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**Alexandra Cup Match Race Series**

**&**

**International 6 Metre Class**

**North American Championship Regatta**

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**Jack Cribb Memorial Match Racing Series**

**September 5th to 14th 2014**

**Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**

**Vancouver Canada**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

***1 RULES***

* 1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
	2. For the Alexandra Cup the rules of the Alexandra Cup Charter dated December 16, 2008 including any amendments approved by the Alexandra Cup Trustees will apply.
	3. RRS appendix C will apply for the Alexandra Cup Series.

1.3 The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will not apply.

1.4 The measurement rule of the International 6 Metre Class will apply.

1.5 The North American Championships will be run under the rules of the deed of gift of the Olin J. Stephens II trophy.

1.6 The Jury and Umpires will be appointed by the Organizing Authority.

1.7 The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club is designated as the defender of Record for the 2014 Alexandra Cup.

1.8 The St. Francis Yacht Club is designated as the Challenger of Record for the 2014 Alexandra Cup.

1.9 The Organizing Authority for the regatta is the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in conjunction with the Trustees of the Alexandra Cup representing the Seattle and Royal Vancouver Yacht Clubs and the Challenger of Record, the Saint Francis Yacht Club.

***2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS***

2.1 The 6 Metre North American Championship will be held on Saturday September 6th and Sunday September 7th 2014.

(a) The RC intends to run three races per day during the 6 Metre North American Championship. Failure to follow this schedule will not be grounds for redress.

(b) Practice races only will be held Friday September 5th, 2014.

(c) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first practice race on September 5th will be 1300 hours.

(d) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1100 hours.

(e) No warning signal will be made after 1700 hours on Sunday September 7th, 2014.

2.2 The Alexandra Cup series and Jack Cribb Memorial series will be held from September 12th to September 14th, 2014.

(a) Practice races only will be held Friday September 12th, 2014.

(b) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first practice race on September 12th will be 1300 hours.

c) The RC intends to run three races per day for each group. Failure to follow this schedule will not be grounds for redress.

(d) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on September 13th & 14th will be 1100 hours.

(e) No warning signal will be made after 1700 hours on September 14th 2014.

***3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY***

3.1 Entry Fee.

(a) The 6 Metre North American Championship and the Alexandra Cup Series /Jack Cribb Memorial Match Racing Series have a combined entry fee of $300.00 Canadian Funds.

(b) Closing date for entries is August 15th 2014.

(c) Late entries may be considered on written application to the Organizing Authority.

3.2 All boats entered in the 2014 6 Metre North American Championship and NOT competing in the Alexandra Cup Match are eligible to compete in the Jack Cribb Memorial Match Racing Series.

**NOTE: 3.3, 3.4 & 3.5 apply to Alexandra Cup Entries only**

3.3 The top placed Alexandra Cup eligible Canadian boat in the 2014 6 Metre North American Championship will be designated as the Defender for the 2014 Alexandra Cup Series.

3.4 The top placed Alexandra Cup eligible American boat in the 2014 Six Metre North American Championship will be designated as the Challenger for the 2014 Alexandra Cup Match.

3.5 Following is the schedule of required submissions for both US and Canadian Alexandra Cup Entries.

(a) Late submissions or alterations to the requirements or dates shown below may be considered upon written application to the Organizing Authority.

(b) Clubs wishing to be designated as the Defender or Challenger for the 2014 Alexandra Cup Match shall submit their entry form, payment of the entry fee, formal application requesting dispensation from any class rules and a letter to the Organizing Authority declaring their intention to enter the Alexandra Cup Match and declaring the boat that will represent them by August 15th 2014.

(c) Submission of Crew List (must name at least five Alexandra Cup eligible crew members): September 3rd, 2014. Any requests for dispensations with respect to the eligible crew restrictions must be made in writing to the Organizing Authority.

(d) Crew substitutions involving crew members not listed on the original Crew List as submitted may be considered at any time before or during the regatta upon written application to the Organizing Authority.

***4 ORGANZING AUTHORITY SUPPLIED SPINNAKERS – Alexandra Cup Match only***

For the Alexandra Cup Match only the Organizing Authority will supply both boats with new, sponsor logo’d 1.5 S spinnakers. These spinnakers will stay with each respective boat for the duration of the series after which they shall be returned to the Organizing Authority. Unless the respective sails have been damaged so as to be unusable, each boat shall use only these spinnakers in all races unless code flag D is displayed by the signal boat prior to the warning signal for any particular race. Further, if code flag D is displayed at any leeward mark during a particular race both boats are then permitted to use any spinnaker for the duration of that race only. If a spinnaker provided by the Organizing Authority is damaged during a race the boat concerned may then use any spinnaker for the balance of that race. Damage to a spinnaker provided by the Organizing Authority which is judged by the umpires to have been intentional will be subject to a protest by the umpires against the boat and the penalty for this infraction is a scoring penalty of 2 points for the boat involved. (this affects rule C8 ).

