

# NOTICE OF RACE VAN ISLE 360° - 2015

Organized by Blast Performance Sailing  
Chemainus, British Columbia, Canada

**June 6 to 20, 2015 - Commencing in Nanaimo,  
British Columbia, Canada**

**1. THE INVITATION:** Boat owners who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to apply for entry in the tenth edition of the VAN ISLE 360 YACHT RACE, a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island with 10 point to point legs.

**2. THE RULES:** This series of races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013 - 2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, where applicable, the Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest Rules, The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C, the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments. Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**2.1** The 20% penalty, as provided for in Rule 44.3 will apply on the leg in which the penalty occurred. (Note display flag is to be yellow)

**2.2** A yacht that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic may be subject to disqualification from the entire race.

**2.3** Competitors who intend to fly sails that display numbers other than the yachts official sail number shall report the numbers to the Race Committee no later than the issuance of skipper's packages on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being scored DNF for Leg 1, and possibly subsequent legs.

**3. APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY:** Eligible boats may apply for entry by completing an Application for Entry with Blast Performance Sailing.

**3.1 Applications for Entry:** are available from the Race Office, or may be downloaded from the official race Web Site. Refer to Item 15 on the last page of this document for contact information. Completed Applications for Entry must be received by the Race Office no later than **November 17, 2014** accompanied by the Entry Fee and documentation as specified therein.

**3.2 Entry Forms/Waivers:** will be forwarded to accepted applicants upon notification of entry acceptance, and must be returned to the Organizing Authority no later than **April 6, 2015**.

**4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be included in the skipper's package, which will be available for pick up between the hours of 1300 hrs. and 2000 hrs. Friday June 5, 2015 from the Mobile Race Committee Headquarters. The Mobile Race Committee Headquarters will be situated on the W.E. Mills Landing (previously known as the Visiting Vessels Pier) in downtown Nanaimo.

**4.1 Crew Lists:** Entrants shall provide the Registration Committee with a completed Crew List for Leg 1 (on the form supplied by the Organizing Authority) in order to receive their Skipper's Package. Skipper's Packages must be claimed to confirm entry. Crew Lists for all subsequent legs must be filed, on the forms provided, with the Race Committee no later than 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled leg.

**4.2** Entrants unable to start the first leg or any leg shall advise the Race Committee of their withdrawal before the start of such leg.

**5. SPONSORSHIP:** Advertising is permitted in accordance with Regulation 20 of the ISAF Advertising Code. All boats may be required to display the advertisement of the event sponsor(s) in accordance with Regulation 20.4.1.1, which may include removable decals displayed on each side of the boat's bow, the boom and/or a flag flown from the boat's backstay.

**6. MEDIA RIGHTS:** Competitors, owners, crew and their guests give absolute right and permission to the Organizing Authority for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

**7. COMMUNICATION:** Except when communicating with the Race Committee or the Canadian Coast Guard during Roll Call, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. Radio communications with commercial traffic is encouraged using the proper VHF radio frequencies and protocol for safety purposes.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY

**8.1 Club Membership:** All entrants shall conform with the membership requirement of Rule 75.1 of the RRS.

**8.2 Scoring Systems:** All Multihull and Mono-hull boats shall be capable of obtaining a PHRF NW Rating of 135 or faster.

The scoring system of record is PHRF NW. The fastest monohull division, with an approximate PHRF of -10 or faster will be scored IRC. Skippers/owners of boats racing IRC may ask the Organizing Authority to use PHRF NW, provided the request is the consensus of all of the owners. The deadline for requesting a change shall be April 6, 2015. The third scoring system that may be available in place of PHRF NW is ORC. Skippers interested in racing ORC shall indicate on the Application for Entry their wish to do so. The Organizing Authority will review the applications received and determine the viability of an ORC Division. Skippers requesting an ORC division shall agree to race PHRF NW in the event that the viability of an ORC division is not realized.

A copy of an applicable, current, PHRF NW or IRC Certificate must be attached to the Application for Entry. Skippers requesting consideration for an ORC division shall include an ORC certificate as well as a PHRF NW certificate.

Ratings from the relevant website will be reviewed on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. All ratings displayed on that date shall be taken as final with no further changes allowed. Blast Performance Sailing assumes the database of PHRF-NW / IRC / ORC to be correct and will accept no responsibility or obligation arising from errors.

**8.3** Division splits will be determined after registration is complete.

**8.4 Insurance:** All boats shall carry third party liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.00 (CDN or US) and shall be covered for yacht racing activities in the waters surrounding Vancouver Island. A copy of proof of current insurance including the dates of the race, as specified, must be received by the Race Office no later than May 4, 2015.

