

41st BLACKLINE PATOS ISLAND RACE

Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

April 13/14 2024

Sidney BC, Canada

Notice of Race (NoR)

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The Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club will be hosting its 41st Patos Island Race on April 13/14, 2024.

This regatta is a Vancouver Island Racing Series (VIRS) event and results will count towards the 2024 series. No registration is required for this series.

The event is a designated BC Offshore Series event. Separate registration is required for this series. You can register at: [BC LD Champ](#).

There will be a long course of 67 nm and a short course of 43 nm. The long course is open to yachts with PHRF BC ratings of 175 or less; the short course is open to all PHRF rated yachts. There will be a double handed division for the Long or Short Course if a four boat minimum is attained.

SNSYC will attempt to provide moorage for participating yachts. Larger/deep draft vessels may need to secure moorage at local marinas.

1 SCHEDULE

	Date	From	To
Registration Packages Available	Friday April 12 th	16:00	20:00
All-inclusive Buffet Dinner		17:30	19:30
Weather and Currents Briefing		19:30	20:00
Skippers Meeting		20:00	
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	Saturday April 13 th	08:00	09:00
Warning Signal for first start		10:55	
Complimentary Chili & Buns	Sunday April 14 th	00:01	09:00
Time Limit expires, both courses		11:00	
Hot Breakfast		08:00	11:00
Awards Presentation		11:00	

All social activities are held at SNSYC. The race start is in the vicinity of the Sidney downtown waterfront.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, available at "[RRS](#)". The prescriptions of Sail Canada apply, available at "[SC_RRS_Per](#)".
- 2.2 The Rules of PHRF BC, available at "[PHRF_BC](#)".
- 2.3 [DP] All monohull boats shall comply with Category 3 of the 2022–2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Monohulls with Canadian Prescriptions (available at "[OSR 3 mono Can](#)") as amended by The BC Sailing Keelboat Committee (available at "[BCCat3](#)").
- 2.3.1 5.01.1 d) Spray Hoods, for 2024 only prepend “recommended”.
- 2.4 [DP] All multihull boats shall comply with Category 3 of the 2022–2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Multihulls with Canadian Prescriptions (available at "[OSR 3 multi Can](#)") as amended by The BC Sailing Keelboat Committee (available at "[BCCat3](#)"). Amendment 2.3.1 above applies. The following amendments are for multihulls only:
- 2.4.1 3.07.3 Escape hatches for multihulls less than 12m, prepend “recommended.”.
- 2.4.2 3.29.2 VHF antenna for multihulls, for 2024 only prepend “recommended.”.
- 2.5 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall replace the relevant sections of Part 2 of the RRS between sunset and sunrise. IRPCAS is available at "[IRPCAS](#)".
- 2.6 Race participants will be required to download the Kwindoo Tracking system on their smart phone. This will require each boat to maintain a smart phone with data (including the USA) and a means of keeping the device charged throughout the race duration.
- 2.7 Boats entered as a Double-Handed crew are allowed to use self-steering and/or autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other situations, where having one crew member assigned to steering the yacht may compromise the safety of crew and craft. This changes RRS 52.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 08:00 on April 1st at <https://patosislandrace.com/>.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://patosislandrace.com/notice-board>.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2024 PHRF BC certificate. 2024 PHRF NW certificates will be accepted and will be normalized to PHRF BC regulations.

5.2 Classes are defined as follows:

Long Course	PHRF BC	PHRF \leq 175
Short Course	PHRF BC	Any handicap

Division splits will be announced at the skippers meeting.

5.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at <https://patosislandrace.com> together with the required fee by 23:59 April 8th, 2024.

There will be no course selection changes allowed by race participants after 11:00 April 9th 2024.

5.4 The number of boats entered is limited to 55. Boats will be placed on a waiting list once there are 55 entries.

6 FEES

6.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until February 28 th , 2024	Standard Fee
Long Course	\$140 Cdn	\$175 Cdn
Short Course	\$110 Cdn	\$140 Cdn

6.2 Social Activity fees:

All-inclusive Buffet Dinner (Friday)	\$39.00 / person
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (Saturday)	\$5.00 / person
Burrito Breakfast w/coffee & juice (Sunday)	\$5.00 / person

7 CREW LIMITATIONS

7.1 As per OSR 6.01.2, At least 30% but not fewer than two crew members, including the Person in Charge, shall have undertaken a one-day Sail Canada accredited (or equivalent) coastal personal survival course within five years before the start of the race. For double handed entries, OSR 6.01.2 requires that at least one shall have undertaken training.

