

Sailing Instructions

Small Boats: July 18 – 19

Big Boats: July 20 – 24

Organizing Authority: Whidbey Island Race Week, LLC

Instructions which only apply to Small or Big Boat portion of the regatta will be so noted and color coded, **Small Boat in ORANGE**, and **Big Boat in BLUE**.

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

1.1.1. *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 76.1, 76.3 and 86.3 and appendix G2.

1.1.2. *The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T, Sections B and D.*

1.1.3. The class rules of any fleets sailing in one design classes.

1.1.4. The current Racing Rules of PHRF-NW for boats sailing under PHRF ratings modified so that radar reflectors are not required

1.1.5. For Big Boat portion of regatta, PIYA Safety Equipment Requirement for Near Shore Racing with the following modifications:

1.1.5.1. PIYA SER 2.7.2 (Mechanical Propulsion) is eliminated for Etchells and 6 Meter classes which are racing either in one-designed fleets that do not require motors, or have PHRF ratings that account for no motor. Boats sailing under the change provided by this NOR rule acknowledge that they are assuming increased risk sailing without a motor and the OA and RC will not be responsible for towing these boats. For this reason they are encouraged to have a tender or make other arrangements for assistance. Other classes of boats interested in eliminating PIYA SER 2.7.2 may contact the OA and RC prior to the event for possible amendment to this NOR.

1.1.5.2. Boats not required to fulfil PIYA SER 2.7.2 are also not required to fulfil PIYA SER 3.4.

1.1.5.3. PIYA SER 3.6.4 is replaced with "A boat shall fulfil US Coast Guard requirements for carrying flares."

1.1.5.4. PIYA SER 3.8.2 is modified to remove the second sentence.

1.1.5.5. PIYA SER 3.19.1, 3.24.3, and 3.26.1 are eliminated.

1.1.6. These Sailing Instructions.

1.2. In any conflict between the Notice of Race, class rules, PHRF-NW Rules and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7.

1.3. **No boats racing in the Big Boat portion of the regatta may be removed from the water without prior written approval of the Race Committee between 1000 on Monday, July 20, 2015 and the completion of racing on Friday, July 24, 2015.**

1.4. RRS 34 (b) is changed to read, "substitute an object displaying flag M" striking out." This also changes RRS Signals description of the M flag.

1.5. **For boats racing in the Big Boat portion of the regatta: the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing."**

2. Notices to Competitors and Race Headquarters

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is a clearly identified section of the South window on the

ground floor of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

2.2. Race Headquarters will be in a trailer located in the fenced in area of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2. **For the Small Boat portion of the regatta, Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. To make oral changes the Race Committee will fly code flag "L" and make the proper sounds to call boats within hailing distance.**

4. Classes, Class Identifications, and Handicap Ratings.

4.1. The competitors will be organized into separate fleets and will race with their assigned fleet.

4.1.1. The classes will be designated 0, 1, 2... 10. Class flags will be the numeral pennants for the class number, except class 10, which will be the German flag.

4.1.2. Class assignments, made by Whidbey Island Race Week, LLC and shown on the official entry list, will be distributed with registration materials at check-in on July 18 (small boat) and July 19 (big boats).

4.1.3. Any changes to the assignments on the printed official entry list will be posted on the official notice board by 1000 on Monday, July 19 and Signal Flag 'L' will be flown from the OHYC flag staff to indicate changes have been made.

4.2. **Each boat racing in the Big Boat portion of the regatta shall fly from its backstay the color streamer assigned to its class. The color streamer will be provided with the boat's registration material with a list of color/class assignments.**

4.3. Notice of any errors in handicap ratings or other registration information must be brought to the attention of the Race Committee, in writing, before 1000 of the day following the day that error was posted. **Races may or may not be rescored, at the discretion of the Race Committee, if changes are brought to its attention outside of this time limit.**

5. Sail Numbers

5.1. Boats whose sail numbers do not comply with the Rules of Appendix G may be issued a written warning posted on the official notice board by the Race Committee.

