

THE GREAT RC OCEAN RACE

2026 NOTICE OF RACE

DATE - SATURDAY April 11, 2026

LOCATION - The Dinghy Dock Floating Pub, Nanaimo Harbour, Nanaimo, B.C

THE START - is between a flag on the dinghy dock and an anchored start mark. The first warning signal will be at 12:25, and the first division will start at 12:30 pm.

THE COURSE – from the start line at the Dinghy Dock Pub, to sail around Protection Island keeping Protection Island either to starboard or to port; the direction is to be determined at the skipper's meeting.

THE FINISH - is the same as the start line

TIME LIMIT: No finishes will be recorded after 1530 hrs, unless at least one boat in a division finishes, in which case the time limit for that division will be extended until 1600 hrs.

RULES - The Great RC Ocean Race shall be governed by the Racing Rules Of Sailing 2025-2028, incorporating Appendix E - Radio Sailing Racing Rules, the RC Laser Class Rules (RC Laser Class), class rules for any class with 5 (or maybe 3) boats registered forming their own division, the Great Ocean Race Sailing Instructions, and any changes mandated by the principal race officer (PRO) and announced at the skippers meeting.

ELIGIBILITY - The Great RC Ocean Race is open to all classes of radio controlled sailboats who pay the entry fee of \$25 CAD payable at the Dinghy Dock Pub on the day of the race. A chase boat and driver are also required and must be arranged in advance. A few volunteer chase boat/drivers may be available on request. (limited availability.)

CLASSES - There will be both an RC Laser Division and an Open Class division. If 5 (or maybe 3) boats of a class register and wish to sail together, they will be provided their own division (eg. IOM/Soling/Victoria), otherwise they will sail in the Open Class division.

SCHEDULE - SATURDAY APRIL 11th, 2026

11:10 AM PROTECTION ISLAND FERRY - LEAVES THE NANAIMO BOAT BASIN TO THE DINGHY DOCK

11:00 AM THE PUB - OPENS FOR LUNCH

11:15 REGISTRATION

11:45 SKIPPERS MEETING

12:25 WARNING SIGNAL FOR RC LASERS

12:30 THE RC OCEAN RACE START FOR RC LASERS

12:35 THE RC OCEAN RACE START FOR OPEN CLASS

12:40 THE RC OCEAN RACE START FOR IOM's

Subsequent starts will be at 5 minute intervals for any additional classes.

AWARDS - The awards ceremony will take place approximately one hour after the last boat finishes. Awards will be given to the skipper and the chase boat driver. The awards are: Predicted Time Award / First To Finish (The Mini Barn Door) / Top Three In The RC Laser Class / Top Three In Division I (Open Class)/Top Three in any additional classes .

THE MINI-BARN DOOR TROPHY - Will be awarded to the first boat to finish. Note that a new mini-barn door trophy was unveiled in 2019 after the mysterious disappearance of the last one. Thanks to Ken Holland for constructing the new trophy!

THE GRAHAM MILLINGTON MUG - Will be awarded to the RC Laser with the fastest elapsed time. Graham Millington was an RC Laser sailor, a member of the PIST Sailing Team, and a well loved resident of Protection Island. There was rarely a sailboat race that Graham missed, and with this perpetual trophy, he is always at the finish line, and in our hearts.....

FOR MORE INFO, OR TO REQUEST A CHASE BOAT, OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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