

SALTSPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Presents



16-17-18 May 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

➔ www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008

Rules

Round Saltspring 2008 will be governed by the rules as defined in the **2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing** and the **Prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA)**, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions.

Competitors will also comply with the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea**, with Canadian modifications. A link to this can be found on our website.

Eligibility

All monohull boats of at least 20 feet LOA are eligible to enter and compete for the Marshall Sharp Trophy. Multihull boats are also eligible to enter, but do not compete for the Marshall Sharp Trophy.

All boats must have a valid Certificate of Insurance, indicating public liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.

All boats must have a either valid **PHRF-NW** or **PHRF-BC** rating certificate. Boats without a valid PHRF rating may obtain a **Saltspring Island Sailing Club One-time Club Rating** for the race (see **Ratings** below).

All boats must comply with **Pacific International Yachting Association Minimum Equipment & Accommodation Standards (PIYA)** revised January 1, 2008, as well as current **Canadian Coast Guard** and **Transport Canada** safety and equipment regulations. Links to these can be found on our website.

All boats must be capable of operating for 6 hours under power.

Registration

All participants are encouraged to register by 1 May 2008, when Early Registration closes. Late registrations will continue to be accepted up until 14 May 2008 as space permits. Any registrations received after 14 May will be at the discretion of the registrar.

All registered participants must pick up their Registration Packages from the Registration Desk before 2000 hrs, Friday 16 May 2008. We will assume that boats whose Registration Packages have not been picked up have withdrawn and they will be listed as DNS (Did Not Start).

The Race Committee reserves the right to limit the number of registrations. Refusal of any entry is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Registration forms may be downloaded from our website.

Registration applications must include:

- a completed Registration Form
- full payment of all applicable fees
- a copy of a valid Certificate of Insurance
- either a copy of your valid PHRF-NW or PHRF-BC certificate or a completed One-time SISC Rating Application form

**Round Saltspring 2008
Saltspring Island Sailing Club
152 Douglas Rd.
Saltspring Island BC V8K 2J2**

Please mail to the address at right:

Skippers' Meeting

The Skippers meeting will be held on Saturday, 17 May 2008 at 0830 hrs at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club.

Safety Equipment and VHF

All boats shall be equipped in accordance with current PIYA Category III specifications. A signed PIYA certificate must be on board. PIYA certificates may be downloaded from our website.

Boats' equipment must also comply with Canadian Coast Guard Regulations. Lights must comply with current Transport Canada Collision Regulations. Boats who do not display legal navigation lights after sunset/before sunrise are subject to disqualification by the Race Committee.

At night the International Regulation for Preventing Collisions at Sea take precedence over the Racing Rules. All boats must keep clear of other vessels.

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats. Boats in violation of PIYA III, Coast Guard, or Transport Canada regulations will be disqualified.

Saltspring Island Sailing Club recommends that all **Round Saltspring 2008** sailors wear Transport Canada approved flotation devices, strobe lights, and use safety harnesses while sailing in darkness.

Engines may be run in the interests of safety, but not to better a boat's position. The duration shall be kept to a minimum, logged and reported to the Race Committee. A 360° turn must be made upon disengaging the engine.

Round Saltspring 2008 will be monitored on Channel 72. Individual or General Recalls will be announced on Channel 72. Use Channel 16 and standard Coast Guard procedures for emergency communications.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available to all entrants in the race package provided at the SISC registration desk prior to the Race. These will contain full race instructions including start and finish protocols, protest policies and penalty turn rules, award details and sponsor references.

Course

The course for **Round Saltspring 2008** will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

If the course is **clockwise** around Saltspring Island...

- The Sisters and Chain Islands must be left to port when leaving from and to starboard when returning to Ganges Harbour.
- Saltspring Island, Grappler Rock, and Atkins Reef are to be left to starboard.

If the course is **counter-clockwise** around Saltspring Island...

- The Sisters and Chain Islands are to be left to port when leaving from and to starboard when returning to Ganges Harbour.
- Saltspring Island, Atkins Reef and Grappler Rock, are to be left to port.

Race Divisions

There will be at least three divisions for monohulls, split by rating among all entrants. A No-Flying Sails division may be created (with appropriate rating adjustments). The division splits will be announced at the Skippers meeting.

A separate division and start may be established for multihulls if 5 or more multihulls are registered by 1 May 2008.

Scoring

Each boat's finishing times will be corrected using the PHRF-NW Time-on-Time formula.

Ratings

The Saltspring Island Sailing Club Handicapper will determine the rating to be allotted to each boat.

Owners of boats with valid PHRF-NW certificates will sail with that rating. A SISC rating will be assigned to PHRF-BC boats — at no cost — to align them with PHRF-NW standards.

Boat owners without a current PHRF-NW or PHRF-BC certificate must submit a completed **SISC One-time Club Rating Application** form with complete boat specifications to the SISC Handicapper with a fee of \$15 as part of their race registration. If applying for a one-time rating, please include any expired PHRF certificates you have for your boat in your application.

If a competitor decides to race a boat with a smaller sail area than that prescribed on their PHRF-NW rating certificate, such a decision must be made and declared by **12 May 2008**. In all instances, the SISC Rating Handicapper shall determine the "as raced" rating for all boats, which will not be subject to appeal.

All No Flying Sail division boats must be registered by **12 May 2008** in order to sail with a NFS rating. Otherwise late entries in this division will be given a non-NFS rating.

Moorage at SISC

SISC will endeavour to provide moorage to all visiting race entrants at the club docks subject to availability.

There is no charge for moorage from early Friday, 16 May to late Sunday, 18 May. Our very reasonable reciprocal rates will apply to boats that have made prior arrangements to stay longer. (Please give the Club plenty of notice if this is the case.)

On-dock SISC wharfingers will allocate all visiting boats to SISC moorage spaces.

Recycling, Garbage, Sewage and Parking

Please respect Salt Spring Island's environmental sensitivity.

- Recycle your cans, bottles and plastics in the containers provided.
- Garbage disposal is expensive so please take your garbage home. A dumpster is provided for some small garbage disposal on a donation basis.
- Please use your holding tank. Do not discharge sewage into the harbour. A marine sewage pump-out station is located at the Government dock in Ganges.
- Parking is limited in the Club areas so try to use only one vehicle per boat. All SISC members will be pleased to assist visitors with transport to Ganges. Just ask!

Awards

The race awards will be presented after the lamb roast at the SISC grounds on Sunday, 18 May 2008.

The **Marshall Sharp Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner (monohulls only). The **Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the winning SISC boat. Trophies will also be awarded to the first three finishers in each division. The **Tar and Feathers Trophy** will be awarded to the last finisher.

Numerous other valuable prizes will be offered.

Amendments to Notice of Race

Any amendments to this notice of race will be posted on the Race website and confirmed in the Sailing Instructions to be provided in the skippers package at SISC on Friday, 16 March 2008.

Further Information

For further race information please visit the Round Saltspring race website

➔ www.saltspringsailing.ca/rs2008

or contact **Round Saltspring 2008** Race Registrar, **Norah McCloy**.

email: rss@westove.com

Phone: (250) 538-1787

For handicapping questions, contact SISC handicapper, **Roger Kibble**.

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For further information about Salt Spring Island, visit ➔ www.saltspring.org