5.2. Boats that do not comply with Appendix G in races on days following a written warning as described in SI 5.1 may be given a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in Rule 44.3 (c) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

5.3. If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the Race Committee **IN WRITING**, stating her class, boat name, registered sail number, and alternate sail number **prior to the race**. The Race Committee may reject any requested alternate sail number which is a duplicate of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction, or competes with a sail that's number is denied approval by the Race Committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

6. Radio Communication

VHF channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications with the fleet. The Race Committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement. **NOTE: Boats racing in the Small Boat portion of the regatta are not expected to carry VHF radios, and the RC will only communicate with the fleet via VHF in the case of an emergency.**

7. Signals Made Ashore

7.1. Signals displayed ashore will be displayed from the Oak Harbor

YC flag staff.

- 7.2. An AP displayed ashore will be displayed at least 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning of the day.
- 7.3. When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals definitions. This changes the Race Signals definitions.

8. Schedule Of Races

- 8.1 The Race Committee will attempt to conduct one or more races each day of the regatta as conditions permit.
- 8.2. The warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 1200 each day. Subsequent races may immediately follow each race.

9. Daily Check-in

- 9.1. All boats MUST check in with the Race Committee before the start of each day's racing. The Race Committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the Race Committee acknowledges her check-in.
- 9.2 All boats shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Starting Boat and **hailing her class and sail number**, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF 72 **with her class and sail number**. After the first warning, boats may only check in on VHF 72.

10. Racing Area

The starting line will be located within five (5) nautical miles of the red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.

11. Starting Procedures

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 11.2. The race committee may hail on channel 72 and/or may signal with a series of short horn blasts before the beginning of a starting sequence.
- 11.3. The starting order for each race will be displayed using class number placards on the Race Committee boat's reader board. See Sailing Instruction 12, Courses. The class placards will be displayed in the order of the starts reading from left to right and from top line to bottom line. Lines may be reused after all listed classes on the line to be reused have started, starting from the top line. If a line is being reused, the line below it shall be blank to distinguish it from lower lines that may list classes that have not started and are earlier in the starting order. Race Committee may start classes in any order.
- 11.4. If the warning signal for the next class is made with the starting signal of the previous class, and if the starting class has a general recall, then the class flag of the next class will be removed and the start of the next class will be considered abandon without further signal. This changes RRS 27.3.
- 11.5. If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly **and/or (for Big Boats) on VHF 72**. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7. The Race Committee starting boat and/or finish boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting line with engine, including while anchored.
- 11.8. Starting Line
The starting line will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a Red or Orange mark to the left of the RC Boat when facing up wind.
- 11.9. *For smaller fleets, a shortened starting line may be used, that will be between an Orange flag on the Race committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a round Green fender ap-*

proximately 16inches in diameter anchored nearer to the RC Boat than the S mark defined in SI 11.8. If the shortened starting line is to be used, the first letter of the affected fleet's course shall be a 'G' rather than an 'S'.

12. Courses

- 12.1. Courses will be signaled by a sequence of letters following class number placards of the classes that are to sail that course.
NOTE: Class numbers may or may not be prefixed with the letter P. Each letter designates a mark to be left to port **except jibe mark J, which shall be left to STARBOARD** and finishing marks or gates, (see SI 12.4). The first letter is the starting mark. The last is the finishing mark. Mark descriptions and relative locations are indicated on the attached course diagram.

- 12.1.1. New marks, as provided for in Sailing Instruction 13 Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be the same color and shape as the original mark, but will be ringed with a black band.

12.2 For the Big Boat portion of the regatta: there may be separate Race Committee boats for the start and the finish of the course. When this is done, the starting boat will be CYC-Seattle's red boat YC-V. The finish boat will be the white motor vessel Adagio Dee.

- 12.2.1. A race finishing at *Adagio Dee* will have the letter "F" as the last mark of the course.
- 12.2.2. A race finishing at YC-V will have the letter "M" as the last mark of the course if there is a separate finishing boat, and "F" otherwise. **(i.e. Small Boat regatta)**

12.3. Starting Committee Boat Reader Board Example:

0 1 2	SAYF
3 4 5	GAXBZM
6 7 8 9	SBXBF

- 12.4. Gate at Leeward Mark: When a gate (two marks of similar shape and color) is present at a leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either the port gate mark to port or the starboard gate mark to starboard. A gate at one leeward mark shall not imply that all leeward marks are gates.

