



FINAL PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE START OF THE SIX METRE CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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Thursday's practice race day scheduled for 1400. English Bay conditions were medium chop and on the higher end of the acceptable wind strength at 14-18 knots from the West.

Not all the 6mR competitors participated in the practice race. The Modern Division started first with one boat over early as the fleet battled for the pin end of the line. SUE 132 Sophie had a good 3-4 boat length lead at the first windward mark.

The Classic Division lined up nicely for the start, most boats favoured the shore side of the course upwind in the tale end of the flood. First boat to Round was E 16 Bribon Gallant from Spain with a stately lead on the fleet.

Downwind the fleet hoisted spinnakers and sailed a short time on starboard tack, then jibed for a longer port leg to the finish.

Racers are now back at the dock and making final adjustments for the start of the Westerleigh Cup on Friday (September 15).

Hosted by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC), the Six Metre World Championship takes place from September 17 to 21 with 47 yachts from 11 countries participating. This is the first time Canada has hosted the regatta since it began in 1973.

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