

vendée **SALTSPRING 2016**

NOTICE OF RACE

July 8-10 2016

Saltspring Island Sailing Club ("SISC"), in association with Maple Bay Yacht Club ("MBYC"), is pleased to host the twelfth annual Single- and Double-Handed Sailing Race for monohull sailboats around Saltspring Island with an overnight stop at Maple Bay. Multi-hull sailboats are also invited to compete within their own division.

The Organizing Authority for Vendée Saltspring 2016 is SISC.

1 RULES

1.1 Vendée Saltspring will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") for 2013-2016, and the class rules of PHRF BC.

1.2 Boats shall comply with the safety requirements of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2015-16 for a Category 4 race. Sections 3.12, 3.18, 3.19, 3.22, 4.01, 4.07.1a), 4.12, 5.01.1 a) ii), 5.01.1 b), shall not apply.

1.2.1 Boats may be equipped with lifelines made from coated stainless steel wire subject to the person-in-charge having inspected exposed wire and all fittings for signs of corrosion.

1.2.2 Boats sailing without lifelines will be allowed, subject to all crew wearing personal floatation devices at all times during the race. It is recommended that boats without lifelines use jack-lines and tethers during the race.

1.3 The Sailing Instructions may in certain circumstances permit propulsion to be used, provided the boat does not gain an advantage. The penalty for any permitted use of propulsion will be a Two-Turns Penalty plus a time penalty of 1% of the boat's elapsed time. This changes Rule 44. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.4 Boats sailing single-handed are permitted to use self-steering devices and automatic pilots. This changes Rule 52.

1.5 The Official Notice Board will be the race website at www.saltspringsailing.ca. Commencing Thursday, July 7, copies of all new notices will also be posted on a board located at the dock gatehouse.

2 ELIGIBILITY



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- 2.1 The race is open to boats 20 feet LOA and longer, that can and will be safely crewed by one or two persons (single- or double-handed).
- 2.2 All entrants shall comply with Rule 75 of the Racing Rules of Sailing by being a member of a club or other organization affiliated with a national authority (eg; Sail Canada, US Sailing).
- 2.3 Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US or CDN \$1,000,000 per incident. A valid certificate of insurance must be submitted on or before June 30, 2016.
- 2.4 All boats must have a current valid PHRF BC or PHRF-NW rating certificate. Boats without a current valid PHRF rating, may obtain a PHRF BC one-time Guest rating certificate for the race. See section 11.2.
- 2.5 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to inspect any boat for compliance of its sailing configuration with the specifications of the rating certificate prior to the race and after finishing the race.

3 ENTRY

- 3.1 The Organizing Authority will limit the number of entries. A maximum of twenty-five double-handed entries and up to fifteen single-handed entries will be accepted.
- 3.2 All participants are encouraged to take advantage of Regular Entry, which closes 17:00, Friday, June 24, 2016. Late entries will continue to be accepted up until Friday July 1, 2016 at 17:00, as space permits. Entries received after July 1, 2016 will not be accepted, due to the significant demands of food catering for this event.
- 3.3 Entry shall be completed via internet on the race website at saltspringsailing.ca/vendee-saltspring.
- 3.4 The certificate of insurance, and rating certificate or the completion of a PHRF BC one time Guest certificate application, must be received on or before Friday, July 1, 2016 by email to: vs-registrar@saltspringsailing.ca.



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3.5 **All entries shall register at the registration desk at Saltspring Island Sailing Club between 1400 and 1900 hrs, Friday, July 8.** *Boats that have not submitted their proof of insurance, rating certificate, safety declaration certificate, and crew information forms, as required by this Notice of Race, will not be given a registration package.* Boats that have not picked up their registration packages by 1800, Friday, July 8 will be scored as DNC.

4 FEES

4.1 **Single-handed boats:** \$130 per boat (taxes included), includes meal tickets for one person for dinners on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday; and all moorage at both SISC and MBYC.

4.2 **Double-handed boats:** \$220 per boat (taxes included), includes meal tickets for two persons for dinners on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday; and all moorage at both SISC and MBYC.

4.3 A late fee of \$30 will be assessed on accepted entries after the regular registration deadline of Friday, June 24, 2016 at 17:00.

5 SKIPPERS' MEETINGS

5.1 The Skippers' Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 0830 hrs at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club.

6 SAFETY

6.1 All boats shall be prepared and equipped in accordance with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 4 race, with modifications noted in Sec 1.2. For convenience, an unofficial extract listing the requirements is available on the safety declaration certificate form available on the race website at www.saltspringsailing.ca.

6.2 When picking up the registration package, all boats must submit a safety declaration certificate signed by the Person in Charge stating compliance with regulations.

6.2.1 All boats must submit the names and emergency contact information of all crew at the time of Registration. Forms may be downloaded from the race website and copies will be available at the registration desk.

6.3 All boats must have auxiliary power with energy capacity to operate for four hours at five knots.



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6.4 A boat's equipment must comply with the Transport Canada Small Craft Regulations or the requirements of their home country.

6.5 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to inspect any boat for compliance with the race requirements prior to the race and after finishing the race.

6.6 It is recommended that all participants wear approved lifejackets equipped with crotch straps at all times during the race. It is also recommended that all participants use safety harnesses, tethers, and jacklines while sailing in more than 20 knots of wind or a sea state in excess of one metre.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by Monday, July 4 and will be included in the registration package.

