



July 19-22, 2018
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020. The following exceptions will apply:

1. RRS 34 (b): The rule is changed to read: "substitute an object displaying the M Flag" striking out "and make repetitive sound signals." This also changes RRS Race Signals M Flag description.
2. RRS 44.1: RRS V1 is in effect (1 turn penalties for fouls outside the "Zone").
3. RRS 44.3: Scoring Penalty shall not apply.
4. RRS 55: Trash shall include water balloons.
5. RRS 64.1: This rule will be modified so that the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, (suggested to be a 40% scoring penalty) for violations of the Class Rules or other Non-Part 2 rules.
6. RRS Appendix T is in effect. The beginning of T1 (b) is changed to read: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty...", replacing 30% with 40%.

1.2 The Regatta will also be governed by specific fleet rules for those classes sailing One Design.

1.3 The Regatta will also be governed by PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Racing. The OA and Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification to ensure compliance at any time during the regatta. The following exceptions will apply:

1. Rule 3.6.4: Wording of rule is replaced with "A boat shall fulfill US Coast Guard requirements for carrying flares."
2. Rule 3.8.2: Sentence two shall not apply.
3. Rules 3.19.1 and 3.24.3 shall not apply.

1.4 All boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor Channel 72. Channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications with the fleet. The Race Committee will not answer radio communications from race participants except for check-ins, emergencies or retirement.

1.5 PHRF Certificates from PHRF organizations other than PHRF-NW will be accepted, however they may be adjusted by a PHRF-NW handicapper if there is a discrepancy between ratings for nearly identical yachts.

1.6 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

1.7 No boats shall be removed from the water without prior written approval of the Race Committee between 1000 on Thursday, July 19, 2018 and the completion of racing on Sunday, July 22, 2018. [CR1][SR2]

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board that is located on the south facing windows on the lower level of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

2.2 Race Headquarters will be located in Catalina Park at the entry gate of the fenced area outside the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to these 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, it will be displayed at least 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning of the day.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The Race Committee will attempt to conduct one or more races each day of the regatta as conditions permit.

5.2 The Warning Signal for the first race each day will be at 1200. Subsequent races may immediately follow each race.

6. DAILY CHECK-IN

6.1 All boats must check in with 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.

6.2 All boats shall check-in by sailing past the stern of YC5 and hailing her class and sail number or by hailing the Race Committee on Channel 72 with her class and sail number. After the first warning, boats may only check in on Channel 72.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND SAIL NUMBERS

7.1 Class assignments will be made by the OA and competitors will race with their assigned fleet. The class assignments will be posted on the official notice board on July 18, 2018. Any changes to the class assignments will be posted no later than 1000 on July 19, 2018 and Signal Flag 'L' will be displayed (as defined in 4.1). Every class will have a color streamer that designates the class. This color streamer will be included in the Skipper Packet upon check in and must be flown from the backstay while racing.

7.2 The classes will each have a numeric designation (0, 1, 2...10) and class flags will be the numeral pennant as defined in the RRS International Code Flags.

Exception:

If there is a Class 10, this fleet will be represented with the German flag.

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

7.4 Competitors will comply with RRS Appendix G Identification on Sails. A competitor who is not in compliance may be issued a written warning by the OA and Race Committee. If this warning is ignored, the competitor may receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated as state in RRS 44.3 (c) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS Appendix A5.

7.5 If a boat races with sail numbers that are different from the sail numbers provided at the time of registration, she must request the approval of the Race Committee in writing, stating her class, boat name, all registered sail numbers and alternate sail numbers prior to the start of the race. The Race

Committee may reject any requested alternate sail numbers that duplicate another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction and/or competes with the rejected sail number may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS Appendix A5.

8. RACING AREA AND STARTING PROCEDURE

8.1 The racing area is Penn Cove, Sarratoga Passage, Crescent Harbor and Skagit Bay. One Design and PHRF classes will sail in Penn Cove and Sarratoga Passage, and the Cruising Class may sail in all areas.

8.2 The starting line for all fleets will be located within (5) nautical miles of the red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor (See Course Diagram).

9. COURSES

9.1 No later than the warning signal, the starting order and course for each race will be displayed on the reader board on the Race Committee boat using class number placards followed by a sequence of letters indicating marks on the course (See Course Diagram).

9.2 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. The first letter is the starting mark. The last letter is the finishing mark.

