



## Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race

May 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland

Astoria, OR to Victoria, BC

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule 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. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply, except that the US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted and shall not apply.
- 1.3. The current International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea ("COLREGS"), US and Canadian Coast Guard requirements, and the US Sailing SER, revision 2018-1 Coastal and Offshore categories, as revised by the Organizing Authority, shall apply. [DP]
- 1.4. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://sailpdx.org/notice-board/> Oregon Offshore menu link (direct link: [http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=18160](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=18160) )
- 2.2. The Race Committee (RC) will utilize VHF channel 72 for communications at the start and VHF channel 71 at the finish. Failure to do so, the failure to hear communication(s), or any other issues regarding communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 hours PDT on May 8, 2019 on the official notice board at <https://sailpdx.org/notice-board/> Oregon Offshore menu link.

### 4. SCHEDULE

The start time will be 0900 hours PDT on Thursday, May 9, 2019. The RC reserves the right to make changes to this announced time no later than 1800 hours PDT Wednesday, May 8, 2019.



**5. CLASS FLAG**

The Class flag shall be pennant number 1 for all classes.

**6. THE COURSE**

- 6.1. The Start will be off the mouth of the Columbia River between a line connecting the southernmost edge of Government Buoy 2 and the southernmost point on the Race Committee Boat (RCB).
- 6.2. Proceed north to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, leaving the Duntze Rock Government Buoy (DRGB) to Starboard, or, if no DRGB is in place, then leave the location of 48° 25' 03" N and 124° 45' 39" W to Starboard.
- 6.3. Finish between the light on the Ogden Point Breakwater, located at 48° 24' 48.5" N and 123° 23' 37.7" W, and Government Buoy V21, located at 48° 24' 52.1" N and 123° 24' 11.7" W and displaying a green four (4) second flashing light (See CHS Chart 3412).
- 6.4. The course length is 193 nautical miles (nm).
- 6.5. The course may be shortened at the discretion of the RC if a class has fewer yachts finish within the time limit than it has trophy positions. All boats in all classes are to make note of their time when passing 124° 45' 39" W longitude such that, if the course is shortened, that time will be their finish time. A yacht that abandons racing after passing 124° 45' 39" W longitude in a class for which the course is subsequently shortened will nevertheless still be scored within that class. This instruction changes RRS 32.

**7. THE START**

- 7.1. The start time will be 0900 hours on Thursday, May 9, 2019, unless modified under SI 4, above. In the event of a postponement, RC will fly an AP flag at the Astoria Yacht Club accompanied by two sound signals, and additional communications will be provided over VHF Channel 72 no later than 0500 hours PDT, Thursday, May 9, 2019.
- 7.2. The race will be started following RRS 26.
- 7.3. The starting line will be between the RCB and Buoy 2 at the mouth of the Columbia River as provided in SI 6, above.
- 7.4. The RCB will be on station at Buoy 2 for 60 minutes after the start, or until all yachts have crossed the start line, whichever occurs first. A yacht starting later than 60 minutes after the starting signal will start herself leaving Buoy 2 to starboard.
- 7.5. If any part of a yacht's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line any time within two minutes of and/or at her starting signal, and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to do so, the failure to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding this communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**8. THE FINISH**

- 8.1. When a boat has safely cleared Race Rocks, she shall notify RC on VHF Channel 71, or call or text at (503) 799-8718. [DP]
- 8.2. When a boat is within one (1) mile of the finish, she shall notify RC on VHF Channel



- 71, or call or text at (503) 799-8718. [DP]
- 8.3. The finish line shall be between the light on the Ogden Point Breakwater, located at 48° 24' 48.5" N and 123° 23' 37.7" W, and Government Buoy V21, located at 48° 24' 52.1" N and 123° 24' 11.7" W and displaying a green four (4) second flashing light (see, CHS Chart 3412) as provided in SI 6, above.
  - 8.4. After dark, boats shall shine a light on their sail numbers prior to crossing the finish line. [DP]
  - 8.5. RC will attempt to notify boats of their finish on VHF Channel 71. Failure to do so shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
  - 8.6. Each boat shall record her finish time and be ready to provide it at the request of the RC. [DP]
9. **TIME LIMITS**  
All yachts must finish within 72 hours after the starting signal or by 1000 hours PDT on May 12, 2019, whichever is earliest. Yachts finishing after this time limit will be scored DNF.
10. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 10.1. Protest forms are available online at <http://www.oregonoffshore.org>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the RC by emailing a completed protest form to [commodore@cycportland.org](mailto:commodore@cycportland.org) with a corresponding call or text at (503) 799-8718 notifying RC that the form has been sent.
  - 10.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 180 minutes after the last yacht has finished in that class, but in no case later than 1100 hours PDT Sunday May 12, 2019, which is the time set for protests hearings, below.
  - 10.3. In order to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, notices of protest(s) will be posted at [www.oregonoffshore.org](http://www.oregonoffshore.org) as soon as possible after receipt by RC, but in no case later than 90 minutes after the protest time limit except if such limitation would extend beyond the hearing time. Hearings will be held in the protest room at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Sunday, May 12, 2019, at 1100 hours PDT, which is one (1) hour before the scheduled awards ceremony.
11. **SCORING**
- 11.1. The scoring system to be used is the Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A.
  - 11.2. Ratings for scoring to be used are:
    - 11.2.1. PHRF Classes shall be rated according to their current PHRF NW rating.
    - 11.2.2. Cruising Class will be scored as a level fleet.
      - 11.2.2.1. Cruising class competitors will be allowed to motor at any point on the course for no more than 4 hours TOTAL time without penalty, as documented by a verbal statement from each Skipper within 60 minutes of their finish. No time will be deducted for motoring for less than 4 hours TOTAL.



**11.2.2.2.** Cruising class competitors that motor for any increment of time in excess of 4 hours will have that time added to their finishing time. It will be the responsibility of the skipper to inform RC of said additional time as soon after finishing as practicable, but in no event later than 1100 hours PDT, May 12, 2019.

**12. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1.** A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the RC at the first opportunity, by calling over VHF Channel 71, or by calling or texting at (503) 799-8718. [DP]
- 12.2.** All yachts must check in with MCTS Prince Rupert (formerly MCTS Tofino) on VHF channel 74 when transiting north of 48°N latitude and prior to entering the Strait of Juan de Fuca. MCTS Prince Rupert may give further instructions regarding transiting shipping lanes. Each yacht must comply with these requests from MCTS Prince Rupert. [DP]
- 12.3.** All yachts must check in with Seattle Vessel Traffic (VTS) on VHF channel 5A when their yacht enters the Straits of Juan de Fuca transiting east of 124° 40'W longitude. VTS will have a list of all yachts competing in the race and will list you as overdue with the Coast Guard if you do not check in. [DP]

**13. TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded per class, as follows:

- 2-3 Yachts – 1 trophy
- 4 Yachts – 2 trophies
- 5+ Yachts – 3 trophies

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

**15. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US \$500,000 per occurrence liability insurance that does not contain an exclusion from sailboat racing, and which covers property damage, personal injury, and death.

**(End of Sailing Instructions)**