



**GIANT'S HEAD REGATTA
SUMMERLAND YACHT CLUB**

August 8 - 9, 2026

Summerland, B.C. Canada

**SUPPLEMENT to the STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSI)
(Numbering corresponds to the Sailing Instructions – (Appendix S))**

[DP] denotes a rule for which a penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2025-2028), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI's) for this event.
- 1.2** [DP] RRS 77 is changed as follows: - Boats must display correct Sail numbers on their Main Sails. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNS.
- 1.3** Boats must comply with Canadian Coast Guard Small Vessel Regulations pertaining to minimum safety equipment on board.
- 1.4** For all the class(es), RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board located at <https://summerlandyachtclub.com/syc-ghr-2026/> and will also be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the Clubhouse foyer.
- 2.2** The race office is located in SYC Clubhouse.

- 2.3** No signals will be displayed ashore. Postponements of the event due to weather conditions shall be announced in the clubhouse at least one hour prior to the 1st Class Warning Flag that day.
- 2.4** On the water, the race committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 2.5** The race office is located at 13209 Lakeshore Dr. S., Summerland, BC V0H 1Z1, telephone (race committee boat) TBA, email admin@summerlandyachtclub.com.
- 2.6** Signals from the RC boat will be displayed and announced by 3 short horn blasts.
- 2.7** When flag AP is displayed from the RC boat, the race is postponed. One minute after AP is lowered, the warning signal will be made.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES / WEEKEND EVENTS

3.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Fleets	Races	Type Race
Saturday August 8	All	3	Distance
Sunday August 9	All	RC Discretion	BUOYS

- 3.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 09:30.
- 3.3** The latest time for a warning signal on Sunday is 13:00. The Race Committee may determine the timing of warning signals prior to that time.
- 3.4** Schedule for the Weekend

Friday, August 7th

4:30pm-7:00pm Registration Package pickup and Rum Tasting
 Summerland Yacht Club bar and grill restaurant
 open 4pm to 8pm, Bar open 4pm to 10pm

Saturday, August 8th

7:00am – 8:15am Breakfast
 7: 00am-8:15am Make your own lunch table for bag lunch
 8:30am Skippers Meeting (SYC Clubhouse)
 9:30am Race starts
 3:00 pm Bar open at SYC
 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Buffet style dinner for Sailors
 8:00pm – 10:30pm Band plays SYC Announces last call

Sunday, August 9th

7:00 – 8:15am	Breakfast (Kitchen to provide menu)
8:30am	Skippers Meeting (if needed)
9:30am	Race starts
1:00pm	Race Finishes
1:00pm	SYC Bar Open for Sailors
1:00pm	Sunday Afternoon BBQ starts
2:00pm	Awards Ceremony
4:00pm	Wrap UP – tidy up

4 CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1** The following is a preliminary guide of fleet divisions, subject to registration. At the close of registration, the race committee will designate the boats in each fleet. Fleets may be added, deleted or modified.

Fleet	Class	Flag
A	PHRF < 153	Blue
B	PHRF ≥ 153	Yellow
C	Santana 525	Green
D	MacGregor	Orange
E	White Sails	Purple

5 COURSES

- 5.1** The diagram(s) on ADDENDUM “A” – RACING AREAS: RATTLESNAKE ISLAND COURSE and SUNDAY COURSE around BUOYS.

- 5.2** Saturday, August 8, 2026, the Courses are:

Fleets	Race	Start	Finish
A, B, C, D, E	1	SYC Start	Rattlesnake Island
A, B, C, D, E	2	Rattlesnake Island	SYC Finish
A, B, C, D, E	3 (Overall time)	SYC Start	SYC Finish

- 5.3** Sunday, August 9, 2026, the Courses are at Race Committees Discretion. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

North Starts / Port Rounding		
1	X - B - X	1.50 nm
2	X - A - X	3.04 nm
3	X - B - X - C - X	3.45 nm
4	X - A - X - C - X	4.99 nm
5	X - B - C - X	3.40 nm
6	X - A - C - X	4.96 nm

South Starts / Port Rounding		
7	X - C - X	1.94 nm
8	X - C - X - B - X	3.45 nm
9	X - C - X - A - X	4.99 nm
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6 MARKS

- 6.1** Marks are described on ADDENDA “A” – RACING AREAS or as per updated course sheets to be announced.

- 6.2** The following marks are rounding marks:

- ***Rattlesnake Island***, which shall be rounded by transiting the channel between the island and the mainland in a ‘DOWNWIND’ direction relative to the prevailing wind at the time of rounding (i.e., north-to-south in a northerly wind, south-to-north in a southerly wind).
- All other marks, if identified in the Course, shall be rounded to port.

- 6.3** Marks, described on the Racing Areas, are approximately located as follows: -

Start-Finish	49° 35.950' N	119° 38.620' W
SYC A Mark	49° 37.450' N	119° 39.010' W
SYC B Mark	49° 36.700' N	119° 38.640' W
SYC C Mark	49° 35.080' N	119° 37.950' W

- 6.4** The channel between Rattlesnake Island and the mainland to the East is designated as a GATE and must be transited by sailing downwind.