***5 MEASUREMENTS***

5.1 Entrants must comply with International Six Metre Class Rules. Requests for dispensation from class rules may be made in writing to the Organizing Authority.

5.2 Boats will be subject to measurement by the event measurer at any time during either regatta.

5.3 The two boats competing in the Alexandra Cup Match shall hold 6 Metre Class measurement certificates approved by the Organizing Authority.

***6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

Individual Sailing Instructions for each of the three events will be available to competitors by September 1st 2014.

***7 VENUE***

Racing will be conducted in English Bay, Vancouver, Canada.

***8 COURSES***

Courses will be windward-leeward courses of approximately 45 minutes duration.

8.1 The 6 Metre North American Championship racing courses will be two or three laps and posted prior to the Warning Signal of each race. These courses may be shortened at a mark.

8.2 The Alexandra Cup race courses will be two or three laps posted before the Warning Signal of each race. These courses may not be shortened.

8.3 The Jack Cribb Match race courses will be two laps. These courses may be shortened at a mark.

8.4 Alexandra Cup & Jack Cribb Matches will be abandoned if no boat in the particular match has rounded the first mark within 40 minutes of the starting signal.

***9 JURY & UMPIRES***

The jury & umpires will be appointed by the Organizing Authority. The Alexandra Cup shall be umpired

per RRS Appendix C. The Jack Cribb Series will be umpired in accordance with the RRS and special match racing rules contained in the Sailing Instructions.

***10 SCORING***

10.1 For the 6 Metre North American Championship regatta, RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2 For the North American Championship, if more than 5 races are sailed each boat may discard her worst score in accordance with app A2. Five races will constitute a series.

10.3 For the purposes of determining the scores for the Olin J. Stephens II (classic) trophy each boat’s score in the Bill Gooderham Canadian-American Cup (combined overall) shall be used.

10.4 For the Alexandra Cup series;

(a) Winners of races 1 & 2 will score one point each,

(b) Winners of races 3 & 4 will score two points each,

(c) Winners of races 5 & 6 will score three points each.

(d) The series winner is the boat with the highest number of points. In the case of a tie, the series winner is the boat that won the last race of the series.

10.5 For the Jack Cribb Memorial Match Racing Series the series shall be a round robin series and scoring shall be as per RRS app C 10 & C11.

***11 PRIZES***

11.1 In the North American Championship all boats will compete for the Bill Gooderham Canadian-American Cup. Classic boats will also compete for the Olin J. Stephens II North American Classic 6mR Cup.

11.2 In the Alexandra Cup series boats will compete for the Alexandra Cup.

11.3 In Jack Cribb Match Series, boats will compete for the Jack Cribb Memorial trophy. Awards will be given for the top modern and the top classic, in addition each of these boats will have their name inscribed on the Jack Cribb Memorial Trophy.

***12 SUPPORT BOATS***

Support boats shall be registered with the regatta office, marked with a numbered flag provided by the Organizing Authority and must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee signal boat.

***13 BERTHING***

13.1 Berthing will be provided by RVYC at no charge for all race boats and up to two support boats per race entry at the RVYC Jericho Marina. Upon application to the Race Chairman additional space at no charge will be provided subject to availability.

13.2 Race boats and support boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

***14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS***

14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out between 1800 hours September 5th and 1500 hours on September 7th or between 1800 hours on September 12th and 1500 hours on September 14th except with and according to the terms of written permission of the jury.

14.2 A diving service will be available at no charge for all race boats moored at RVYC Jericho during the mornings of Friday September 5th and Friday September 12th 2014.

***15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS***

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of each regatta.

***16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS***

16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16.2 The race committee will communicate with competitors during the regatta on VHF radio.

16.3 All competitors are encouraged to carry and monitor VHF marine band radio.

***17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY***

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

***18 INSURANCE***

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $1 million CAD per event or the equivalent, except that the minimum cover for boats entered by US clubs shall be $300,000 CAD.

**19 MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

***20 FURTHER INFORMATION***  Contact Regatta Chair Charles Brodeur: powderelevens@gmail.com) or Race Officer: Don Martin: dam242@telus.net