**8.5 Limited Entries:** The number of boats participating in this event may be limited by the amount of space available to moor boats in some of the harbours that the fleet will visit. All qualified applicants will be considered in the order that the applications are received at the Race Headquarters, however it is possible that due to limited space not all boats that apply will be accommodated. Applications when received at the Race Office will be acknowledged with a return e-mail or telephone call. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their application as soon as practicable following the close of the acceptance of applications on November 17, 2014. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept more or less than 42 boats as space allows.

In the event the race is oversubscribed on November 17, 2014 then the remaining qualified boats will be placed on a waiting list and notified as soon as space becomes available. In the event the race is undersubscribed by November 17, 2014, then all qualified applicants received to that date will be accepted and the registration period will be extended. In the event that the race is undersubscribed by February 17, 2015, the Organizing Authority reserves the right to cancel the race and return the entry fee in full to boats which have been accepted. Entries accepted after April 6, 2015 agree to be bound by the scoring system of the division in which the boat will participate. See 8.2.

### 8.6 Safety Requirements:

a) All boats shall comply with either:

1) The 2015 PIYA Ocean category with the following amendments:

- i. 1.8 – Scantlings- deleted
- ii. 2.2.1 – Stability - replaced with 2.2.2
- iii. 3.8.2 – Safety Equipment – modified to “A boat shall have two watertight handheld vhf radios”
- iv. 3.9 – AIS Class B transponder – deleted
- v. 3.16.1 – modified to “A boat shall carry a 406MHz EPIRB that is properly registered to the boat.”
- vi. 3.33.1 – Mainsail reefing modified to “Yachts must be equipped with mainsail reefing suitable for the weather conditions that may be encountered.”
- vii. 3.33.2 – Trysail – deleted
- viii. 3.33.4 – Headsails – deleted
- ix. 3.39 – Life Rafts – modified to “A boat shall carry adequate life rafts designed for saving life at sea with designed capacity for containing entire crew. The raft shall be SOLAS, ISAF, ISO 9650, or ORC approved. The raft shall be stored in such a way that it is capable of being launched within 15 seconds. The raft shall hold a current certificate of inspection. As an approved alternate to the life raft, a boat may be equipped with survival suits for each person aboard for whom life raft capacity is not provided. The suit shall be a universal size suitable for donning over regular clothing for keeping the wearer dry and afloat, shall be coverall type and shall include in its construction closed cell foam insulation designed to ensure survival from hypothermia of the wearer for a minimum of 3 hours when floating in 54°F water. The suit(s) may be stowed below decks but readily accessible to the companionway. Suit(s) shall be government approved for survival usage”.

2) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations - Category 2

b) All boats shall indicate on their application form the regulatory body to which they comply.

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## 8.6 Safety Requirements cont'd:

**It is strongly recommended that all boats conforming to above regulations be additionally equipped with:**

- Radar
- Electronic chart programs
- AIS transponders
- Hand held VHF radios with dsc/gps capabilities
- For any crew using survival suits, that they also carry a floating 406MHz Personal Locator Beacon

c) Skippers are required to have a copy of the 2015 PIYA Special Regulations or the 2015 ISAF Offshore Regulations signed and ready to present in order to obtain the Sailing Instructions.

d) As this race takes place in hazardous and remote waters safety regulations will be strictly enforced. **Compliance on all legs is mandatory.** All boats shall be subject to a consult inspection prior to the start of the first leg and random inspections may occur any time during the race. **Any boats that do not comply with the Safety Regulations at any time during the race dates will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be disqualified.**

**8.7 Experience/Qualifications:** The boat's skipper shall have participated as a skipper and a watch captain shall have participated as a watch captain, in at least two qualifying overnight races and shall be experienced in all aspects of seamanship & navigation. Qualifying races include Oregon Offshore, Patos Island (Long Course) Swiftsure (Cape Flattery or Swiftsure Bank Race), Southern Straits (long course), Van Isle 360, or similar overnight races or experience. Approval of an alternate qualifying race or a non-stop ocean passage of not less than 24 hours may be sought from the Organizing Authority in writing. On each leg of the race, the skipper will ensure that at least 2 crew members identified on the respective leg Crew List have a valid Safety at Sea ISAF Certificate. Certificates must be available for inspection by a member of the Race Committee at any time during the race. A boat may be scored DNF for a leg if the ISAF Certificate for the named crew member(s) is not present during an inspection.

**It is strongly recommended that:**

- at least half the crew have similar overnight racing experience and have extensive experience as a crew in all aspects of seamanship and navigation.
- all crew participating in the Van Isle 360 have taken a Safety at Sea Course within the past five years.

The registered skipper and a qualified watch captain shall be onboard for each leg of the race. In the event two skippers register for One boat both skippers shall meet the experience requirement 8.7 above. Minimum number of crew is two. For Double Handed entries a detailed CV for each watch captain participating shall be attached to the Entry Application.

