



**BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB**  
**INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS**  
**PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**  
**JUNE 15-17, 2018**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the lower level staircase on the east side of Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC). A duplicate Notice Board will be located in the launch area on race mornings. The Race Committee will make all reasonable efforts to post notices, except for protest notices per SI 17.3 and 17.4, on the event website and the Regatta Network site for this Regatta.
- 2.2 A mandatory competitors' meeting for will be held in BYC Ward Room (downstairs in the BYC Clubhouse) at 0930 hours on Friday, June 15th. There will be an informal RC Briefing at the launch area at 1000 hours on the other racing days.

- 3 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Any other change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0900 Hours on the day it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located in front of the BYC Clubhouse and on a smaller flag staff in the launch area.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS "Race Signals".

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 8 races are scheduled for the Regatta.
  - 3 Races are scheduled for Friday
  - 3 Races are scheduled for Saturday
  - 2 Races are scheduled for Sunday
- 5.2 The Warning Signal for the first race of each day on scheduled for 1200 hours. No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 hours on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

- 6 **CLASS FLAG** - The Class Flag will the International Code Flag "W".

- 7 **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be Bellingham Bay and its approaches.

**8 COURSES –**

- 8.1 Courses are shown in Attachment A.
- 8.2 Prior to Warning Signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course number on the course board located on the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat.
- 8.3 If either of the leeward gate marks, Marks 3S or 3P is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.
- 8.4 Courses will not be shortened. In the event of light winds, the Race Committee may set a course with shorter legs to avoid exceeding the Time Limit. (This changes RRS 32.2.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s, and 3p will be orange inflatable cones or tetrahedrons. Mark 1a will be a Red Ball. The Finish Mark will be a Red Ball opposite the Race Committee Finish Boat.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 For the Gate Start, the starting marks will be the Port Limit Mark (Red Ball) and a flag staff on the stern of the Gate Boat.

## **10 Check-In / Check-Out**

- 10.1 All boats must check-in and be acknowledged by the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal for their first race of the day. A boat retiring from a race after starting but before finishing shall, whenever practical, notify any Race Committee boat before leaving the course.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes prior to the Starting Signal.
- 11.2 One minute prior to the Warning Signal, the RC Signal Boat will sound an Alert Signal of with multiple sounds.
- 11.3 Races will be started either by a gate start or a fixed line start. The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the type of start no later than the Warning Signal. Code Flag "G" signifies a Gate Start. Code Flag "F" signifies a Fixed Line Start.

## **12 GATE START (FLAG G)**

- 12.1 Prior to the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the time in minutes & seconds (MM:SS) between the Starting Signal and the time at which the Gate Boat will stop at the starboard end of the Starting Line.
- 12.2 Pathfinder Assignment - The Race Committee will appoint the Pathfinder. The Pathfinder will normally be the first boat 9th place or later in the previous race that is able to race and has not yet served as a Pathfinder.
- 12.3 The sail number of the Pathfinder will be posted on the Official Notice Board for the first scheduled race of the day. For subsequent races each day, the sail number of the Pathfinder will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat, as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.
- 12.4 Prior to the Preparatory Signal the Pathfinder shall report to the Gate Boat (displaying Code Flag G located near the Race Committee Signal Boat) and follow the Race Committee's instructions. If the Pathfinder fails to do so, she will be assigned a scoring penalty of 15 points, which are non-excludable, and shall be ineligible for any restart of that race. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 12.5 Within 10 seconds after the Starting Signal, the Pathfinder will begin a close-hauled port tack from the Port Limit Mark and the Gate Boat will keep station close astern and slightly to leeward of the Pathfinder.
- 12.6 The Starting Line (except for the Pathfinder) will be between the Port Limit Mark and a flag staff on the stern of the Gate Boat.
- 12.7 All boats (except for the Pathfinder) shall start on starboard tack after the Starting Signal. A boat starting prematurely shall retire from the race. RRS 29.2, Individual Recall, does not apply.
- 12.8 The Pathfinder shall sail a close-hauled course until it is released by hail from the Gate Boat. After the Pathfinder has started, the Pathfinder ceases to be a starting mark, and may continue or tack onto starboard tack.
- 12.9 After the release of the Pathfinder, the Gate Boat will continue its course and speed until the gate has been opened for the period signaled; see SI 12.1. It will then stop, make a long sound signal, drift for one minute, and signal the close of the gate by lowering Flag G with a short sound signal.
- 12.10 A boat that has not started at the close of the gate will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 12.11 While approaching the line to start, a boat shall not cause the Pathfinder or Gate Boat to alter course or speed, nor shall she pass between the Pathfinder and the Gate Boat. A boat that does so will be disqualified without a hearing and SI 12.12 will apply. This changes RRS 63.1.

12.12 If a boat has been disqualified according to SI 12.11 and the race is restarted, her sail number shall be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat for at least 3 minutes prior to the new Warning Signal. A boat whose number has been so displayed shall leave the starting area before the next Warning Signal; however, a boat breaking this rule may participate in the restarted race providing she advises the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal that she intends to protest another boat and/or request redress in connection with the incident. If she does not then file a valid protest or request, or her protest is dismissed or she is not granted redress, she shall be scored a DNE for the race in question. This changes RRS 36, 62.2, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

### **13 Fixed Line Start (Flag F)**

13.1 The Starting Line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a buoy at the Port end of the line.

13.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

**14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** - 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 an original mark. Changes will be signaled according to RRS 33.

**15 THE FINISH** - The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying a orange flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and the designated Finish Mark.

### **16 TIME LIMITS**

**First Leg** - If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

**Total Race** - If no boat sails the course and finishes within 120 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

**Finish after Time Limit Expires** - Boats still racing and failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SI 18) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 Protest forms are available at the BYC Sailing Office on the lower floor of the BYC clubhouse and at the head of the dock at the at the launch area.

17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted there within 60 minutes after the official arrival of the Race Committee signal boat at the dock. The Race Committee will post its official arrival time on the notice board.

17.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearing. Hearings will be held as soon as practical after sailing.

17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (1) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; -or- (2) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### **18 SCORING**

18.1 The completion of 1 race will constitute a regatta.

18.2 Excluded Races - If fewer than 6 races are completed, no race scores will be excluded. If 6 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will exclude her worst excludable score.

### **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20 SUPPORT BOATS** - All coach/support boats shall not enter an area defined by a perimeter drawn 125m outside the marks of the course, including the starting area and the lay lines to Mark 1 or the course.
- Coach/support boats are requested to monitor VHF Channel 72 during racing and agree to provide safety assistance if requested by the Race Committee.
- 21 BERTHING** - When ashore, all boats must be stored on their dollies in the designated location in the Launch Area.
- 22 RADIO COMMUNICATION** - Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 23 PRIZES** – See Notice of Race.
- 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## ATTACHMENT A --- COURSES

<u>Course</u>	<u>Marks in Order of Rounding</u>
1	1-1a / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 2 / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 3p / Downwind Finish
2	1-1a / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 3p / Downwind Finish
3	1-1a / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 2 / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 3s/3p / Upwind Finish
4	1-1a / 3s/3p / 1-1a / 3s/3p / Upwind Finish

Note: Diagram is not to scale.

