



NOTICE OF RACE Giants Head Regatta

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Summerland Yacht Club

13209 Lakeshore Drive South
Summerland, BC V0H 1Z1

DATES:

August 8 & 9, 2026

INVITATION

Summerland Yacht Club (SYC) is pleased to host the annual Giants Head Regatta. All activities will be concentrated around the SYC clubhouse and marina, including social events over the weekend. SYC invites all skippers, their crews, supporters and sponsors to enjoy the festivities.

RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028* (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, this Notice of Race (NoR), and the Sailing Instructions (SI).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official notice board online at <https://summerlandyachtclub.com/syc-ghr-2026/> on or before July 15, 2026.
- 2.2 PHRF-BC Rules apply to handicap racing fleets, available online at <https://bcsailing.bc.ca/>.

COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 NoR and SI updates will be posted to the official notice board located online on Summerland Yacht Clubs website: <https://summerlandyachtclub.com/syc-ghr-2026/>
- 3.2 [Discretionary Penalty - DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will attempt to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 72. Failure to receive a courtesy broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication unless that information is available to all boats. This restriction also includes mobile phones.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all keel boats with a valid 2026 PHRF certificate and MacGregor sailboats
- 4.2 Any boat not holding a valid PHRF certificate will be issued a rating by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3 The PHRF-BC rating system with time-on-time calculations apply.
- 4.4 Fleets: The Race Committee will decide fleet divisions after the number and type of entrants is determined. A minimum of five boats registered to race shall constitute a separate one-design fleet. Boats racing in the one-design fleet shall comply with class rules. Fleet D (McGregor) shall race using white sails only. Spinnakers, gennakers, Code Zero sails, and other free-flying sails are prohibited.
- 4.5 Where fewer than five boats register for a provisional fleet, the Organizing Authority may combine fleets and assign boats using the PHRF-BC rating system..
- 4.6 Registration will be available online and a link to the registration page will be posted on Summerland Yacht Club webpage here: <https://summerlandyachtclub.com/syc-ghr-2026/> starting June 1, 2026 and ending August 1, 2026 at 23:30 PDT.
- 4.7 Provisional Classes are defined as follows:

Fleet A	PHRF	< 153
Fleet B	PHRF	≥ 153
Fleet C (S525)	Class Rules	One Design Racing
Fleet D (MacGregor sailboats)	Class Rules	Modified One Design – Water ballast required while racing
Fleet E	White Sails	Any PHRF

*Minimum five entries required to constitute a one-design fleet.

FEES

5.1 Skipper & Vessel Registration Entry Fees **DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026:**

- Regular Entry Fee: \$194.25

5.1.1 Skipper & Vessel Registration Entry Fees include:

- *Friday Night Welcome Social*
- *Two Full Days of Racing*
- *Saturday Night Social Activities*
- *Sunday Awards Barbeque with Prizes for Winners in Each Fleet*
- *One (1) Weekend Meal Tickets (see 5.2.1) *Additional Meal Tickets available for purchase on SYC's webpage: <https://summerlandyachtclub.com/syc-ghr-2026/>*

5.2 Please encourage your crew to purchase Weekend Meal Tickets before **August 1:**

- Regular Meal Ticket: \$89.25

5.2.1 Weekend Meal Ticket include:

- *Saturday Morning Breakfast*
- *Saturday bagged lunch (self serve sandwich makings and snacks)*
- *Saturday Evening Dinner (**live band: TBD**)*
- *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
- *Sunday Afternoon Awards Banquet BBQ*

5.3 Refunds and/or cancellations will be accepted up to 17:00 PDT on July 31, 2026. Please note, all refunds and/or cancellations will be subject to a \$25.00 administration fee. Any refunds and/or cancellations processed after this date will be subject to a 100% charge of the overall fee.

5.4 Prices stated above include applicable taxes.

SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration & Check-In: Friday, August 7 from 16:30 – 19:00 PDT at Summerland Yacht Club Patio. Restaurant will be open Friday 4pm - 8pm.

6.2 Racing:

6.2.1 Competitors' meeting will be at 08:30 PDT on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

6.2.2 Scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday, August 8, 2026 is 09:30 PDT with race to Rattlesnake Island and return to SYC to be completed or by abandoned by 16:00 PDT.

6.2.3 Scheduled time for the first warning signal on Sunday, August 9, 2026 is 09:30 PDT with no race starting later than 13:00 PDT.

6.3 Social Events:

6.3.1 A detailed schedule of events will be circulated closer to the date of the event.

COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be on Okanagan Lake in the vicinity of Summerland Yacht Club. Saturday will be a race to Rattlesnake Island from SYC and returning to SYC. Sunday's racing will be around buoys. A detailed description will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING

- 8.1 Each Fleet will be scored separately.
- 8.2 Scoring will be calculated using Time on Time.
- 8.3 One (1) race is needed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.4 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 8.5 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.6 For all classes:
 - 8.6.1 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores.
 - 8.6.2 When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.
 - 8.6.3 When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their two worst scores.

PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded in each fleet.
- 9.2 A first overall prize will be awarded by calculating the lowest point score as follows:

Total of Low Point Scoring System received by the boat for all races in its series, divided by the number of races of its class, divided by the number of boats in its class. Discards are in accordance with the Regatta's Sailing Instructions.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1 All Transport Canada Safety Regulations as they apply.
- 10.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.3 A boat may be requested to assist another vessel as directed by the Race Officer of the Day.

COMPETITOR CONDUCT

- 11.1 Competitors, support persons, and guests are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, seamanship, and courtesy toward fellow competitors, volunteers, race officials, and club members.
- 11.2 Competitors shall comply with marina and event operational instructions while using Summerland Yacht Club facilities.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 12.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, Notice of Race, and Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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. The risks include but are not limited to strong winds, 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.**

INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

MOORAGE & CLUB ACCESS

- 15.1 If temporary moorage is required at Summerland Yacht Club, please complete the Reciprocal Moorage Request Form at:

<https://summerlandyachtclub.com/3765-2/>

located online at summerlandyachtclub.com under “I would like to...” – Apply for Guest Moorage. This request must be completed. All visiting vessels using club facilities must carry a minimum of **\$3,000,000** third-party liability insurance.

- 15.2 Access to the Summerland Yacht Club and marina will be kept open for the event.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- 16.1 All regatta participants are requested to adhere to the Summerland Yacht Club Environmental Policy including: eliminating the release of contaminants to the water column, both directly and indirectly, minimize the release of pollutants to the atmosphere, avoid contamination of the ground, adopt waste reduction, reuse and recycling strategies, optimize energy and water conservation, promote good environmental practices to all parties, abide by, and, where possible, exceed the requirements of all relevant legislation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information, please contact:

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Link to event Website