7 THE START

- 7.1** The starting line is between an orange buoy to the East and the mast on the signal vessel.
- 7.2** Fleet starting order shall be: **C, B, A**
- 7.3** Fleets may be combined for starting.
- 7.4** Race Committee Signals, the *Start* signal for a fleet may coincide with the '5 minute preparatory' fleet signal for the next fleet. (Rolling Start)
- 7.5** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The RC boat, at its discretion, may penalize the offending boat by scoring a DNS.
- 7.6** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified; the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.7** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 7.8** In the case of a downwind start, boats shall not set spinnakers or other free-flying sails until their hull has completely crossed the starting line after the start signal. A boat doing so prematurely may be identified as OCS and shall comply with any individual recall procedures.
- 7.9** If no timing facility is present at the Race 1 finish, a boat in Fleets A, B, C, D, or E shall record its own finishing time at the Race 1 finish mark and report that time to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. That time may be used as the boat's Race 2 start time.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1** The finishing line is between an orange buoy to the East and the mast on the signal vessel, should the vessel be absent it is the buoy to which it was attached at the 'start'. This changes RRS Appendix S 11.1. An onshore timing team may be present.
- 8.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes any race, she shall report her finishing time (hr/min/sec), and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 8.3** A boat in Fleets A, B, C, D, or E that reasonably determines it will be unable to reach Rattlesnake Island by the 14:00 time limit on Saturday may retire from Race 1 and proceed directly to Rattlesnake Island under power in order to compete in Race 2, provided it does not overtake any boat still racing in Race 1. A boat electing this option shall be scored RET for Race 1 and DNF for Race 3 and will remain eligible to

compete in Race 2. The boat shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.

8.4 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

8.5 Handicap Classes will race under the BC Sailing PHRF rating Time on Time system (A=650, B=550).

9 TIME LIMITS

9.1 The Overall Time Limits are shown in the tables below.

The Rattlesnake Island timing team will remain in place no later than 14:00

Saturday, August 8, 2026

FLEET	RACE	MARK	TIME LIMIT
A, B, C, D, E	1	Rattlesnake Island	4 hrs 30 min = 2:00 Pm
A, B, C, D, E	2	SYC Finish	
A, B, C, D, E	3	SYC Finish	8 hrs 30 min = 6:30 Pm

Sunday, August 9, 2026

The time limit for Sunday races shall be 90 minutes unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee.

Boats that do not finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat of their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 Competitors are requested when finishing to inform the Committee Boat if they are intending to file a protest. Failure to do so will not affect the validity of a protest but is requested as a courtesy.

10.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the committee boat has docked at the conclusion of the day's racing. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

10.3 Protest forms are available at the race office.

- 10.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the members' lounge, beginning at the time posted.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Based on the nature and severity of any emergency, the boat may contact: -

Race Officer of the Day – details to be provided prior to any starts of the day.

Race Committee- **Channel 72 (working channel)** Emergency – call **911**

OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows: Flying an RC flag.

TRASH DISPOSAL

Protect our environment, BRING IT ASHORE.