BC Sailing and The Sailing Foundation both offer Safety at Sea programs. At this time,

BC Sailing has two 1-day Coastal Personal Survival Courses scheduled

(a) March 16, 2024 – West Vancouver YC

(b) March 23, 2024 – Sidney North Saanich YC

8 COURSES

8.1 The race start is in the vicinity of the Sidney downtown waterfront.

8.2 The Racing Area is shown in Appendix A, Course Description. Competitors are strongly advised to check the appropriate charts for navigational hazards.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 For boats in the Long and Short Courses, RRS 44.1 will apply (Two-Turns penalty).

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

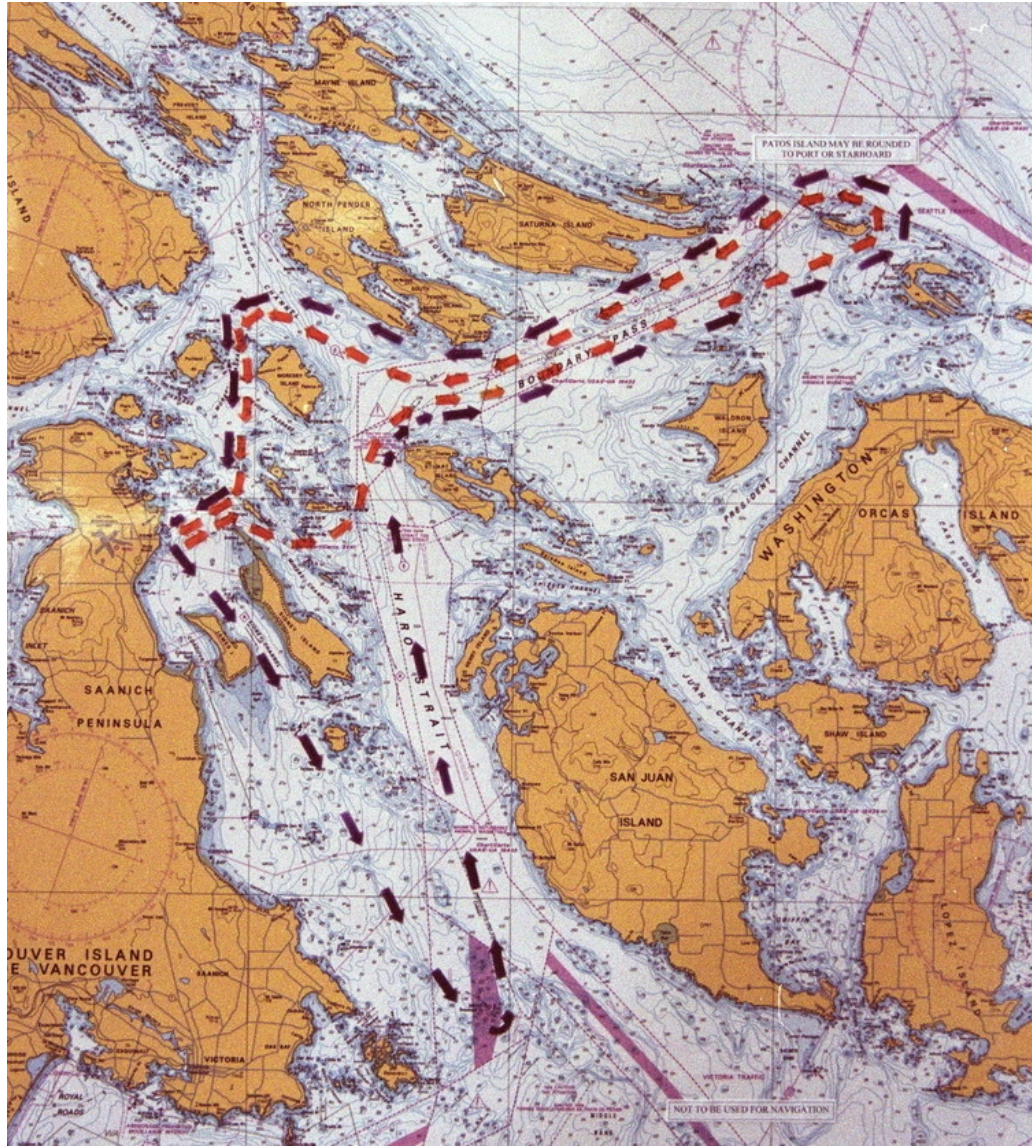
11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,500,000 Cdn per incident or the equivalent. A hard copy of the insurance policy must be on board while racing.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION


12.1 For further information please contact:
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Appendix A COURSE DESCRIPTION



Not to be used for Navigation

 Short Course

 Long Course

Patos Island may be rounded either to port or to starboard. Port option shown.