



NOTICE OF RACE Blossom Time Regatta

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Kelowna Yacht Club

1370 Water Street,
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1J1

DATES: May 17-19, 2024

INVITATION

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) (2021-2024), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions (SI's) for this event and the Santana 525 class rules where they apply.
- 1.2 Santana 525 Class rules are available online at kelownayachtclub.com/racing/open-racing/ and apply to the Santana 525 Fleet only.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official online Notice Board at kelownayachtclub.com/events/btregatta/ on or before May 15, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 NoR and SI updates will be posted to the official notice board located online at kelownayachtclub.com/racing/open-racing/.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will attempt to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 72,
- 3.4 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid PHRF certificate.
- 4.2 Any boat not holding a valid PHRF certificate will be issued a rating by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3 Fleets: The Race Committee will decide fleet divisions after the number and type of entrants is determined. All boats entering a spinnaker class will be rated as a spinnaker equipped boat, regardless of whether a spinnaker is flown or not.
- 4.4 Registration will be available online at kelownayachtclub.com/events/btregatta/ starting April 15, 2024 and ending May 18, 2024 at 10:00 PDT.

5. FEES

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- 5.1 Skipper & Vessel Registration Entry Fees:
 - Regular Entry Fee: \$160.00
- 5.1.1 Skipper & Vessel Registration Entry Fees include:
 - *Friday Night Welcome Social*
 - *Two Full Days of Racing*
 - *Saturday Night Social Activities*
 - *Sunday Awards Banquet with Prizes for Winners in Each Fleet*
 - *One (1) Weekend Meal Tickets (see 5.2.1) *Additional Meal Tickets available for purchase [here](#)*
- 5.2 [Weekend Meal Tickets](#):
 - Regular Meal Ticket: \$68.00
- 5.2.1 Weekend Meal Tickets include:
 - *Saturday Morning Breakfast*
 - *Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet*
 - *Sunday Morning Breakfast*
 - *Sunday Afternoon Awards Banquet BBQ*
- 5.3 Refunds and/or cancellations will be accepted up to 17:00 PDT on Friday, May 10, 2024. Please note, all refunds and/or cancellations will be subject to a \$25.00 administration fee. Any refunds/or cancellations processed after this date will be subject to a 100% charge of the overall fee.
- 5.4 Prices stated above are subject to the appropriate taxes, fees and gratuities.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration & Check-In: Friday, May 17 from 17:00 – 19:00 PDT at Kelowna Yacht Club Grand Banquet Room
- 6.2 Racing:
 - 6.2.1 Competitors' meeting will be at 09:00 PDT on Saturday, May 18, 2024.
 - 6.2.2 Scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday, May 18, 2024 is 10:00 PDT with no race starting later than 16:00 PDT.
 - 6.2.3 Scheduled time for the first warning signal on Sunday, May 19, 2024 is 09:30 PDT with no race starting later than 14:30 PDT.
- 6.3 Social Events:
 - 6.3.1 A detailed schedule of events will be circulated closer to the date of the event.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be on Okanagan Lake in the vicinity of Kelowna Yacht Club. A detailed description will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. 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 series.
- 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.**

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. MOORAGE & CLUB ACCESS

- 14.1 If temporary moorage is required at Kelowna Yacht Club, a [Reciprocal Moorage Request Form](#), located online at kelownayachtclub.com, must be completed.
- 14.2 Access to the Kelowna Yacht Club and marina is by keycard only. Temporary key cards can be obtained at the Kelowna Yacht Club Reception desk from 09:00 – 19:00 PDT on Friday, May 17, 2024, or starting at 09:00 PDT on Saturday, May 18, 2024. A non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per key card is required.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- 15.1 All regatta participants are requested to adhere to the Kelowna 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.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information, please contact:

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