

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **BMW LASQUETI ISLAND LITE RACE**

Presented by  
SCHOONER COVE YACHT CLUB

**JUNE 5, 2021**

### **1. Rules**

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS).

1.2 If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be issued by amendment to all skippers by email prior to the warning horn for any particular division.

1.3 RRS 52, Manual Power, is amended wherein boats entered as a double-handed crew are allowed to use an autopilot for sail changes and other situations where having one crew member assigned to steering the boat may compromise the safety of the crew and craft.

### **2. Race Schedule**

2.1 For Divisions One the race will start at 1000 with the first warning signal at 0955.

2.2 For Division Two the Race will start at 1005 with the first warning signal being the start of the Division One race, provided there is no general recall or other delay to that start.

2.3 For Division Three the Race will start at 1010 with the first warning signal being the start of the Division Two race, provided there is no general recall or other delay to the starts for Divisions One and Two.

2.4 The division splits will be emailed to all skippers prior to the Race.

### **3. The Course**

- 3.1 The course generally be in a counter-clockwise direction.
- 3.2 The marks the course are:
  - The Start Line will be southeast of the entrance to Schooner Cove.
  - Gerald Island must be kept to Starboard.
  - Sangster Island must be kept to Port.
  - Mistaken Island must be kept to Port.
  - Cottam Reef Buoy (P27) must be kept to Starboard.
  - Gerald Island must be kept to Port.
  - The Finish Line shall be the Start Line.
- 3.3 The course is 21.6 nm
- 3.4 Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic including the passage of large vessels including cargo vessels, tugs with tows, ferries and naval vessels. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification.

### **4. The Start**

- 4.1 The Start Line for all divisions will be immediately southeast of the entrance to Schooner Cove. The Race Committee shall be on shore with an outer red buoy marking the end of the Start Line with the other end being an orange flag at the Start Committee. There will be a stay-away buoy between the Start Committee and the outer red buoy. No boat may pass between the stay-away buoy and the shore.
- 4.2 Skippers are reminded that a list of their crew and their phone numbers must be emailed prior to the warning horn for their division to [fleet\\_captain@scyc.ca](mailto:fleet_captain@scyc.ca).
- 4.3 Flag signals will be displayed from shore. The Race Committee will sound a horn at the minute intervals of 5, 4, 1 and start. Additionally as a courtesy they may broadcast on VHF Channel 72 a 10 second count down to start.
- 4.4 For all Divisions, a warning horn will occur at 5 minutes before the race start.
- 4.5 In the event of individual recall(s), the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail number(s) and or boat name on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or for a competitor to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1. This applies to divisions

One and Two only. For Division Three the over early time will be added to their elapsed time .

4.6 In the event of a general recall(s) the Race Committee will start the same fleet as had the general recall with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

4.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **5. The Finish**

5.1 The finish line will be the Start Line.

5.2 Boats should advise the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 approximately 5 minutes before crossing the finish line.

5.3 A horn will blow when boats cross the finish line.

5.4 Boats withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 or by cellphone by calling Joe Skipsey, the Race Officer, (250) 248-7753.

5.5 No finishes for the BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race will be recorded after 1800 hours June 5. Boats that do not cross by 1800 hours will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

## **6. Shortened Course Provisions**

6.1 If no boat in a division finishes the course by 1800 hours June 5 the shortened course provision will apply for that division.

6.2 All boats must record the GPS time in hours, minutes and seconds when they cross 49 degrees 19.6 minutes north with Mistaken Island to port, or the northern tip of Mistaken Island is 90 degrees due east (70 degrees magnetic).

## **7. Penalty System**

For all competitors rule 44.1 remains unchanged with respect to one or two turn penalties.

## **8. Protests and Requests for Redress**

8.1 A boat intending to register a protest must inform the Race Officer, Joe Skipsey, on VHF Channel 72 or cellphone (250) 248-7753 shortly after finishing the race or when it withdraws from the race.

8.2 Individuals will be notified by email or phone call to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **9. Engine Propulsion**

9.1 A boat shall be protested for using an engine for propulsion except when she is:

- (a) In danger of being run down or impeding commercial traffic.
- (b) In a situation that the boat or crew is in danger.
- (c) Required to aid another boat or its crew.
- (d) Engaged in search and rescue activities.

With regards to (a) and (b) above the boat's competitive position may not be improved. If engine propulsion is used the skipper must report by 1830 June 5 to Joe Skipsey the Race Officer that they are requesting a time allowance redress. The report shall include the time when propulsion was used, the speed, compass heading, position and duration along with the names of any witnesses to the event. A boat shall not gain competitive advantage from any time allowance granted.

## **10. Scoring**

10.1 Time on Distance scoring will be used for all divisions. Low point scoring will be used for all divisions.

## **11. Radio Communications**

11.1 The Race Committee will be monitoring channel 72 throughout the race and all race boats should also monitor channel 72. The Race Committee can also be reached via cellphone to Joe Skipsey, Race Officer, (250) 248-7753.

11.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions while racing nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other devices.

11.3 Radio communications with commercial traffic is encouraged for safety reasons.

## **12. Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1 Competitors participating the BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race do so entirely at their own risk. See the RRS fundamental rule 4, Decision to Race.

12.2 Overall Responsibility: In accordance with Section 2.0 of the 2021 BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta Notice of Race, competitors acknowledge and agree that the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the “person in charge”, as per RRS rule 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. S/he shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his/her incapacitation. The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his/hers alone.

12.3 The Schooner Cove Yacht Club and the BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race Planning Committee do not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the BMW Lasqueti Island Lite Race.

### **13. Trash Disposal**

A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be disqualification.