8 COURSE

8.1 **Leg 1:** The starting line will be in Ganges Harbour in the vicinity of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club. The finishing line will be in Maple Bay, in the vicinity of Maple Bay Yacht Club.

8.2 **Leg 2:** The starting line will be in the vicinity of Maple Bay. The finishing line will be in Ganges Harbour in the vicinity of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club.

8.3 The Race Committee may declare a short course finish line in advance of each leg, depending on weather conditions. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions, and clarifications or adjustments made at the skippers' meeting. *If less than twenty percent of the starting fleet complete the full course within the time limit, a short course finish will be scored.* This changes RRS Rule 35.

8.4 The **time limit** for Leg 1 of the race will be at **1800** on Saturday, July 9. The time limit for Leg 2 of the race will be at **1700** on Saturday, July 9.



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9 DIVISIONS

9.1 There will be separate divisions for Single-handed, and for Double-handed monohulls, and for Multihulls. A minimum of four boats is required to make up a separate division.

9.2 A list of entries and division breaks will be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before Friday, July 8 and distributed via email to all entries.

10 RATINGS

10.1 Boats with valid PHRF BC certificates will sail with that rating. An SISC rating will be assigned to PHRF-NW boats at no cost to align them with PHRF BC standards.

10.2 Boats without a current PHRF BC or PHRF-NW certificate must apply for a PHRF BC one-time Guest rating certificate. Boats applying for such a certificate shall pay a fee of \$15 as part of their registration, and submit boat specifications on the form available on the registration website to the Organizing Authority, on or before Friday, July 1. Boat specifications and any previous PHRF certificates can be submitted by email to: vs-registrar@saltspringsailing.ca.

10.3 Decisions of the Organizing Authority's Handicapper will not constitute grounds for redress.

10.4 The race will be scored Time on Time. The overall race results will be determined using a "low point" system as specified in the RRS.

11 MOORAGE

11.1 Entrants are permitted free moorage at SISC and MBYC from Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10. Limited additional pre-race or post-race moorage at SISC may be available, with priority given to those vessels coming from far away. *Every effort will be made to accommodate all vessels in secure moorage at SISC and MBYC, but moorage is limited.*

11.2 There is no charge for moorage of entered boats from 1200 hours, Friday, July 8 to 2100 hours, Sunday, July 10. Reasonable reciprocal rates will apply to boats that have made prior arrangements to stay longer; advance notice is required.

11.3 **The On-dock Wharfinger will monitor VHF channel 72** and will assign moorage space. Failure to follow instructions of the on-dock Wharfinger may result in loss of moorage privileges.



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12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 All boats are required to carry a VHF radio.

12.2 **The Race Committee** will monitor **VHF channel 72**. Individual or General Recalls may be announced on VHF channel 72.

12.3 **All Emergency Communications will use VHF channel 16**. The Canadian Coast Guard will be the primary contact for all emergency communications.

12.4 Except in an emergency or in fulfilling the requirements of the Sailing Instructions, a boat, while racing, shall not make or receive radio transmissions or mobile telephone calls, or use mobile internet devices to obtain information not available to all boats.

13 AWARDS

13.1 The Yellow Shirts will be awarded to the top finishers in each division in Leg 1 at approximately 1930 at MBYC.

13.2 The final race awards will be presented at approximately 1800 on Sunday, July 10 at SISC.

13.3 There will be awards for the top finishers of each division on each leg, and for the race overall:

Five or fewer registered boats – One award

Six to nine registered boats – Two awards

Ten or more registered boats – Three awards

14 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

14.1 Vendée Saltspring strives to be a leader in environmental sustainability and subscribes to the Clean Regatta program published by Sailors for the Sea.

14.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirements of Rule 55 of the RRS. Competitors are encouraged to use extra precautions to prevent trash from entering water. In particular, participants are strongly discouraged from using plastic single-use water bottles on the water.

15.3 The waters around Saltspring Island Sailing Club and Ganges Harbour are designated No Discharge Zones. The nearest holding tank pump out is at the Salt Spring Harbour Authority Kanaka Dock.



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15.4 Competitors are strongly encouraged to separate recyclables from on-board garbage and use appropriate shore-side containers.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in this event at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. Saltspring Island Sailing Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

16 CALENDAR

Fri	June 24	Entry deadline
Tue	July 1	Late entry deadline; PHRF and insurance certificate deadline
Mon	July 4	Sailing Instructions available

Saltspring Island Sailing Club:

Fri	July 8	1200:	Moorage available
		1400:	Registration packages available (SISC Clubhouse)
		1900:	Deadline for picking up registration packages
		1900 -2100:	Dinner in Clubhouse (incl. in registration fee)

Sat	July 9	0700-0800:	Breakfast (incl. in registration fee)
		0830:	Skipper's Meeting
		0955:	First Warning Signal

Maple Bay Yacht Club:

Sat	July 9	1800:	Leg 1 Time Limit
		1900:	Banquet at MBYC (incl. in registration fee)
			First leg Yellow Shirt awards

Sun	July 10	0700-0800	Breakfast in MBYC clubhouse (incl. in registration fee)
		0855:	First Warning Signal

Saltspring Island Sailing Club:

Sun	July 10	1630:	Leg 2 Time Limit
		1730:	Dinner at SISC (incl. in registration fee)
		1800:	Awards presentation

17 CONTACTS

For more information or questions regarding the Vendée Saltspring, please email racing@saltspringsailing.ca.



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