

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

2017 Saturday Spring Series

1. RULES

This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, except as modified by Individual Class rules, the Sailing Instructions, or the Appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the SBYC Clubhouse.

2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time by hail. 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 changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

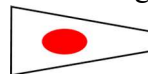
5. SCHEDULE

The warning signal for the first race will be at 1100. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

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

Code Flag 1 – PHRF Keelboats



Code Flag 2 – Flying Scot & PHRF



Classes and their assigned starts will be posted on the official bulletin board outside the club meeting room no later than 1000 on the day it will take effect. Classes and their assigned flags and starting order may change from the previous week depending on participation.

Classes will start in the order in which class placards are displayed, reading from left to right and from the top line to the bottom line on the Race Committee Boat reader-board. 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 in Sequim Bay

8. THE COURSES

8.1 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.

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

8.3 Pass each rounding mark in the order displayed leaving the mark to port. Finish between the finishing mark and the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat. When a number, such as “2” or “3”, follows the course letters, it signals a multiple-lap course. Sail the course as many times as is indicated by that number, crossing the finishing line at the completion of each lap.

8.4 Gate mark: If flag “G” is displayed at the preparatory and the starting signals for a class, there will be a gate (two marks) instead of a single mark for that class, and boats shall pass between the two gate marks and then round either the port gate mark to port or the starboard gate mark to starboard.

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. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.

9.3 A boat starting later than four 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

10.1 The finish line will be the same line as the start line except when the optional yellow mark is deployed on the opposite side of the committee boat. In this case finish between the optional yellow mark and either a solid blue or orange flag on the committee boat.

10.2 IMPORTANT RESTRICTION: When the optional finish line is used, after completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the line between the yellow finish mark and the Race Committee boat unless she is:

- a) finishing.
- b) rounding the mark end of the finishing line when such a rounding is required by the course for her class.
- c) completing a lap of a multiple-lap course (as indicated by a number following a designated course).

A boat that fails to observe this restriction may exonerate herself by making a Two-Turns penalty. This changes RRS 28.1. The optional finishing line is an obstruction for boats that are

subject to this restriction. A boat that fails to exonerate herself may be scored DNF without a hearing. The changes RRS 63.1 and appendix A.5.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. 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

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Racing Committee no later than one hour after the Race Committee Boat docks. Parties to the hearing will be notified of the date, location, and time of their hearing.

13.2 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, did not finish, retire, or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus one. Boats that do not start will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus two. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9.

13.2 One race will constitute a series.

13.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

14. SAFETY

14.1 Competitors on centerboard boats shall wear a life jacket or flotation garment other than a wetsuit or dry suit at all times when racing.

14.2 Competitors needing help should signal by waving an open hand. A wave of a closed fist will be interpreted to mean help is not needed.

14.3 A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day should notify the Race Committee

15. PRIZES

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

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 may result in a competitor being excluded from further participation in SBYC racing programs.

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.

Sequim Bay Yacht & Sailing Club Race Marks



 **A**

A - Yellow mark Windward

B - Yellow gybe mark

C - Yellow mark leeward of RC

 **X**

U - Red mark leeward of RC

X - Red mark Windward

Y - Red gybe mark

*Z - Red mark located .2 miles or less
in front of RC boat*

S F - Start Finish Mark

F - Optional Finish Mark

 **B**

 **Y**

**S
F**



F
*optional
R/C F is
Restricted*



*G Flag signifies a gate
mark. Enter between
marks and round either
the port gate mark to port
or the starboard gate mark to
starboard.*

