

# 2015 Reach for Hospice Regatta

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules:

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) 2013 -2016.

### 2. Notices to Competitors:

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board across from the SBYC meeting room.

2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time by hail or over VHF 68. Any communication not governed by the rules is unofficial communication. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear. This

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect.

### 4. Signals made Ashore:

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat or the Chase Boat located near the fuel dock of the JW Marina. When the "AP" postponement flag is lowered after having been displayed ashore, all contestants shall proceed promptly to the starting area.

### 5. Schedule:

A skippers meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 1030. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1200. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

### 6. Class Flags:

For the first race classes will start in the following order:

Code Flag 1 – PHRF A fleet (PHRF rating of 135 or less)

Code Flag 2 – PHRF B fleet (PHRF rating of 136 or more)

Code Flag 3 - Small Boat fleet (Portsmouth rating)

Classes and their assigned starts will be posted on the bulletin board outside the club meeting room.

***The starting order for subsequent races may be different than the starting order for the first race.***

### 7. Racing Area:

The racing area will be within Sequim Bay.

8. The Courses:

8.1 The top row of the Race Committee placard will be the course for the PHRF A fleet, the second row of the placard will be the courses for the PHRF B fleet and Small Boat fleet.

8.2 Each course will be signaled by a row of letters. Each letter designates a mark. The first letter displayed is the starting mark, the last is the finishing mark, and those in between are the rounding marks.

8.3 Mark descriptions and locations are outlined in the attached race diagrams.

8.4 Pass each rounding mark in the order displayed and on the same side as the starting mark. Finish between the finishing mark and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat.

8.5 Individual classes may be abandoned or shortened by displaying their class flag along with the appropriate race signal flag.

9. The Start:

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby inflatable mark.

9.2 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 via VHF channel 68 or by a loudspeaker. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.

9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.

9.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made must avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.

10. The Finish:

The finish line will be the same line as the start line, which is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby inflatable mark.

11. Time Limit:

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. If at least one boat in the class finishes within the 60 minute time period, all other boats in the class must finish by a 70 minute period. A boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A.4, and A.5

12. Protests:

12.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee no later than one half hour after the Race Committee boat docks. Parties to the hearing will be notified of the time and location of their hearing.

12.2 A Protest Arbitration can be held at the conclusion of the day's racing if:

a) the protest committee elects to offer arbitration

b) each party involved in the incident agrees to arbitration

c) each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident

No witnesses will be allowed during arbitration. The Protest Arbitration will be run by a member of the Race Committee. The arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide.

- a) The protest is invalid,
- b) No boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
- c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

The decision of the arbitrator will be binding unless either party objects in which case the matter will proceed to a formal protest hearing to be conducted at a later date. This changes RRS 60, 63.

### 13. Scoring:

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Boats that are OCS, DNS, did not finish, retired, or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus one.

13.2 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. One race will constitute a series.

### 14. Safety:

A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day should notify the Race committee in person or via VHF Channel 68.

### 15. Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishing boats in each class.

### 16. Responsibility:

16.1 The skipper of each boat is responsible for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of his or her crew. If action is taken under RRS 69, Allegations of Gross Misconduct, it result in a competitor being excluded from further participation in SBYC racing programs for that year, or a longer time period.

16.2 Occasionally sailboat racing has resulted in injury or loss of life. All competitors in SBYC events participate at their own risk. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure they understand and accept those risks, to decide whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event, to determine the seaworthiness of the boat; and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

### 17. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in SBYC sponsored events entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 or prior to, during, or after racing.