



Saltspring Island Sailing Club

48° 50.7' N
123° 29.3' W

Race Instructions and Notice of Race for the 2023 Round Saltspring Club Race

Eligibility and Rules

The 2023 Round Saltspring Club Race is open to SISC club members and invited guests with a sailboat. The Race will be generally governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing except as altered by these instructions.

Race Dates

June 17-18

Race Start and Skippers' Meeting

The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 9:45 on the club dock. The Start Time will be 10:30 unless otherwise determined at the Skippers' Meeting.

The Starting Line

The Starting Line location will be subject to wind conditions in the harbour and determined at the Skippers' Meeting.

If there is sufficient wind in the harbour to accommodate a start at the club, the Starting Line will be at the normal club start location.

If there is insufficient wind in the harbour to accommodate a start at the club, the start line will be between the Second Sister Light and SISC's Ganges Shoal mark, or another location as determined at the Skippers' Meeting.

Course

The course is a circumnavigation of Saltspring Island. The direction of the race (clockwise or counter-clockwise around Saltspring Island) will be determined at the Skipper's Meeting, based on a majority opinion of the

participating skippers. If a majority opinion cannot be reached, the direction for 2023 shall be clockwise.

The Chain Islands – including Deadman Island and all of the Sisters – shall be left to port on leaving the harbour, and to starboard on returning to the harbour.

Race Periods and Time Limit

Racers shall stop racing at a time and location of their choosing between 18:00 and 21:00 June 17. They must record their time and location when they stop racing, find a nice place to spend the night, and then resume racing (from the exact location where they stopped) any time after 6:30 the next morning. Racers must report their stop time for the evening of June 17 and restart time for the morning of June 18, along with their finish time(s).

The Time Limit for the Race is 18:00 June 18 for all boats.

Race Finish

The Finish will be the normal club finish (between the flagged start marks and self timed when crossing the flagpole transit).

Participants must email their start and finish times to the FCR at racing@saltspringsailing.ca before 10:00 Monday June 19.

Safety

A boat's equipment shall comply with the current Canadian Coast Guard Safe Boating Guide and the lights shall comply with current Collision Regulations.

Scoring

The race will be the sum of the two time periods described above. Participants must begin June 18 in the exact location where they ended racing the evening before, may not race between 21:00 on June 17 and 6:30 on June 18, and may not race after 18:00 on June 18.

Time on Time

The Time on Time method of scoring will be used

Handicapping

SISC Club Handicaps will be used. Boats without a club handicap may race with their PHRFBC handicap, if they have one, or will be assigned a handicap by the FCR before or after the race based on nothing more than the FCR's mood, opinion, and value of any bribes received.

SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that – By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules each competitor and boat owner agrees:
 - a) to be governed by the rules;
 - b) to accept penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules; and
 - c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.
2. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that – The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is the Skipper's alone.
3. The Skipper is responsible for the welfare of the boat and crew. All persons participating in Saltspring Island Sailing Club events do so entirely at their own risk. Skippers participating in Club races are required to carry liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.
4. Skippers to monitor VHF channel 16 and 72 during the race

Associate Members and Guests

SISC Associate Members and invited guests may participate in the race and will be scored the same as SISC members (except that their handicaps will be adjusted as needed, before or after the race, such that they have almost no chance of winning). Associate members and invited guests may tie up to F dock as guests of the FCR. Associate members and guests participating in the race must have equivalent insurance coverage to SISC members.

Use of Engines

Engines shall be turned off at least four minutes before crossing the start line at the beginning of the race. Boats which use their engines to avoid collision or grounding, to remove themselves from peril, or in other emergency or safety related instances, may not use their engines for strategic gain. The use of engines during the race, including all associated details, must be reported to the FCR immediately after the race. The FCR will determine if a time penalty is warranted.