12.5. All marks other than J, Gates, M and F will always be left to Port.

12.6. Restriction of Start and Finish Lines:

From the time a boat rounds the first rounding mark until she finishes, she shall not cross a line from YC-V to the mark S. nor shall she cross a line from YC-V to mark M (or F for Small Boat portion of regatta) nor a line from Adagio Dee to mark F unless she is finishing. A competitor may exonerate herself from this infraction by executing a 2-turns penalty in compliance with rule 44.2 at the first reasonable opportunity after violating this Sailing Instruction. This changes RRS 28.1. A boat that fails to exonerate herself may be scored DNF without a hearing and may be protested by a competitor if she is not so scored. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 13.3. **NOTE: As different classes are sailing different courses, you should only round a new mark if a change was signaled at the previous rounding mark in accordance with RRS 33.**
- 13.4. A change in the direction of the next leg of the course will be signaled with green or red shapes. See RRS 33(a)(2).

14. Distance Race **BIG BOAT** Portion of regatta only

- 14.1. If flag "D" is flying from the Race Committee Starting Boat throughout the starting sequence, all classes will sail a distance race and will use alternate mark descriptions as indicated in the attached Distance Race Course Diagram.
- 14.2. A boat's finishing position in the distance race will be counted **TWICE** when calculating overall results. This race will count as two races toward determining if there will be a throw-out. If a throw-out is allowed, **ONE-HALF** of the points scored in the distance race may be thrown out as a boat's discard. This changes RRS A2.

15. Finish Line

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between an Orange or Yellow flag on the Race Committee finish boat (YC-V or *Adagio Dee*, depending on the course) and the course side of a Yellow mark to the right of the RC Boat when facing up wind.
- 15.2. For Big Boat portion of regatta: If the finish of the course was designated as an F on the reader board, the finish boat will be *Adagio Dee*.
- 15.3. For Big Boat portion of regatta: If the finish of the course was designated as an M on the reader board, the finish boat will be the RC Signal Boat YC-V.
- 15.4. For Small Boat portion of regatta: If the finish of the course was designated as an F on the reader board, the finish boat will be the RC Signal Boat YC-V.
- 15.5. The race committee may adjust or maintain the position of the finishing mark at any time without regard to RRS 33.
- 15.6. The race committee finishing boat may maneuver, with engine at any time, including when anchored, to adjust or maintain the length and orientation on the finishing line. This changes RRS 33 and 34.

16. Abandoning After Start

- 16.1. RRS 32.1 is modified to provide that the Race Committee may abandon a race in progress when a change in the weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.
- 16.2. Races may be abandoned for some classes while other classes continue racing. Classes whose race has been abandoned will be broadcast on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will fly Code Flag "N" above the class number pennant of those classes abandoned. This changes RRS 32

17. Time Limit

17.1. Big Boat portion of regatta:

- 17.1.1. For all races except the Distance Race, the first boat in a class must finish within 2 hours of her starting signal. All other boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish or they will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 17.1.2. In the distance race (see SI 14) the time limit shall be 5 hours for the first boat in each class. All other boats must finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in their class to finish or they will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

17.2. Small Boat portion of regatta:

- 17.2.1. The first boat in a class must finish within 1.5 hours of her starting signal. All other boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish or they will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

18. Retiring From a Race

- 18.1. Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee before leaving the race course by hailing her or on VHF 72 and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. A boat that fails to report that she is retiring will be scored DNS without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5.

19. Protests and Redress

- 19.1. Protests forms are available at race headquarters and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

19.2. The protest time limit will be ONE HOUR from either the RACE COMMITTEE BOAT'S DOCKING (YC-V) at the Oak Harbor Marine, OR WHEN A RED SIGNAL FLAG IS HOISTED WITH ONE SOUND AND FLOWN FROM THE OHYC FLAG STAFF in the event the YC -V is delayed on the water. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board at least 45 minutes before the time limit is reached.