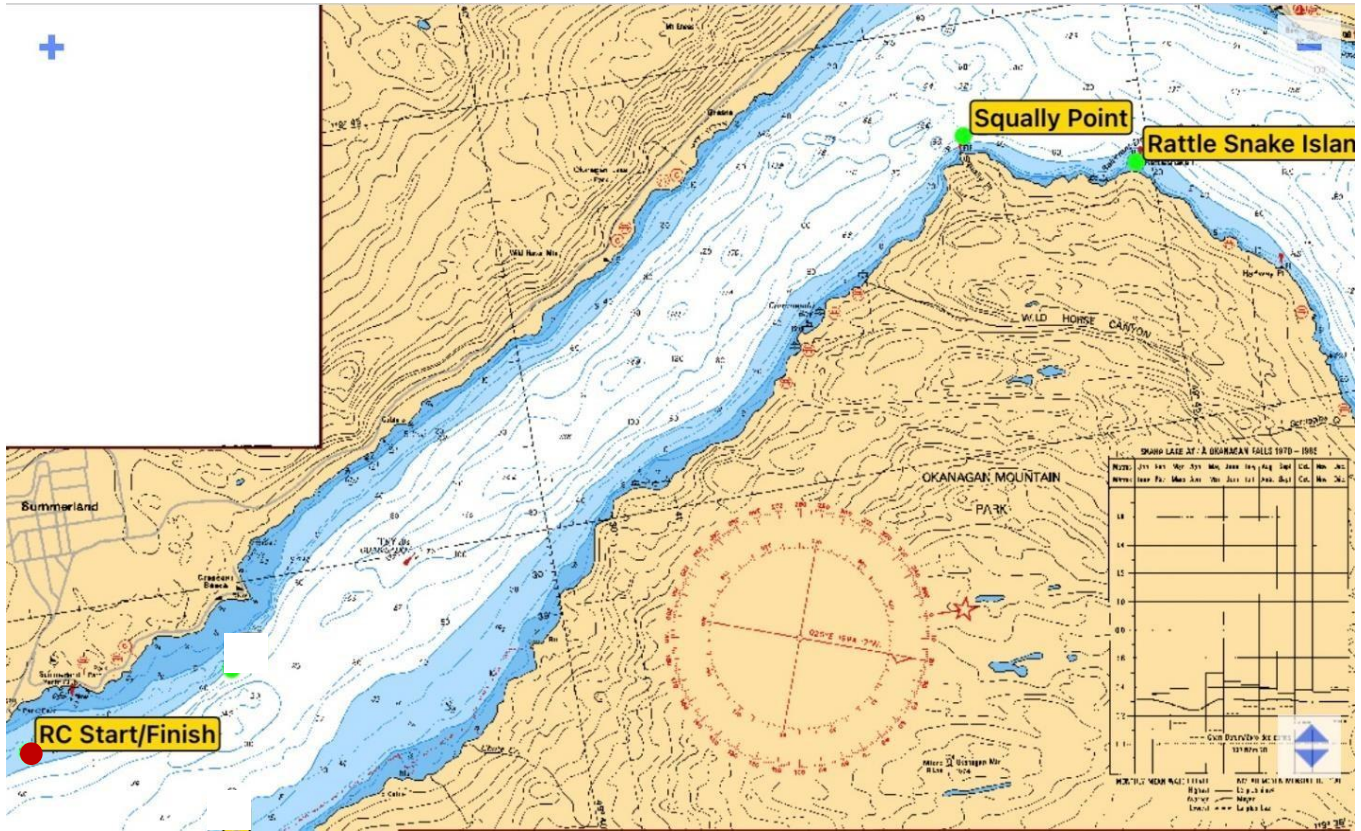
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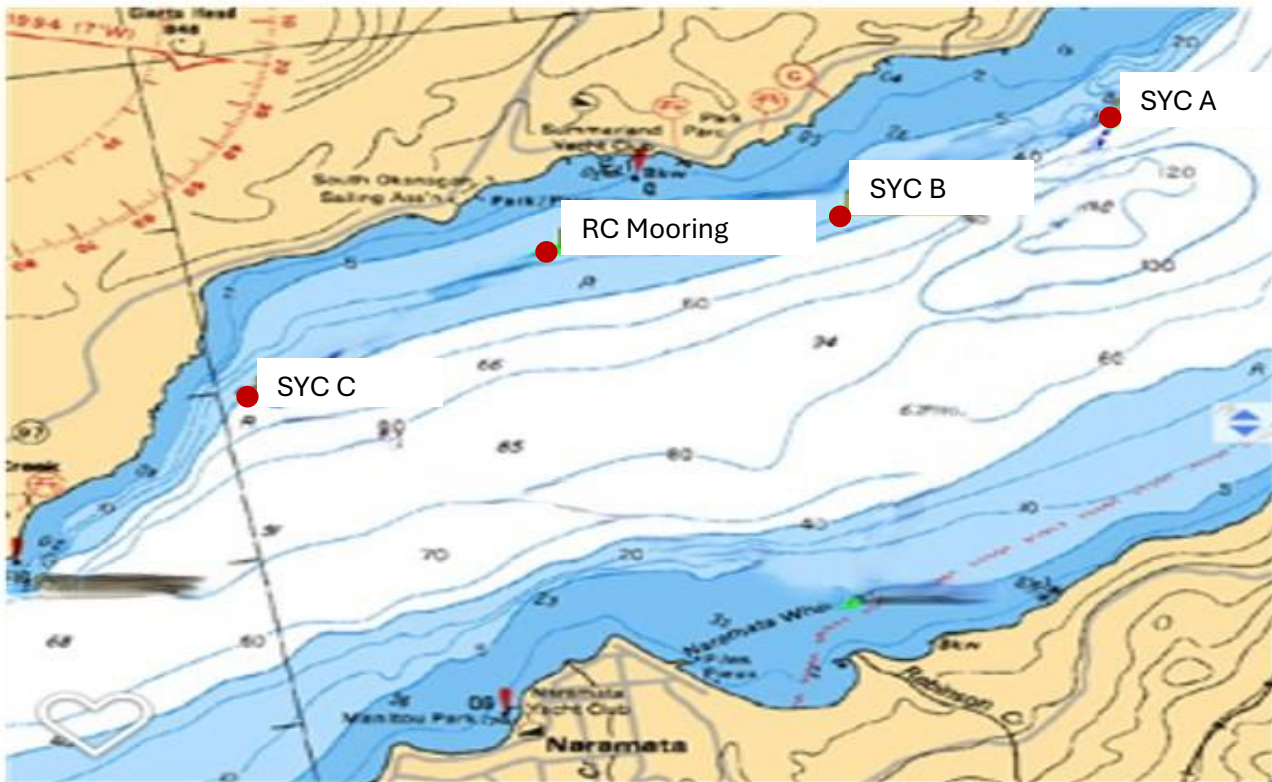
AND RESULTS

ADDENDUM "A" – RACING AREAS

SATURDAY RATTLESNAKE ISLAND COURSE:



SUNDAY COURSE:



SYC 2025 Club Racing Courses

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