for all divisions will be at 1100 hours.

Skippers' Meeting: Friday, August 13th, 6:30PM, Vancouver Maritime Museum

Rules: The race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Also ORC Category 4 requirements (amended as per VARC) and the rules of PHRF of BC and NORG will apply. The English Bay Scramble is designated Category C.

Check-in: Prior to the warning signal, all boats must check in with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 or in person, by stating the following: "Race Committee, This is (boat's name), sail number (boat's sail number), division (boat's division) checking in," after which confirmation from the Race Committee must be obtained.

Communications: Skippers are encouraged to monitor VHF 68, from 10:45AM onward, as the Race Committee will endeavour to provide current wind and wave condition reports for the various race marks and any other useful information available.

Course:

The four marks of the course are P, G, K, and N. (See "Marks" below.) as well as the start/finish line and its two pins (see "Start\Finish,, below). Each boat,

- must round as many marks as possible,
- in any order,
- taking them to either port or to starboard,
- but **must also cross the start/finish line after either her first or her second mark rounding**, before continuing to subsequent mark roundings;
- can also cross the start/finish line in between any other mark roundings, because...
- ... your most-recent crossing of the start/finish line will be recorded as a finish in the case of a shortened course (see "Shortened Course" below) or in the event that you failed to round all four marks;
- must report the number of marks rounded and the order of roundings to the Race Committee via VHF channel 68 immediately upon finishing racing for the day.

Example Course



(*) This is only one possible course.

This map is intended only to show the approximate positions of the four marks and the start/finish line. The actual course sailed by each competitor is entirely up to them, as long as it conforms to the course rules specified above. (*) Remember to report your final course to the race committee after you finish

MARKS

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, especially if you ,ve been racing the English Bay Scramble for many years: the course was modified slightly, four years ago, to comply with *Vanc. Port Authority* requirements, but we re still seeing boats racing the original course!)

- Mark **N** (-N- is for North Shore): TCYC Orange Buoy Marker North of QB
(approx: 49° 19'.44' N, 123° 11.44' W)
(* Note: the North Shore mark is **not QB** but, rather, the orange cone north of QB, closer to the West Van shoreline – this change was instituted 4 years ago 😊
- Mark **P**: Passage Island
(approx: 49° 20.48' N, 123° 18.20' W)
- Mark **G** (-G- is for Pt Grey): TCYC Orange Buoy Marker East of Pt Grey Bell Buoy
(approx: 49° 17.400' N, 123° 15.500' W)
(* Note: Mark G is **not the Bell Buoy** but, rather, the orange cone roughly halfway between the Bell Buoy and the western-most „dolphin“ – this change was also instituted 4 years ago 😊
- Mark **K**: Kitsilano Barge Buoy
(approx: 49° 17.01' N, 123° 09.56' W)

Start/Finish Line: The start/finish line will be in the middle of English Bay (at approximately 49°18' N, 123°12' W).

- The committee boat will be in the middle of the line and **two pins** will be placed, one on either side of the Committee Boat.
- The start line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and **either one of the two pins**.
- Either of the two „start-lines“ can be used, but in every case a boat **must cross the start/finish line with the committee boat to starboard**. **This applies both at the start and during subsequent crossings, including the final finish.** (*) The requirement to keep the committee boat to starboard during subsequent roundings is a new rule for 2010, implemented to enhance safety.)
- A boat on the line at the start or otherwise failing to start properly after the start signal will have the option of restarting properly (still leaving a pin to port and the committee boat to starboard) or accepting a 10% time penalty.



Start: The race will be started according to Rule 26. There will be one start for all boats, the class flag for all boats being the VARC pennant. The scheduled 5-minute warning signal for all divisions is 1100 hours.

Finish: A boat may cross the finish line in either direction. Every finish will be confirmed by a sound. Once again, upon finishing, **ALL BOATS MUST REPORT TO THE RACE COMMITTEE THE NUMBER OF MARKS ROUNDED AND THE ORDER IN WHICH THIS WAS DONE.**

Shortened Course: In case of light wind, a boat may shorten her own course by crossing the finish line after rounding fewer than all of the marks. Having recorded a finish this way, a boat may then continue racing in hopes of rounding additional marks. To record her improved finish, a boat must again cross the finish line after rounding the additional marks.

Time Limit: No finishing times will be recorded after 17:00 hours, unless at least one boat **in your division** has finished before 17:00, in which case the time limit is extended to 17:30. The Committee Boat will remain on station to record all finishes until 1730 regardless, whether they are certain that another boat in a particular division has finished before 1700 or not. This time limit will not change, even if the race start was delayed, for whatever reason.

Scoring: within each VARC division, boats that round more marks within the time limit will be placed ahead of those rounding fewer marks. Boats rounding the same number of marks as one another will be placed according to time-on-time corrected time consistent with the ratings and classifications specified in the [VARC 2010 general Notice of Race](#).

Results, Awards, Prizes, After-Party: Join us at the Maritime Museum patio, immediately after the race. **No tickets required!**