HOOD RIVER YACHT CLUB



FUN FAMILY FRIDAY SERIES 2015 JUNE 19; JULY 3, 17, 31; AUG 21

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules apply: RRS 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, 88.2, Appendix G and R. Inclusion of additional US Sailing prescriptions may be noted elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions. US Sailing prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org.
- 1.3 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at bottom of the ramp entrance to the Hood River Marina and optionally on the event website.
- 2.2 The race organizer will communicate on VHF channel 72.
- 2.3 A Skippers Meeting will be held at 5:45 at the bottom of the ramp at the entrance to the Hood River Marina each race night.

3. COURSES

- 3.1 The course for each race will be posted on the notice board at the gate to the Hood River Marina and announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 3.2 Marks and starting lines, and their corresponding symbols and locations are described on Attachment A: Course Descriptions.

- 3.3 The course description is a series of letters indicating the marks and their required sequence. The first letter displayed is the designated starting line, the last letter is the finishing line, and the letters between are rounding marks.
- 3.4 All rounding marks must be left to port unless designated with a (S) following the mark in the course description.
- 3.5 When passing underneath the Hood River Bridge all boats are required to pass through the center channel bridge span.
- 3.6 Yachts may not pass to the north of the barge anchored near the Bingen lumber habor.
- 3.7 After the start, Event Site Red Buoy "E" marks the continuing obstruction of the Hood River sandbar and must be passed to the north, unless being used as a rounding mark. The buoy shall be treated as part of the continuing obstruction.
- 3.8 White Salmon River Green Buoy "33" marks the continuing obstruction of the White Salmon River sandbar, and must be passed to the south at all times. The buoy shall be treated as part of the continuing obstruction.

4. THE START

- 4.1 The starting line will be the HARBOR STARTING / FINISH LINE "P".
- 4.2 The starting sequence will be a pursuit start with the first starter leaving at 6:30.
- 4.3 Competitors will be assigned a start time based on GPS time.

5. FINISHING

- 5.1 The finish line will be the HARBOR STARTING / FINISH LINE "P"
- 5.2 Competitors shall record the boat immediately ahead and behind of their position across the finish line.

6 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and

- all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- **6.2** All boats must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) Nearshore Category except as modified:
 - -3.8.2 : DSC / GPS capability not required in VHF radio.
 - -3.24.3: This item not required.
- 6.3 All boats must meet applicable Coast Guard requirements.
- 6.4 All boats must be equipped with either an inboard or outboard auxiliary engine. Outboard motors may be stowed below decks.
- 6.5 A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify the fleet at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 72.
- 6.6 Boats must keep clear of commercial traffic at all times.
- 6.7 No Spinnakers!
- 6.8 HAVE FUN!