



## **2008 WEST COAST MINI 6.50 OFFSHORE RACE**

Leg 1: Victoria, BC to San Francisco, CA – Saturday, July 5, 2008  
Leg 2: San Francisco, CA to San Diego, CA – Saturday, July 19, 2008

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 OBJECTIVE**

1.1 The Race is intended to be a sporting event, and to encourage the development of the Mini Transat 6.50 class in North America, shorthanded offshore racing under sail, seamanship and sense of responsibility for all crews, and to promote sportsmanship and solidarity between competitors.

#### **2 ORGANIZERS**

2.1 The Race will be under the management of the West Coast Mini 6.5 Offshore Race Committee which shall have the full power to establish and interpret the rules and conditions governing the Race, to decide all protests and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the preparatory signal of the Race.

2.2 The Race organizers will be seeking the assistance of the City of Victoria, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the Encinal Yacht Club, the Golden Gate Yacht Club, the Singlehanded Sailing Society, and the Coronado Island Yacht Club.

2.3 The Race organizers will also be seeking title and other sponsorship for the event, to assist competitors with the costs of participation.

#### **3 COURSE**

3.1 Leg one of the Race shall be sailed singlehanded and will start on Saturday July 5, 2008 at a time to be specified in the Sailing Instructions. The course will be from the starting line located off Brotchie Ledge, Victoria BC, leaving Tatoosh Island, Duntze Rock and waypoint Alpha to Port to the finish line located near the Golden Gate Yacht Club in San Francisco Bay, City of San Francisco, California.

3.2 The calculated distance for leg one of the Race is 810 nautical miles.

3.3 Leg two of the Race shall be sailed doublehanded and will start on Saturday July 19, 2008 at a time to be specified in the Sailing Instructions. The course will be from the starting line located near the Golden Gate Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay in San Francisco, California, then by any course to the finish line located near the Point Loma Light House, at the entrance to San Diego Bay in San Diego, California.

3.4 The calculated distance for leg two of the Race is 450 nautical miles.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 The Race is open to all monohulls complying with the Classe Mini Rules, Special Rules for Events and US Mini Association Rules of the ongoing year. The Race Committee reserves the right to approve any yacht which may not be in strict compliance with the Classe Mini rules and to exclude any yacht that it regards as unseaworthy, a yacht with inadequate equipment or skipper with inadequate preparation as deemed by the race organizers.

4.2 Each yacht shall be sailed by persons, who shall be at least 18 years of age by June 15, 2008.

4.3 To qualify, entrants are required to have a qualifier of not less than 200 miles in length and in duration of not less than 48 hours plus an additional 300 miles on the boat are required.

4.4 Crews for the doublehanded leg need not have sailed a qualifying passage together, but the designated skipper must have fulfilled all requirements as described in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3, and the crewmember must provide the Event Organizers with documented offshore experience. 8.5. Upon the successful completion of payment of all fees due, receipt of all required qualification materials, completion of the required safety equipment check, and fulfilment of all the entry requirements detailed in this Notice of Race and its attachments, a Provisional Entrant will become an Official Entrant. Should an entrant be found to have submitted false or deliberately misleading information about his/her sailing experience or about his/her qualifying passage, the entrant will be disqualified and the entry fee automatically forfeited.

4.5 The singlehanded skipper need not sail the doublehanded leg, but the doublehanded skipper must submit all required evidence of qualification (see paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3) to the WEST COAST MINI 6.50 OFFSHORE RACE Organizers

4.5 Crews of participating yachts must document their experience by submitting a sailing resumé to the Race Committee prior to the start of leg one.

#### **5 RACING RULES**

5.1 The Race will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation [ISAF] Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] as adopted by the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA), United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race [NOR], the Race Rules and Conditions [RRC], the Sailing Instructions [SI], and any amendments to the RRC or SI.

5.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea [COLREGS] shall replace part 2 of the RRS.

5.3 Advertising on boats is governed by R.C.V. 2005-2008 of ISAF rule number 79.

5.4 Competitors must have current charts on board showing the Traffic Separation System for the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Charts that meet this requirement are Canadian chart 3606 as revised and published

November 29, 2002 or US charts 18460 (edition 11) and 18465 (edition 35) as revised and published December 2002. TSS regulations must be obeyed by all competitors when navigating in the Strait.

5.5 The Race Rules and Conditions will be made available on or before January 1, 2008.

5.6 The Sailing Instructions will be provided to all skippers on or before March 1, 2008.

5.7 The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to amend or add to the racing rules at any time up to the start of the race, such amendments being immediately promulgated to all entrants.

## **6 SPONSORSHIP**

6.1 Entries may be sponsored and/or financed by another person, body or organization.

## **7 RESPONSIBILITY**

7.1 Yachts must be fully independent and capable of carrying out their own emergency repairs at sea. Skippers have no right to expect or demand a rescue operation to be launched on their behalf.

7.2 Full responsibility for any mishap will rest with the owner or skipper under ordinary process of law. The organizers do not accept any responsibility towards the entrants nor toward third parties with whom the entrants may have been involved.

7.3 Any skipper deciding not to continue the Race after starting must notify Race Committee as quickly as possible that he or she is withdrawing.

## **8 DIVISIONS**

8.1 The Race will be divided into Singlehanded and Doublehanded divisions. Series and Protos will compete together but may be scored separately upon agreement of the Race Committee and the Race competitors prior to the start of the Race.

## **9 SCORING**

9.1 Each leg will be scored individually and the overall winner(s) will be determined by combined times for both legs.

9.2 Awards will be given for each leg and overall for the first three places

## **10 RACE ENTRY CONTACT**

10.1 Entry Packets, Race Rules and Conditions, and Sailing Instructions may be obtained from (TBD).

10.2 Correspondence may be addressed to [guy.rittger@guyrittger.com](mailto:guy.rittger@guyrittger.com) or [duncangladman@hotmail.com](mailto:duncangladman@hotmail.com)

Proposed Race Course