**The Organizing Committee emphasizes that competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Responsibility for the safety of each vessel and crew and the decision whether to start a race or to continue racing ultimately rests with the skipper, as per fundamental Rule 4. 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 regatta.**

**9. THE COURSES:** See attached Van Isle 360° - Appendix "A", Provisional Schedule of Races. Any changes to the Provisional Schedule of Races will be communicated to accepted entries as soon as practicable. Please note that changes to ports may occur and are beyond the control of the Organizing Authority. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability of any type due to changes in a port location.

Provisions for shortening course will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. THE SCORING SYSTEM:** The races will be scored using PHRF-NW Time on Distance corrections and/or IRC/ORC Time Correction Factors. The corrected finish position will be used in the following formula. E (number of entries) minus EA (number of entries which corrected ahead) multiplied by LSC (leg scoring co-efficient\*). Boats finishing first will have 3 Bonus Points (BP) added to her leg score. Boats finishing second will have 2 (BP) added to her leg score. Boats finishing third will have 1 (BP) added to her leg score. No Bonus Points are awarded to boats finishing (on corrected time) lower than third. There shall be no throw outs.

\* The Leg Scoring Co-efficient is a factor taking into account the anticipated difficulty of a given leg. The leg scoring coefficients are listed on Appendix "A" to this Notice of Race, Schedule of Races.

**11. ENTRY FEES:** The entry fees including applicable taxes shall be as follows and cheques or money orders shall be made payable in Canadian Dollars to Blast Performance Sailing.

- Less than 32 feet L.O.A. - \$1900.00
- 32 to 45 feet L.O.A. - \$2200.00
- More than 45 feet L.O.A. - \$60.00 per foot

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## 11. ENTRY FEES cont'd:

**11.1** The entry fee is required to be lodged with the Application for Entry in the form of a cheque or money order. An entry will become definitive once the entry fee has been paid and all required documents have been received by the Organizing Authority.

**11.2 Entry Deadlines:** Completed Application for Entries, supporting documents and entry fees: November 17, 2014

**11.3 Refunds:** Applicants whose entries are not accepted will have their entry fees returned in full. In the event of a withdrawal on or prior to 1400 hrs. on February 17, 2015 entry fees will be refunded minus 50%. No entry fees will be returned after this time unless the race is cancelled by Blast Performance Sailing, see 8.5.

## 12. MOORAGE – Start and Finish

Complimentary moorage is provided for a maximum of five days, including pre and post-race dates at the Nanaimo Port Authority's W.E. Mills Landing in Nanaimo's Inner Harbour. All boats shall register with the Nanaimo Harbour Master upon arrival at the above facility both prior to the start and upon finishing. Failure to do so may result in the loss of moorage privileges. Boats are invited to extend their stay beyond the five days but will be charged for any additional days at the current rate. The Nanaimo Harbour Master may be contacted on VHF 67. Moorage arrangement for each port will be communicated in the skippers and shore support packages. Moorage in other ports will be communicated to accepted entries with the application for entry.

## 13. PROGRAM OF IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ **Deadline for Application to Enter, Entry Fees and Supporting Documents:** November 17, 2014
- ❖ **Deadline for Completed Entry/Waiver Forms:** April 6, 2015
- ❖ **Deadline for all other documentation:** April 6, 2015
- ❖ **Deadline for withdrawal for a 50% refund:** 1400 hrs. February 17, 2015
- ❖ **Deadline for consensus of scoring system in a division:** 1400 hrs. April 6, 2015
- ❖ **Skippers Meeting:** 1500 hrs. June 5, 2015 - location to be announced
- ❖ **Welcoming Reception:** Friday June 5, 2013 (1830 hrs. – 2000 hrs.) - location to be confirmed
- ❖ **Starting Date:** 1030 hrs. June 6, 2015
- ❖ **Awards Ceremony:** June 20, 2015 – Time & Place TBA

## 14. ENQUIRIES:

**PHRF-NW Memberships** are available from any PHRF NW Handicapper.

If you do not know whom your PHRF-NW handicapper is, contact PHRF-NW Headquarters at 253-857-8858 or fax 425-962-8729 or email: [sailorgirl1@msn.com](mailto:sailorgirl1@msn.com)

### **IRC Certificates are available as follows:**

In Canada

Sail Canada, 53 Yonge Street, Kingston, Ontario K7M 6G4

Tel +1 613 545 3044

[irc@sailing.ca](mailto:irc@sailing.ca)

In USA

US Sailing Offshore Office, PO Box 1260, (15 Maritime Drive), Portsmouth, RI 02871

Tel +1 401 683 0800 Fax 683 0840

[IRC@ussailing.org](mailto:IRC@ussailing.org)

### **ORC Sailor Services**

[www.orc.org/](http://www.orc.org/)

ORC Canada

[www.orc.org/Canada/](http://www.orc.org/Canada/)

**Multihulls: Northwest Multihull Association** – Andy Robinson, email: [andy.robinson@shaw.ca](mailto:andy.robinson@shaw.ca) tel. 250-656.1349.

## 15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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