



## Royal Victoria Yacht Club

### Standard Annual Race Scheduling Protocol

The following tables outline the traditional `fixed` dates for major RVYC regattas, series, and trophy race dates – i.e. dates that are fixed relative to milestone dates such as holidays. Other events are fitted between these events. These dates are used to achieve the best possible wind and weather for major events and maintain continuity (avoid gaps and conflicts). This schedule provides a standard starting point that usually works well. In any given year, the Sailing Committee may approve a different date for particular events.

#### Major Annual Regattas

Frozen Assets (dinghy)	First weekend in February	
THRASH Regatta (keelboat)	Weekend before Opening Day	(unless conflicting with Easter)
Spring Dinghy Championship	First weekend of May	(Avoid conflict with RVan Opening Day)
Swiftsure	Memorial Day Long Weekend (weekend after May long weekend)	
Summer Solstice Regatta	Third weekend in June	Avoid conflict with CFSA regatta
Gladwell Junior Team Racing	Second to last weekend in September	
Fall Dinghy Championship	Last weekend in September	
Thermopylae Regatta (keelboat)	First weekend in October	(should be weekend before Thanksgiving)

#### Trophy Race Series

William Head	Sunday between the last two ATB in March	Check for conflict with Patos Is race
Lipton Cup	Two Sundays before Opening Day	Sunday before THRASH
Sextant (dormant)	Saturday before May Long Weekend (afternoon and evening race, must include some racing in the dark)	Saturday before Around Saltspring
Thermopylae Trophy	Second Sunday of September	Avoid conflict with SNSYC regatta
Whitehouse Trophy	Last Sunday of September	2 wks after Thermopylae Cup; avoid conflict with SNSYC regatta
Virtue Cup	Two Sundays after Thanksgiving	i.e. weekend after the first ATB

## Special Races

THSA: Rum Race	Boxing Day	THSA event
Johnston Reef Race	The Sunday after Christmas, provided that it is not Boxing Day or New Year's Day.	To be scheduled on a day that the chart room is open and preferably not on New Year's eve.

## Series

Fall ATB	Starts the first Sunday after both Thermopylae and Thanksgiving	4 race series, alternating weeks, usually ending early December (or late November)
Winter ATB	Starts two weeks after last Fall ATB	Don't schedule a race between the weekend before Christmas and New Years. 4 or 5 race series ending two weeks before first Spring ATB (Last Fall ATB and first Spring ATB set the schedule for Winter ATB). Avoid conflict with Frozen Assets – race course resources limit them being simultaneous.
Spring ATB	First schedule the last Spring ATB to be the Sunday before Lipton Cup (or the weekend before that if conflicts with Easter Sunday), and then work back to get 4 alternating Sundays before that	Should work out to start in late February
Winter LD	Start two weeks after Virtue Cup Trophy Race (which itself is 2 weeks after Thanksgiving)	
Mini-12s	Start Saturday after Labour Day	
Dinghy Frostbite	TBD	

## Spring, Summer and Fall One Design Days

Spring One Design	Saturday between the last two ATB in March (the day before William Head race)	
Summer One Design	Mid June (schedule between other events)	
Fall One Design (dormant)	First Sunday after Labour Day	This event often conflicts in a busy Sept with Thermopylae Cup and possibly Maple Bay Regatta. Race course resources have to be considered. Gauge interest before scheduling.

## Trophy & Awards Night

Trophy Awards Night & Racing Christmas Party	A Thursday or Friday Night a week before or after the AGM	Scheduled each year by the Fleet Captain
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