

## NOTICE OF RACE

Schooner Cove Yacht Club Presents the

### BMW LASQUETI ISLAND RACE

May 29 - May 31, 2026

#### 1.0 Rules and Eligibility/Ratings

1. The Regatta will be governed by 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, as amended for Category 3 in 2026, the prescriptions of Sail Canada when they apply, the rules of PHRF-BC (where applicable), US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Coastal revised January 1, 2025, this Notice of Race and any subsequent Schooner Cove Yacht Club Sailing Instructions or SCYC Race Committee amendments.
2. Between civil sunset and sunrise, the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" shall replace Part 2 of the RRS.
3. All boats participating in the Regatta must have a valid 2026 PHRF-BC Certificate, except as provided in 1.4.
4. Boats without a Certificate or non-rated boats must obtain at no charge a **one-time** SCYC Temporary Rating Certificate. Boats with a Temporary Rating Certificate will race in the Cruising Division. Information is to be supplied at time of registration in order for the Temporary Rating Certificate to be generated. Temporary ratings are valid for this event only and are not subject to appeal.
5. By participating in the event, the sailor grants SCYC the right to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings made at the venue or on the water without compensation.

#### 2.0 Equipment Standards/Safety

- 2.1 All boats racing shall comply with Transport Canada minimum safety requirements for the appropriate vessel length.
- 2.2 Boats participating in the BMW Lasqueti Island Race must be equipped to US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Coastal (see link on registration web page). Random safety checks may take place pre or post-race.

The following changes to SER will apply:

- 2.1.2 It is recommended that hatch boards be attached to the boat with a lanyard, but not required.
- 2.4.4 Coated lifelines, and high molecular weight polyethylene (HMPE) lifelines, will be accepted (see clarification 2.9 multihull SERs).

- 3.1.2 Lifejacket leg or crotch straps, and the name of the boat or wearer's name, are highly recommended, but not required (lifejackets on multihulls are required to have a knife).
- 3.1.4 Safety harnesses are recommended, but not required.
- 3.2.1 Jacklines are recommended, but not required.
- 3.6.2 and 3.6.4 are replaced with emergency flares as required by Canada Coast Guard.
- 3.7.1 A crew overboard sling or life ring is required along with a self igniting light.
- 3.7.2 A man overboard pole, or equivalent safety device, and related equipment is recommended, but not required.
- 3.8.1 It is recommended but not required that a boat have a permanent VHF radio. If it does, a non-masthead antenna is acceptable.
- 3.8.2 All boats must have a watertight, handheld VHF radio. It is recommended, but not required, that the radio have DSC/GPS/MMSI capability.
- 3.9 AIS is recommended but not required.
- 3.10.1 For multihulls a personal crew overboard beacon is recommended but not required.
- 3.16.2 The requirement of an EPIRB, or alternative device, is recommended but not required.
- 3.28 The requirement for boat safety diagrams is recommended but not required.
- 3.31 It is not required that all lifesaving equipment be marked with the yacht's or wearer's name.
- 4.3.2 Prescribed Certificates of crew members are recommended but not required.

Be aware that Amendments have been made to the World Sailing Category 3 Monohull Offshore Special Regulations which are in force in BC. BC Sailing lists twenty (20) amendments on its web sight which should be consulted for clarity.

### **3.0 Registration/Entry Fee**

- 3.1 Registration is only available online at [www.scyc.ca/racing/regatta](http://www.scyc.ca/racing/regatta), and available to only the first 50 boats. Additional boats may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.2 The registration fee is as follows and is payable online: \$125.00 per boat. The fee must be paid before your registration is complete.
- 3.3 You must provide a current certificate of insurance valid for racing covering public liability, property damage, personal injury or death, and shall not be less than \$2,000,000 for each boat.
- 3.4 You must provide your current 2026 PHRF-BC Certificate if applicable.

- 3.5 Insurance and PHRF Certificates are to be provided electronically (scanned or a photograph is acceptable) at time of registration.
- 3.6 Each boat must provide a Crew Roster at time of registration or to the Race officer prior to the race. Copies of the Crew Roster Form are available at [www.scyc.ca/racing/regatta](http://www.scyc.ca/racing/regatta).
- 3.7 Registration includes: complimentary 2 nights moorage for registered boats, Skipper's Package, post-race soup and our legendary great prizes!

