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RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Eligibility: Open only to boats registered at Classic Boat Festival®.

Skippers Meeting: 0900 hrs Sunday, below Information Centre on the Lower Causeway.

Handicapping: TBA.

Location of Start Line: The start line will be near the Navy “Degaussing Buoys”. After passing the Salute Vessel (**HMCS Oriole**) proceed southerly out of the harbour and then go approximately 2.5 miles due west (250 magnetic). You will have around a 1knot current against you at this time.

Identification: All boats to pass by Committee Boat (**New Seeker**) prior to start to be identified. Hail your vessel name please.

Start Box: Div 2 & 3 cannot enter the area 50 meters behind the start line until 1300 hrs.

Start Timing (GPS Time). Timings will also be called on VHF Ch 9.

		<u>(Postponement)</u>
1254 Hr	Warning Signal: Series of horns, no flags.	.00
1255 Hr	BLUE Flag up, 1 horn	.01
1259 Hr	BLUE Flag Down, 1 horn	.05
1300 Hr	Schooner & Div I Start – RED flag up, 1 long horn signal	.06
1304 Hr	Warning Signal: Series of horns, no flags.	.00
1305 Hr	BLUE Flag Up, 1 horn	.01
1309 Hr	BLUE Flag Down, 1 horn	.05
1310 Hr	Div 2 & 3 Start – Red Flag up, 1 long horn signal	.06

Start Line: Between the MAST of the Committee Boat and the grey degaussing buoy that is closest to and north of the Committee Boat.

Finish Line: The Committee Boat will set a line across the entrance to the outer harbour near the breakwater and before the cruise ship docks. You will receive a “horn” to signal your finish.

Over Early: Boats over early will be hailed (voice & VHF 9) and must re-cross completely over the start line and restart (around an end or through the middle). Boats over early must keep clear of other boats.

Courses:**Schooners & Division 1**

1. Start
2. "VH" to port
3. Finish

Divisions 2 & 3

1. Start
2. Finish

"VH" is also known as "the Quarantine Buoy"

Alternative Course: If weather conditions permit, the course may be lengthened. This information will be given to Skippers at the Skippers Meeting.

Shorten Course: There is limited ability to shorten course. If weather conditions indicate that the race will not be completed, competitors should be listed to VHF Channel 9 for alternatives.

Postponement: The Committee Boat will fly code flag "AP" and make 2 sound signals. The Warning Signal will be 1 minute after removal of flag with sound.

Abandonment: The Committee Boat will fly code flag "AP" and make a series of sound signals. All competitors return to your slip at the Classic Boat Festival® docks.

Withdrawal: Notify the Committee Boat by hailing, or on VHF Ch 9.

Time Limit: 1600 hours for all boats. Boats not finished will be scored "Did Not Finish".

Protests: This is a fun race. There will be no protests. Yachts making an infraction are encouraged to make a 360-degree turn to exonerate yourself.

Tides & Currents: TBA

There is a flood current during the race. Flood is stronger at "VH".

Safety: The safety of the yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper. It is the skipper's sole decision to sail or to continue sailing.

Awards: First place plaques will be awarded in all 4 divisions at the Sunday evening banquet.

Sail past & Salute: 1100 hrs -- Off the Breakwater -- Outer Harbour -- HMCS Oriole

At the Request of the Harbour Master:

- Please leave 5 yellow markers close to PORT.
- Sailboats are not to raise sails until opposite West Bay.
- After West Bay stay to starboard side of harbour to avoid commercial traffic

Radio Frequencies

Harbour Master (Federal Government) -- VHF 73

Classic Boat Festival® Harbour Control -- VHF 68

Race Committee – VHF 9

DISCLAIMER

The Victoria Real Estate Board, Black Press and the Race Committee take no responsibility in the event of an accident or for any loss or damage sustained by your vessel. Please check your own insurance.