

# SATURNA ISLAND REGATTA



Ninth Annual — Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 24-26, 2007

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, except where the **Saturna Island Racing Rules (S.I.R.R.)**, these sailing instructions or the Fleet Captain's prerogative dictates. The regatta is designated Category "A1" of course.

### Saturna Island Racing Rules (S.I.R.R.)

1. Fleet Captain must be addressed as SIRR!
2. All yachts will avoid bumping into each other, the shore or any other obstructions.
3. Unsporting or improper competitive behavior will be penalized. (This may include any over-emphasis on fancy equipment or over-qualified crew.)
4. Actions taken which increase the enjoyment of the race for crewmembers, competitors or spectators will improve that yachts standing (and vice-versa).
5. All captains are members of the race committee.
6. At the Post Race Cocktails, Excuses and Un-Believable Claims Meeting captains may plead their ships case but cannot vote for their own ship.
7. The Fleet Captain is entitled to decide who has won after hearing all accounts, claims, yarns and excuses.
8. Flogging, keelhauling and hanging from the yardarm requires unanimous support of the race committee.

### 2 Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing Fleet Captain (preferably before race-day but final entrants may be accepted at the pre-race Skipper's Meeting). Eligibility requirements for boats are THE ABILITY: TO SHOW UP AT THE START LINE, TO GET SAFELY AROUND THE COURSE UNDER SAIL, TO HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR, TO HAVE A CONTROLLED COMPETITIVE TENDENCY and to have a good sense of PROPER YACHTING.

### 3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Competitors are hereby notified to relax and have a good time.
- 3.2 Competitors must do their utmost to appreciate the efforts of other vessels.
- 3.3 Competitors must OBSERVE AND NOTE THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHER VESSELS IN THE RACE, as these observations may prove valuable later in the Post Race Excuses and Un-believable Claims Meeting.

### 4 Skipper's Meeting

- 4.0 Informal Skipper's **Rendezvous** Friday 19:00 Saturna Yacht Club (Lighthouse Pub) next to ferry dock.
- 4.1 A brief Skipper's **Rendezvous** will be held at 10:00 on Saturday (Larry and Robyn Page dock adjacent to Croker Point, Saturna Beach, Plumber Sound), for final race instructions and course. (Points will be given for attendance.) Boats with a dinghy in the water please assist other skippers to attend. Departure for race - course around 10:20.
- 4.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be distributed at Skipper's Meeting.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the private dock West of Corker Point if the Committee Boat is not in position. FRANTICALLY WAVED FLAG with TWO HORN BLASTS means, "the race is postponed". The next pre-race warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes later.

