



2017 Thunderbird International Championship Regatta

Port Townsend, Washington
August 1 - 5, 2017
Port Townsend Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing for RRS 40, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3. The International Thunderbird Class Association (ITCA) Rules and Specifications will apply. [DP]
- 1.4. Rules V1 & V2 of Appendix V shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:
http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=14937
- 2.2. Duplicate notices may be posted on M/V "JAZZ" located at Point Hudson Marina as a courtesy to competitors. Failure to post notices at this location will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.3. A mandatory competitor meeting will be held at the NW Maritime Center at 1000 on Tuesday, August 1. [DP]
- 2.4. The race committee will utilize VHF radio for communications on the water. The designated channel will be announced at the competitor meeting. Failure to make announcements, the failure to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the first race in which it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of M/V "JAZZ" located at Point Hudson Marina.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**5.1. Dates & Times of racing:**

Monday, July 31	1330 – 1600	Practice Racing— Port Townsend Bay
Tuesday, August 1	1000 1200 1800	Competitor Meeting—NW Maritime Center First Warning Signal No Warning Signal After This Time
Wednesday, August 2	1000 1500	First Warning Signal No Warning Signal After This Time
Thursday, August 3	1300 1800	First Warning Signal No Warning Signal After This Time
Friday, August 4	1000 1500	First Warning Signal No Warning Signal After This Time
Saturday, August 5	1100 1500 ASAP After Racing	First Warning No Warning Signal After This Time Award Presentation—Cotton Building

5.2. The race committee will start no more than five (5) races on each day of racing.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Class Flag will be a flag with the International Thunderbird logo.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Townsend Bay adjacent to the city of Port Townsend.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Courses will be signaled from the race committee vessel using alphanumeric placards.
- 8.3. If Mark "O" is absent it shall be disregarded.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks "W", "L1" and "L2" will be temporary yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Mark "O" will be a temporary orange ball.
- 9.3. The Starting and Finishing mark will be an orange cylinder.
- 9.4. The race committee may use its engine to hold position, and may do so even when apparently anchored.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2. One minute prior to the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of individually recalled boats by VHF radio. Failure to do so, the timing or the order of the hails, the failure to hear the hail, or any other issues regarding the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying flag "C" alone. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signals to maintain the original course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The start and finish line will be the same line.

13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 120 minutes after the starting signal.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3. The target time for all races will be 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available from the Chief Judge. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Chief Judge within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as, practicable.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Breaches of SI 1.3, 2.3, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.7. The race committee will post a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes Rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used except as modified below.
- 15.2. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 5.
- 15.3. Discarded Scores:
 - 15.3.1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no discarded scores).
 - 15.3.2. When between 6 and 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score (one discarded score).
 - 15.3.3. When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores (two discarded scores).

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not impede the safe passage of a stand on vessel not racing and shall comply with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a stand on vessel, may be subject to protest and possible disqualification. [DP]
- 16.2. Do not approach within 100 yards of any Washington State Ferry, tank ship, or naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards, you must contact the vessel on Ch. 16 (or 13 if a tank ship). You must operate at a minimum speed within 500 yards of any of these vessels. Do not approach within 1000 yards of an escorted submarine without contacting the escort on Ch. 16. Offenses are punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines. [DP]
- 16.3. Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740 makes it illegal to:
 - 16.3.1. Cause a vessel or other object to approach, in any manner, within 200 yards of a southern resident Orca whale. [DP]
 - 16.3.2. Position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident Orca whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes intercepting a southern resident Orca whale by positioning the vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. [DP]
 - 16.3.3. Fail to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident Orca whale. [DP]
 - 16.3.4. Feed a southern resident Orca whale. [DP]
- 16.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (on-the-water or on-shore) as soon as possible. [DP]

17. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat and its equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the notice of race and at any time during the regatta by a member of the race committee or the technical committee. [DP]

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

- 18.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the Chief Judge. [DP]
- 18.2. Boats shall not be kept on a hydro-hoist or other flotation device during the regatta. [DP]
- 18.3. Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. 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. [DP]

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) boats overall.
- 20.2. The top boat overall will be awarded the "Thunderbird Perpetual International Trophy".

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 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.
- 21.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. [DP]

22. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 22.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

Attachment A

SIGNAL	COURSE	SIGNAL	COURSE
A 1	S - W - O - L2 - F	B 1	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - F
A 2	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 2	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - F
A 3	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 3	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - L2 - W - O - F

