

HOOD RIVER YACHT CLUB - Moore 24 Nationals SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Moore 24 National Championship Regatta August 10 - 12, 2018

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, 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, posted at the head of the dock or given verbally at the Competitor's Meeting. 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 may be made by notice posted at the head the dock, verbal communication at the skipper's meeting, radio communication on VHF channel 72, posting on the event website or via text or email communication to event registrants.
- 2.2 The race organizer and the Signal Boat will communicate on VHF channel 72.
- 2.3 Courses will be announced via a course board on the committee boat.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be posted at the head of the dock up to one hour before each day's first warning or may be communicated verbally at the skipper's meeting.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Please see NOR.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the head of the ramp at the boat launch or the RC boat at the dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the removal of AP unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

7 RACING AREA AND START / FINISH LINE

- 7.1 The racing area is the Columbia River in the vicinity of the Hood River Marina.
- 7.2 The West Start area will be between W and E on the course map.
- 7.3 The East Start area will be between B and X on the course map.
- 7.4 The Start / Finish line will be the same unless "P" designates the finish line.
- 7.5 The Start / Finish line is restricted during racing.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course letters for each race will be posted on the RC boat and will reference courses described in "Sailing Instructions Attachment A: Course Descriptions."
- 8.2 All rounding marks must be left to port unless designated with an "s" following the mark letter in the course description.
- 8.3 When passing underneath the Hood River Bridge all boats are required to pass through the center channel bridge span.
- 8.4 No yacht shall pass beneath the Hood River Bridge concurrently with a barge or other commercial traffic. Doing so may be grounds for disqualification.
- 8.5 Yachts may not pass to the north of the barge anchored near the Bingen lumber harbor.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 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.

9 SHORTENING COURSE

9.1 The RC Boat may elect to shorten the course for any reason listed in RRS 32.1. The RC Boat shall indicate a shortened course by its presence on station at any mark of the course. The finish line shall then be between the RC boat and the mark and shall be crossed in a direction away from the previous mark. This changes RRS 32.1.

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 No boat shall be scored which finishes greater than 30 minutes after the first finisher in a "Short Course" race or 45 minutes in a "Distance Course" race.

10 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

10.1 Written protests and requests for redress must be delivered within the protest time limit to the race committee within 1 hour of the end of the day's racing as determined by the finish time of the last boat in the last race.

10.2 The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *racing*."

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall be used.

11.2 The regatta shall not have throw-outs.

11.3 One race shall constitute a regatta.

12 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

12.1 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.

12.2 All boats must meet applicable Coast Guard requirements.

12.3 A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify RC at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 72.

12.4 Boats must keep clear of commercial traffic at all times.