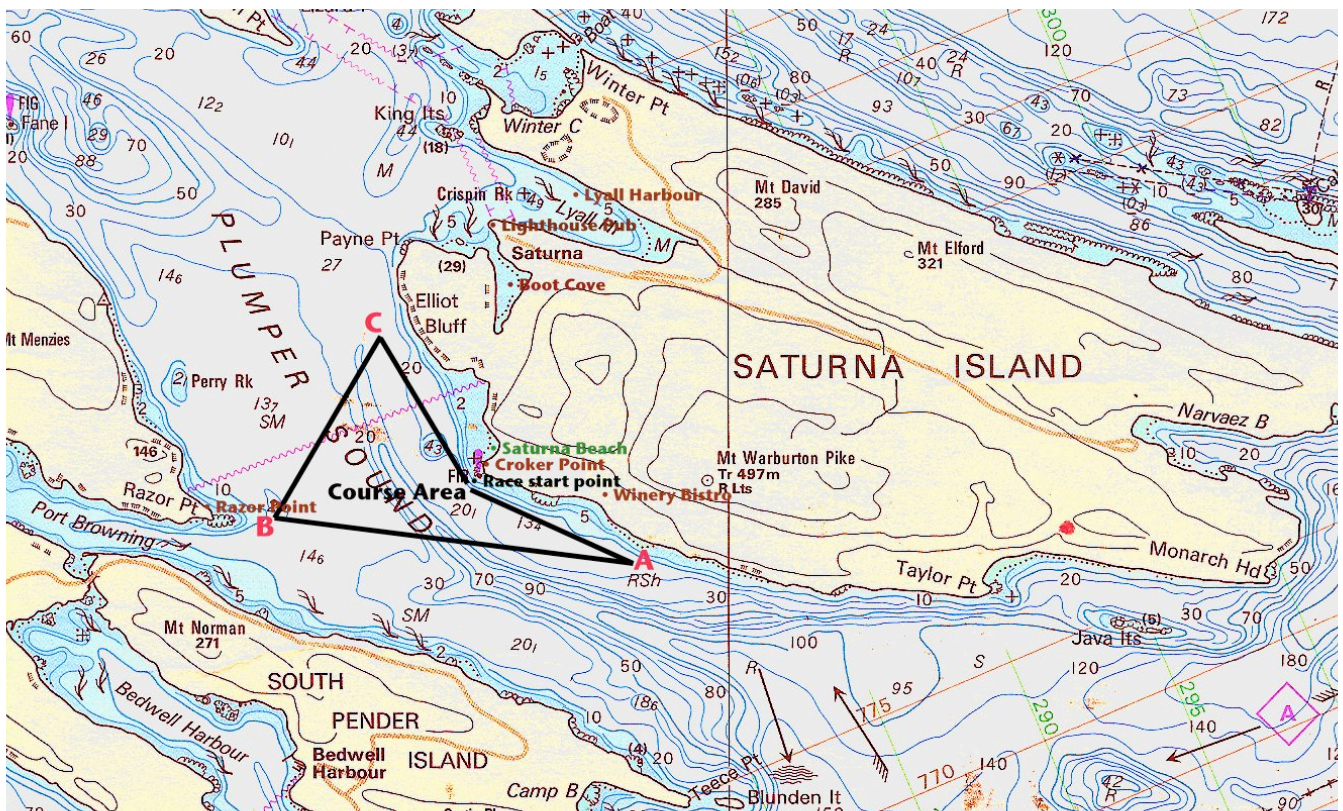
## 6 Schedule of Races

Main race - Saturday, August 25th. First warning signal at 10:50. All classes start at 11:00  
Doldrum limit is 14:30. No starts will be made after this time.

## 7 Class Flags

Any yacht feeling especially classy may fly an appropriate flag indicating so.

## 8 Racing Area (The course may change.)



## 9 The Course

9.1 The diagram **Illustration A** shows the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. There are TWO POSSIBLE COURSES directed by the wind with starts to windward; therefore a north wind means a NORTH COURSE and a south wind means a SOUTH COURSE!

The SOUTH COURSE is approximately 4 nautical miles — from the start line at Croker Point (between committee boat and flag buoy), southeast to a S.I.R.R. buoy (A) approximately 1 nautical mile ESE, then northwest to a S.I.R.R. buoy (B) anchored approximately 300 meters North-East of Razor point buoy, then North to another S.I.R.R. Buoy (C) anchored one half a nautical mile off Elliot Bluff, then East to the finish line between Croker Point and the start flag buoy. S.I.R.R. buoys are large blue/green drums clearly marked with letters. ALL MARKS TO STARBOARD.

The NORTH COURSE is the reverse of the SOUTH COURSE with ALL MARKS TO PORT.



S.I. R.R. Marks are highly visible!

**THE RACE WILL BE TWICE AROUND COURSE. IF WINDS ARE TOO LIGHT, THE RACE WILL BE SHORTENED TO ONE ROUND.**

**DIVISION ONE (SMALLER BOATS) ARE ENTITLED TO OMIT THE FINAL MARK ON SECOND ROUND.**

Note that if the Committee Boat *Anne Elizabeth* is not on station at the finish, finish signals will be provided from dock west of Croker Point.

## **10 The Start**

10.1 Race will have ONE START with SLOWER BOATS (Division 1) and FASTER BOATS (Division 2) starting together. Designation to classes at the discretion of the Fleet Captain will be maintained for prize giving.

10.2 Races will be started as follows. Times shall be taken from the visual signals (flags); the failure of a sound signal (blast) shall be disregarded.

### **Starting Signals:**

**10:50 — Warning** (10 minutes to Start) — **Red Flag** raised — 1 Blast

**10:55 — Preparatory** (5 minutes to Start) — **Blue Flag** raised — 1 Blast,

**10:59 — One-Minute** (1 minute to Start) — **Blue Flag** lowered — NO Blast

**11:00 — START DIVISIONS 1 and 2** — **Red Flag** Raised — 1 LONG Blast

**Starting line** will be between flags shown on the Committee Boat (Lovely vintage wooden launch *Anne Elizabeth*) at the OFFSHORE end and a buoyed flag on the INSHORE end of the Start Line.

