

# Percy Priest Yacht Club



## Buoy Course Sailing Instructions

### Vanguard 15 Class

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes will be made to the following RRS for the Vanguard 15 class:  
26 (Starting Races), 29.1 (Individual Recalls), 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course),  
35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident), 61 (Protest Requirements),  
62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4 (Low Point Systems),  
A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and  
Race Signal AP (Postponement).
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions Rule 60 (redress hearing participation), Rule 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing),  
and Rule 63.4 (Interested Party) will not apply.
- 1.4. All Vanguard 15 class rules will apply.

- #### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
- Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be located on the windows of the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina building facing the deck.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.2. The schedule of races for the first day's races will not be changed.
- 3.3. Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day's racing will be posted by 1800 hours (6:00 pm) on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP." This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP."

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The race schedule, dates of racing, number of races, scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day and the cut-off time for starting a race on the last day will be as stated in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board.
- 5.2. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag "AP" may be displayed before a warning signal is displayed.

#### 6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The Vanguard 15 class flag shows the Vanguard 15 class logo.
- 6.2. Reminder – as stated in the preamble to Race Signals: "When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class."

- #### 7. RACING AREA
- The racing area will be within three miles of the harbor entrance to Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.

**8. MARKS** – The marks are described in Attachment A.

**9. COURSES** – The courses are described in Attachment A.

**10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started using the Sound-Signal Starting System, US Sailing Prescription Appendix S. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.3. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. A boat shall not pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat. A boat shall not touch the trailing mark before starting.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is not visible from the previous mark of the course or if the change of position is more than 20°, the change will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is visible from the previous mark of the course and the change of position is 20° or less, the change may not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

**12. RECALLS** – When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may at its discretion attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. Such a hail is a courtesy hail only. Failure of the race committee to hail, failure of a boat to hear the hail, or the order or timing of the hail will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly and will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM** – Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark. The finishing line will be on the same side of the boat as the starting line.
- 14.2. Boats that have finished shall avoid the finishing area if possible.

**15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1. The time limit for a race is one hour for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to Sailing Instruction 17.3 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3. If the time limit in Sailing Instruction 15.2 has expired, the race committee may notify the boats that have not finished. If a boat has been notified that the time limit has expired, she shall immediately return to the starting area to prepare for the start of the next race. If no more races will be sailed for the day, she shall immediately clear the course.

**16. PROTESTS**

- 16.1. A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.
- 16.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be written and delivered to the protest committee chairperson within the protest time limit which ends 45 minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six to eleven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3. A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat finished and that was still racing when the time limit expired and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats that finished the race and not later retired or disqualified. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS A4, A5 and A11.
- 17.4. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in Sailing Instruction 17.3 or retires (RET) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats that entered the regatta.
- 17.5. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 17.6. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

## **18. COURTESY HAILS**

- 18.1. The race committee may make periodic courtesy hails. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race committee's visual or sound signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy hails will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2. Boats are required to check in by sailing astern on starboard tack, hailing their sail number to the Race Committee Signal Boat before the start of the first race each day and/or the first race following any postponement ashore.

## **20. PRIZES** – Prizes will be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Percy Priest Yacht Club 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. Competitors agree that 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. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

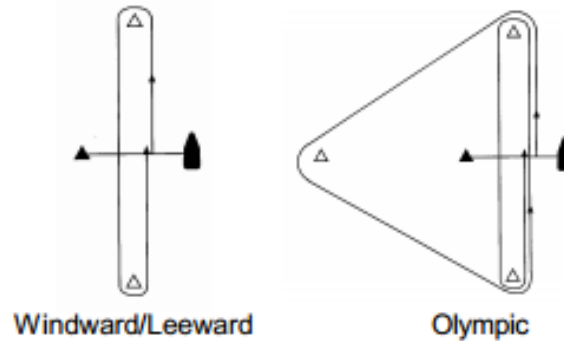
## **22. INSURANCE** – Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.

# Attachment A

## Marks and Courses

### A 1. COURSES AND MARKS

- A 1.1. The color and shape of the Marks for a Course, including the start and the finish, will be posted on the Notice Board.
- A 1.2. The optional mark identified in Sailing Instruction 10.3 may be any shape or color.
- A 1.3. Two courses are available: "COURSE W" and "COURSE O". COURSE W refers to Windward (windward/leeward). COURSE O is Olympic (triangle/windward/leeward)
- A 1.4. The courses may be extended by adding a numeral after the course to repeat (e.g. W2 means twice around).
- A 1.5. Race committee may use the windward and leeward marks as a start or finish mark.
- A 1.6. Course Diagrams:



- A 1.7. Course Board – The course designation, "W" or "W2" or "O" may be either displayed or announced from the race committee boat before the warning signal.
- A 1.8. The Race Committee may adjust the position of a mark of the course and the course adjusted for a shift in the wind direction. If the mark position change is 40° or less, the change may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33(a).