

Tiddly Cove Yacht Club English Bay Scramble

NOTICE OF RACE

All boats that meet the requirements as stated in the Sailing Instructions below are invited to participate in the Tiddly Cove English Bay Scramble.

Date: Saturday August 13, 2011

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

Registration: Registration can be completed online at the TCYC website (www.tiddlycove.bc.ca) by clicking the "Payments" button. Registration can also be completed on the VARC website at www.varc.bc.ca.

VARC: This race is part of the VARC Distance series, and will be scored use VARC racing divisions.

Racing Area: The race will take place in the vicinity of 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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules and Race Requirements

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and all prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, the Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Race Category 4, the VARC 2011 NOR, the rules of PHRF of BC, the rules for ORC club, the Farr 30 International One Design Class Rules, and the Martin 242 Class Rules as amended by Fleet One.

1.2 All boats must include with their entries a copy of the certificate of insurance indicating that the boat is covered with a minimum \$1,000,000 liability. A copy of this certificate must be carried aboard at all times.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Tiddly Cove website at www.tiddlycove.bc.ca.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Tiddly Cove website (www.tiddlycove.bc.ca) no later than 2000 hrs on the day prior to the race.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals will not be made ashore.

5. Schedule

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

6. 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.

7. Communications

Skippers are encouraged to monitor VHF 68, from 1045 hours 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.

8. Course

8.1 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 its first or its second mark rounding**, before continuing to subsequent mark roundings. Boats 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.

8.2 Boats 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.

9. Example Course

Appended to the end of these Sailing Instructions is an illustrative map intended only to show the approximate positions of the four marks and the start/finish line. *The map does not form an integral part of these sailing instructions, and its absence does not invalidate these instructions.* An online version of the map can be viewed at www.EnglishBayScramble.com. **Also note that the map illustrates only one possible course** — 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.

10. Marks

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, especially if you're coming back to the English Bay Scramble after not participating for a few years: The course was changed slightly five years ago to comply with *Vancouver Port Authority* requirements, but each year a few boats get caught out going to the old marks!

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

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° 17.40' N, 123° 15.90' 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”

Mark **K**: Kitsilano Barge Buoy
(approx: 49° 17.01' N, 123° 09.56' W)

11. Start/Finish Line

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

11.2 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*.

11.3 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 newer rule, implemented in 2010 to enhance safety.

11.4 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 percent time penalty.

11.5 The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS boats by radio (VHF Channel 68). Failure to notify will not be grounds for a request for redress.

12. 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.

13. Finish

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

14. 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.

15. Time Limit

No finishing times will be recorded after 1700 hours, unless at least one boat *in your division* has finished before 1700, in which case the time limit is extended to 1730. 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.

16. 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 2011 general Notice of Race.

17. Protests and Penalties

17.1 Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF rules.

17.2 Protests must be announced to the race committee before the boat leaves the race area (if possible) and must be delivered to the fleet captain of TCYC by 1930 hrs on race day.

18. Safety and Responsibility

18.1 All boats must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4, Monohulls, as amended by the VARC 2011 NOR.

18.2 Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be disqualified from the race.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.4 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Results, Awards, Prizes, After-Party: Join us at the Maritime Museum patio immediately after the race for a barbecue with band, dancing and awards. No tickets required.