9.3 The placard "F" designates a finish at the Finish Boat.

9.4 The placard "M" designates a finish at YC-5.

9.5 The class placards will be displayed in the order of the starts reading from left to right and from top line to bottom line.

9.6 The Race Committee may start classes in any order.

9.7 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 the lower lines that may list classes that have not started and are earlier in the starting order.

9.8 If Flag "D" is flying from YC-5 throughout the starting sequence, all classes will sail a distance race and will use alternate mark descriptions (See Course Diagram).

10. MARKS

10.1 New marks, as provided for in SI 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.

10.2 When a gate (two marks of similar shape and color) is present at the 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.

10.3 Restriction of Start and Finish Lines: From the time a boat rounds the first rounding mark until she finishes, she shall not cross the line from YC-5 to the Mark "S" nor shall she cross the line from YC-5 to Mark "M" nor a line from Finish Boat to mark "F" unless she is finishing. A competitor may exonerate herself from this infraction by executing a 2-turns penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 at the first reasonable opportunity after the violation occurs. 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 RRS Appendix A5.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance to RRS 26.

11.2 The Race Committee may hail on Channel 72 and/or may provide a sound signal that is a series of short horn blasts to indicate the approach of a starting sequence.

11.3 If there are rolling starts (when the warning signal of a 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 abandoned without further signal. This changes RRS 27.3.

11.4 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 or on Channel 72. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear will be grounds for a redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.6 YC-5 and/or Finish Boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting line with engine, including while anchored conditions to maintain the integrity of the length and orientation of the starting or finishing line. This changes RRS 33.

12. ABANDONING AFTER START

12.1. 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. This changes RRS 32.1.

12.2 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.

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 finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

13.2 As different classes are sailing different courses, boats should only round a new mark if a change was signaled at the previous rounding mark and a change in the direction of the next leg of the course will be signaled with green or red shapes (See RRS 33).

14. THE FINISH AND SCORING

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the designated yellow finishing mark.

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

14.3 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.

14.4 The Low-Point Scoring Systems as defined in RRS Appendix A4 will be used with the following modification: Scores of RAF and DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one.

14.5 Three races completed will constitute a series for this regatta.

14.6 If six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 For all races (except in the event of a 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. Boats not compliant will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

15.2 For distance races and for the Cruising Class, 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. Boats not compliant will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at Race Headquarters and shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

16.2 The Protest Time Limit will be one hour from either the docking time of YC-5 at the Oak Harbor Marina or when a red signal flag is hoisted with one sound and flown from the OHYC flag staff in the event that YC-5 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.

16.3 A list of all protests filed, the order in which they will be heard and the start time for the first protest hearing(s) will be posted in 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 13.2 and SI 13.4. This also constitutes reasonable attempt to notify all boats as required by US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2. A protested party may obtain a copy of the protest at Race Headquarters for up to 90 minutes after the protest.

16.4 Hearings are scheduled for the morning following the race at 0830 except for the last day of racing on Sunday, July 22. Hearings for Sunday, July 22 will begin as soon as practical after the Protest Time Limit expires. Notice of the hearing order will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiration of Protest Time Limit on Sunday, July 22. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.

16.5 Arbitration meetings will happen as soon as both parties and the arbitrator are available. This may be on the same day that the incident occurred and before the posted Protest Time Limit. Appendix T is in effect.

16.6 All hearings will be held indoors at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

16.7 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.

17. AWARDS

17.1 Daily and series awards for top 3 finishers in each fleet will be presented at the post race parties. For fleets with less than 4-6 starters, only awards for the top 2 finishers will be awarded. For fleets with fewer than 4 boats, only a first-place award will be presented. Other awards, including the Overall Winner Award, the Molly Kool Cup Award for an outstanding woman skipper and the Philip Wise Sportsmanship Award will be presented at overall awards ceremony on the last day following racing.

18. COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 All competitors will be responsible for the actions of their crew, support persons and guests for the duration of the regatta. For serious breaches of conduct, underage drinking or failure to comply with a request by an agent representing the OA or Race Committee, the competitor may be subject to protest with penalties up to and including DNE in the race immediately preceding (or immediately following if there are no preceding races) the incident. (See RRS 64).

18.2 Competitors, crew, support staff, and guests participating at Whidbey Island Race Week are doing so at their own risk (RRS 4). The OA and Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with any/all events associated with the regatta.