



The Cascadian Convoy

23-24 October 2021

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SAIL

This does not constitute a Notice of Race. The contents of this document will not be binding on the race, racer or the Organising Authority (OA). The purpose of this document is to inform the Sailing Community of the Organising Authority's intent to hold a race or training event and the general vision that will govern the organising of that event.

The Canadian Forces Sailing Association Esquimalt Squadron is the Organising Authority.

Background

1. Given the COVID-19 conditions that prevailed in the Spring of 2021 the season's main long distance keel boat races were cancelled.
2. The OA understands that COVID-19 remains a persistent public health threat
3. BC has begun a restart that can include sailing and may eventually include conditions that will make it possible for a Long Distance Sailing race or event.

Intent

4. The OA has picked the weekend of 23/24 October 2021 as a date with a good chance of having the conditions to run a race safely before winter storms happen and sufficiently in the future that will allow BC's restart to continue to unfold.
5. This race will replace the annual CFSA Regatta.
6. We intend to work with other Organisers to make this event:
 - A race in the Vancouver Island Racing Series
 - A Qualifying Race for the VanIsle 360 International Yacht Race

Expected Race Format

7. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply
8. The race will be a PHRF BC keelboat race
9. One Design fleets may be considered based on expressed interest
10. There will be three race courses:
 - Short - 10-20 nm
 - Medium 30-45 nm
 - Long 90+nm (VanIsle 360 Qualifier)
 - We expect to be able to race with US competitors, but a shadow race will be held, if the border remains closed.

COVID-19 Safety Rules

11. The OA will follow all of the best safety rules and advice that will exist at the time of the race. This may include:
 - Not holding the race
 - Crew restrictions
 - No social events, including virtual skipper's meeting
 - No moorage at the host club
12. The boat skipper will be responsible for ensuring all COVID-19 Public Health Order and measure are complied with on the vessel
13. The COVID-19 safety rules will be explained in the Notice of Race
14. The OA will reserve the right to change the safety rules in the NOR based on the medical advice received as the situation changes.

Racing Safety

15. Equipment safety requirements will, in general, be no more restrictive than those used for last year's race.
16. At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one-day or two-day Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 6 years, or other courses as accepted by their National Authority.
17. An equivalency will be developed in the event that Safety at Sea seminars cannot be run.

Timelines

18. Updates to the OA's intent will be provided as follows:
 - By 1 August
 - i. a full outline of the race safety standards
 - ii. Race Courses
 - iii. Many of the standard outlines found in a NOR
 - by 1 September:
 - i. An update on COVID 19 precautions
19. NOR and registration page will be provided by 7 September
20. Sailing Instructions will be provided by midnight 12 October

21. Registration will be through The Clubspot

Register Your Interest and Follow our Announcements

22. The Initial Notice Board for this Event will be found on the CFSA Website.

www.cfsaesq.ca

- A link to register your interest and get e-mails on planning developments will be found there.

23. If Registration opens the Official Notice Board will be found on the Event's Clubspot Official Notice Board

24. You can follow announcements by liking the CFSA Facebook Page, Race Facebook Page, the VIRS Facebook page and on Twitter @CFSAESQ