10.3 Any boat starting later than the beginning of the Post Race Cocktails, Excuses and Unbelievable claims Meeting will be considered “gone cruising”.

## **11. Mark Boat**

The Mark Boat may be stationed at any mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress.

## **12 The Finish**

The finishing line will be between buoyed flag on the start line and the flag on the private dock west of Croker Point.

## **13 Time Limits**

The race will be cancelled after 14:30. Participants will muster for the Post Race Cocktails, Excuses, and Un-Believable Claims Meeting immediately after cancellation.

## **14 Penalty System**

**Infringements involving touching of marks or other boats require offending yacht(s) to complete a 360 degree turn for each infraction before crossing the finish line — witnesses will be required! Remember...the Fleet Captain rules!**

## 15 Protests

15.1 Protests shall be offered orally at POST RACE COCKTAILS, EXCUSES AND UNBELIEVABLE CLAIMS MEETING. Such P.R.C.E.U.C. meeting will convene within 10 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish or earlier at the Fleet Captains discretion.

15.2 Protests will be heard in an order decided by the Fleet Captain. How long they are heard depends on their entertainment value.

## 16 Scoring

Each yacht must sail the course to the best of its ability while observing the performance of other yachts. Finish times will be observed and recorded. The performance of all yachts will be reviewed in order assigned by the Fleet Captain and according to Saturna Island Racing Rules. Order of finish will be noted but each yacht may provide an oral claim to victory at the POST RACE COCKTAILS, EXCUSES AND UNBELIEVABLE CLAIMS MEETING. Cross-examination and commentary by other yacht crews is permitted, but may bring penalties if mean spirited or boring.

## 17 Saturna Island Regatta Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to at least the yacht placing first in each scoring category. All prizes are considered "challenge trophies" requiring the winners to return to defend their victory at the next Saturna Island Regatta.

PROPER YACHTING — O.G.Y.C. — Oh God You're Classy Trophy (*style, good looks*)

GREAT RACE — DIVISION 1 — Tidley Cup 1 (*winner amongst the slower boats*)

GREAT RACE — DIVISION 2 — Tidley Cup 2 (*winner amongst the faster boats*)

REMARKABLE CREW — The Cutty Sark Trophy (*heroic seamanship, galley arts or other contributions adding to the pleasure of a vessel or the fleet*)

BEST RACE — Shores Jewelers Trophy (*Best performance regardless of placing or size*)

THE LITTLE SILVER CUP — (*For something notable*)

DUBIOUS RACING — Saturna Island Regatta Flotsam Trophy

## 18 Haul-out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat before the first scheduled race and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except:

(a) To keep them afloat

(B) Anchoring too close to Saturna Beach shoals

## 19 Event Plan Summary

Local anchorages are in Boot Cove, Lyall Harbour, Winter Cove and Browning Harbour, Pender Island. Dockside is available sometimes at Government dock at Lyall Harbour. Yachts are welcome to anchor at Saturna Beach Saturday evening, weather permitting. There is a choice of rafting up at anchor (watch the sandy shoal and eelgrass habitat) or shallow draft mooring to the dock of Larry and Robyn Page (at the south end of the bay). Boat hopping allowed!

Skippers and crews are encouraged to attend the Rendezvous at Saturna Yacht Club (Lighthouse Pub) at 19:00 Friday. Fleet Captain will distribute final Racing Instructions at official **Skipper's Meeting** on Saturday at 10:00 sharp. **Race Start** at 11:00. **The Post Race Cocktails, Excuses and Un-Believable Claims** meeting is held on the Page's dock. If inspired (points may be given), bring a light appetizer & beverage. Saturna Winery samplings are offered. A superbly catered (Hubertus) **Mariner's Barbecue** will be held at Thompson Park, Saturna Beach after meeting 16:00 \$ 25 all-inclusive. Please RSVP. Guests welcome. BYOB. Sunday 11:00 the **Winery Bistro** is open to all skippers, crew, and guests for a departing brunch/lunch and live music featuring trombone and cello. (Bistro is a short walk up from Saturna Beach/Thompson Park.)

**And may we have good winds and a good time!**