



SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

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AMENDMENT #1

to the

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the THREE LONG COURSES

The amendment notes changes to the channel Vessel Traffic Services will broadcast on.

SI 15.2 is changed to:

[DP] All boats shall monitor VHF channel 11 for Vessel Traffic Services ("VTS") broadcasts in the following circumstances, even if monitoring AIS:

- Before entering a VTS Lane; and
- While operating in a VTS Lane or in a VTS Separation Zone.

VTS broadcasts occur at 15 minutes and 45 minutes past the hour.

And:

Addendum F Communications is repealed, and is replaced with the attached Amended Sailing Instructions Addendum F Communications.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dugald M.C. Smith'.

Dugald M.C. Smith
Principal Race Officer
MAY 21, 2024

AMENDED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ADDENDUM F – COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Marine 06** – Contact Neah Bay Mark Rounding Vessel and Finish Line. Hail “Neah Bay Mark, or Swiftsure Finish Line as applicable on low power.
2. **Marine 09** – Race committee broadcasts, calling and hailing: including starts.
3. **Marine 11** - monitor Vessel Traffic Services’ half hourly report of vessel traffic in all of Strait of Juan de Fuca race area.
4. **Marine 16** – Distress and Emergency Calling / Coast Guard.

Should you have a safety concern as you transit across the traffic lanes and need to communicate with Vessel Traffic Services or commercial vessels, use one of the following three channels depending on the location you are in:

5. **Marine 11** – Victoria Traffic and vessels participating in the Co-operative Vessel Traffic Services Area of Operation (all Canadian and United States waters north and east of a line from Church Point to Race Rocks light to the intersection of the Canada/United States International boundary to Hein Bank light and bell buoy to Cattle Point including all of Haro Strait, Boundary Passage and the southern portion of the Strait of Georgia)
6. **Marine 5A** – Seattle Traffic and vessels participating in the Co-operative Vessel Traffic Services Area of Operation (all Canadian and United States waters from 124°40’00”W which intersects the Canadian and United States shorelines thence easterly through the Juan de Fuca Strait, including all waters south and east of a line from Church Point to Race Rocks light to the intersection of the Canada/United States International boundary to Hein Bank light and bell buoy to Cattle Point, and south of a line from Patos Island to Alden Bank lighted gong buoy "A" and north to the 49th parallel, including the United States Gulf Island waters)
7. **Marine 74** – Prince Rupert Traffic and vessels participating in the Co-operative Vessel Traffic Services Area of Operation (from 124°40’00W in Juan de Fuca Strait westward to 125°15’00” W and intersecting to the south to 48°00N from the west coast of Washington State).

VTS Special Swiftsure Race Broadcasts

Vessel Traffic Services will broadcast commercial traffic advisories in real time (i.e., current position of vessels, direction, and speed) for the Puget Sound, Victoria and Prince Rupert vessel traffic service zones on VHF channel 11 at 15 minutes and 45 minutes past the hour.

Additional Communication Information

1. Race Committee cellular phone: 250 858-3965.
2. Boats shall **monitor VHF channel 16 at all times**. DSC monitoring shall be considered compliant.
3. After the person in charge has checked-in at Swiftsure Centre, a boat may advise the Race Committee of crew changes by email to comms@swiftsure.org.
4. Position reports as required under SI 12 are to be given to the race committee by cellular text to 250 858-3965 including the following information.
 - SAIL NUMBER/day of the week/ROUNDING or REPORTING TIME/REPORT number.
 - Format: (XXXXX/Sat/ 00:00:00/REP#).
 - Example: (74747/Sat/20:15:40/REP1)

*Note - If the applicable race requires multiple reports, please indicate as first or second report (or rounding) as applicable.
5. The race committee will attempt to advise using VHF 09 if a mark is not in the identified position or displaying the lights as outlined in section 7.
6. Boats shall give the Swiftsure finish line advance notice of their approach to the finish approximately two nautical miles from the finish line on VHF channel 06 using low power.
7. Boats shall report to the race committee any loss of floatable personal and boat safety equipment by email to comms@swiftsure.org; text to 250 858-3965; or on VHF 09.
8. Boats that withdraw from the race shall continue to monitor VHF 09 until they reach safe haven.

9. If intending to file a protest, boats that have withdrawn from their race and are unable to deliver their protest form to the Inspection Dock within 3 hours of withdrawal shall contact the race committee by email to comms@swiftsure.org.

Emergency Communications

If a boat requires emergency assistance, the boat's first choice should be requesting Coast Guard assistance using VHF channel 16 and DSC (digital select calling). Other vessels in the vicinity will hear the distress call and may be the closest vessels to lend assistance. The Victoria Joint Rescue Coordination Centre can be called at 1 250 413 8933. The JRCC can also be called at 1 800 567 5111 or #727 on a cellular phone (most areas within British Columbia waters).

Assistance After the Race

- If a boat is about to drift into one of the seaplane taxiways or runways in Victoria Harbour, it should immediately contact the Victoria Harbourmaster on VHF channel 18A (US mode).
- Emergency assistance should be requested from the Coast Guard on VHF channel 16.

*Note – VHF range will limit direct radio contact with the Race Committee over significant portions of the course.