19.3. All protests filed, the order in which they will be heard and the start time for the first protest hearing(s) will be posted on the official bulletin board no more than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This constitutes notice per RRS 63.2, in conjunction with SI 19.2 and 19.4 and 19.5. This also constitutes reasonable attempt to notify all boats as required by US Sailing Prescription to rule 63.2. A protested party may obtain a copy of the protest at Race Headquarters for up to 90 minutes after the protest time limit.

19.4. For Big Boat portion of regatta: Hearings are scheduled for the morning following the race at 0830 except for Friday, July 24. Hearings on Friday, July 24 will begin as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires. Notice of hearing order will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiration of Protest Time limit on Friday, July 24. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.

19.5. For Small Boat portion of regatta: Hearings will begin as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires. Notice of hearing order will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiration of Protest Time limit. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.

19.6. Hearings will be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

19.7. Requests for redress for alleged scoring errors must be filed no later than one hour after the posting of race results on the official notice board if results are posted by 2000 on the day of racing. If results are posted after 2000 on the day of racing, requests for redress must be filed by 1000 the following day. This modifies RRS 62.2.

20. Time Allowances

PHRF-NW time allowances will be calculated using PHRF-NW handicaps as assigned by the PHRF-NW Handicapper, and as shown on the entry list; using **time-on-distance**.

21. Scoring

- 21.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, as modified below, will be used.
- 21.2. Scores of RAF and DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one. This modifies RRS A4.2
- 21.3. Three races completed will constitute a series for this regatta.
- 21.4. If seven or more races are completed (or 6 races, one of which is the distance race) a boat's worst score will be discarded, except if that score is in the distance race, in which case only one-half of the scored points will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

22. Inspections

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification for compliance with PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore Racing or Class Rules at any time during the regatta.

23. Awards

Daily (for Big Boat portion of regatta) and series awards for first, second, and third places will be presented. (For fleets with 4 to 6 starters, only first and second will awarded. For fleets with fewer than 4 boats, only first will be awarded.) Special awards for outstanding competitors as determined by the Race Committee and/or Race Organizers may be presented during the awards ceremonies.

24. Disclaimer of Liability.

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

Mark Descriptions:

Course Diagram (Not to Scale)

YC-5 RC boat at Start and alternate Finish (M)

Adagio Dee, The alternate RC boat at Finish (F). May be Windward or Leeward of Leeward Marks C and U, or between Marks C and U, May be left or right of position in diagram.

S ORANGE or RED Start Mark

G Small Round Redish float indicating a shortened starting line. (May not be on a line between S and YC-5)

B RED Weather Mark

Y RED Leeward Mark

X RED Leeward Mark, 0.3 Nautical Miles, or less, to **weather** of RC Boat

A YELLOW Weather Mark

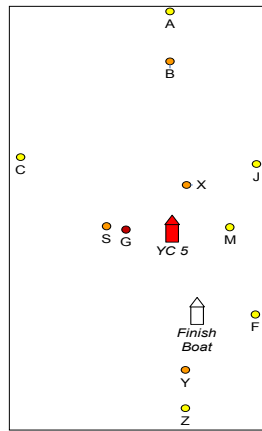
C YELLOW Jibe Mark which may be Windward or Leeward of the position shown in the diagram

J YELLOW Jibe mark to be left to STARBOARD which may be Windward or Leeward of the position shown in the diagram

Z YELLOW Leeward Mark

F YELLOW Finish Mark at Finish Boat, **Adagio Dee (YC-5 for Small Boat)**

M YELLOW Finish Mark at Signal Boat, YC-5 (**for Big Boat**)



Distance Course

Mark Descriptions:

A Temporary YELLOW mark set approximately 1/2 mile North of Baby Island
Approx Coordinates:
N48 07.026
W122 31.777

X Temporary RED mark set approximately 1/3 mile West of "6", FL R 6s 15ft at Onamac Point
Approx Coordinates:
N48 11.027
W122 32.625

C Temporary YELLOW mark Set between Poinell Point and Utsalady Point
Approx Coordinates:
N48 16.108
W122 31.404

S ORANGE or RED Start mark off YC-5

G Small Round Redish float indicating a shortened starting line. (May not be on a line between S and YC-5)

F YELLOW Finish mark off *Adagio Dee*, in the vicinity of red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.