#### **4.0 Sailing Instructions and Skipper's Package**

The Skipper's Package will be given out upon arrival and will include the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race along with any amendments will be posted on the SCYC website starting May 25.

#### **5.0 Skippers' Meetings**

Skippers' Meeting for the BMW Lasqueti Island Race will be held at the Fairwinds Marina office at 0800 hours on Saturday, May 30.

#### **6.0 Divisions**

- 6.1 Division splits will be at the discretion of the SCYC Race Committee and will depend on the number and type of boats registered.
- 6.2 All boats with a SCYC Temporary Rating Certificate will be entered in the Cruising Division.

#### **7.0 Racing Venue/Division Schedules/Scoring**

- 7.1 The choice of direction around Lasqueti Island, whether clockwise or counter-clockwise, is at the sole discretion of the skipper. Gerald Island and Ballenas Islands must be kept to starboard on the outbound leg and to port on the inbound (return) leg. Both Fegen Islets and Finnerty Islets must be kept to port on a counter-clockwise course, and to starboard on a clockwise course. All vessels should note/write down their time as they pass due north of the light/marker that is north of Fegen Islets, in case there is a shortening of course. Any additional marks and other provisions will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 The first warning signal will be at 0855. Multiple starts may be required based on divisions and/or registration numbers.
- 7.3 No finishes will be recorded after 0000 hours Sunday May 31.
- 7.4 Time on Distance scoring will be used for all divisions.
- 7.5 Race results will be posted on the Official Notice Board at SCYC the morning of May 31 and on the SCYC website.

#### **8.0 Prizes**

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in each division.
- 8.2 The Fairwinds Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

## **9.0 Moorage**

- 9.1 Schooner Cove Yacht Club will provide complimentary moorage for registered boats for two nights.
- 9.2 Skippers will be called and/or emailed their assigned slip and how to enter that slip.
- 9.3 SCYC will do their best to meet all boats as they arrive. Boats may contact Fairwinds Marina on VHF channel 66A.
- 9.4 Additional moorage may be arranged prior to and after the weekend. If you have special moorage concern's please contact SCYC (see below for contact information).

## **10.0 Food and Beverage**

The Fairwinds Landing development is open at Fairwinds Schooner Cove Marina. This includes the Nanoose Bay Cafe Restaurant and Bar (250-468-0780), marina offices ([marina@fairwinds.ca](mailto:marina@fairwinds.ca) 250-468-5364) and the Fairwinds Residences for overnight accommodation (250) 802-4663. General information is available at [www.fairwinds.ca](http://www.fairwinds.ca). Various food items for cooking are available at Café Coffee Shop. There is also a Quality Foods grocery store and Cascadia liquor outlet at Red Gap Centre approximately 10 minutes away by car.

## **11.0 Disclaimer of Liability and Waiver Form**

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the Regatta.
- 11.2 Each Skipper will be required to sign the Waiver and Release Form that is included as part of the online registration and may be submitted in a scanned or photographed form.

## **12.0 Advertising**

- 12.1 SCYC may require boats to display advertising chosen and supplied by them for the duration of the Regatta.

## **13.0 Contact Information**

John Collins, Regatta Chairman, at [regatta@scyc.ca](mailto:regatta@scyc.ca) (250) 741-4178  
Claudia Hand, Regatta Registrar, at [registrar@scyc.ca](mailto:registrar@scyc.ca) (250) 468-9256

#### **14.0 REGATTA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Fri. May 29	1600 - 2000	Registration Desk open at the Club House
	1730 - 2030	Dinner at the Green (details in the reg. package )
Sat. May 30	0700	A bagged breakfast, pickup at the Club House
	0800	Skippers' Meeting at Fairwinds Marina office
	0855	Warning signal for the First Start
	1800 - 0100	Post race chili at the Club House
Sun. May 31	0800 - 0930	Breakfast at the Club House
	0930 - 1100	Awards Ceremony

DETAILS PROVIDED IN THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE