

**** SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ****

Anacortes Yacht Club Proudly presents the Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race & Cruise Saturday, February 23rd, 2019

- . 1) **RACING RULES:** This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 RRS, except as modified by these Instructions. The race will be scored using time-on-distance with a specified distance of 19.5nm.
- . 2) **COMMUNICATIONS:** All race communications will be made using VHF channel 72. Skippers shall guard VHF channel 16 for vessel traffic information and relevant notice to mariners. The Race Committee will use flag signals and horns to indicate starting signals and finishing signals. As a courtesy to racers, these signals will also be communicated via VHF channel 72. Flag signals will supersede voice signals during the starting and finishing sequence.
- . 3) **RACE COMMITTEE BOAT:** The designated RC boat will show an Orange Flag to identify itself, and show other signals as indicated above. For the start, the Race Committee boat will be on station to observe the start maintaining a position in line with the R2 & Refinery Range marker, but it will NOT be a part of the starting line. However, for the finish, the Race Committee boat will be part of the finish line and race officials onboard will record finish times. Skippers shall also record their finish time using GPS time and report it to the race committee in Friday Harbor within one (1) hour of completing the course. Such reports will be made by calling or texting the Event Chairman John Sanford at (206) 697-0098, Race Chair Stephanie Schwenk at (360) 770-9460, or Scorer Scott Truesdell at (714) 914-7157. Please leave a message if unable to answer. If there are differences in the two recorded times then the RC observed finish time for a vessel will supersede the vessel's self-reported time.

- . 4) SAFETY: For AYC distance racing (as per the AYC 2019 Race Packet) there is a requirement that all boats comply with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) safety requirements. All AYC distance races shall be considered Nearshore + events. However, Skippers are strongly encouraged to treat distance races as PIYA category “Coastal Events”. For additional information on PIYA safety regulations visit www.ussailing.net/piya .
- . 5) COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: This event transits through commercial shipping lanes with constricted waters. Skippers shall ensure their vessel gives the right-of-way to commercial vessels and does not impede commercial traffic. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification.
- . 6) USE OF AUXILIARY POWER TO AVOID COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: If it appears that your vessel might impede commercial traffic it is the skipper’s responsibility to “give way” and exit the area immediately. If required, the use of auxiliary power is permitted. If power is used, it must be reported to the Race Committee with the finish time. A written report must also be made showing the location, time, duration of power use, speed, direction of exit. The Skipper will ensure their vessel shall not benefit from or gain a competitive position over other yachts while under auxiliary power.
- . 7) SKIPPERS MEETING: AYC will be open Friday night on 22 Feb. at 05:30PM. An unofficial skippers meeting will be held at 6:30pm at AYC. Last minute registrations to enter the race will be taken until 06:00PM. Registration for the race does not guarantee meals will be available on Saturday night. See Notice of Race for arrangement of meals.
- . 8) PRE-RACE CHECK-IN: All boats are required to check-in with the Race Committee between 08:30am and 09:25am at the start line Saturday morning. All check-in’s are to be made by radio using VHF radio Channel 72.

9) RACE DETAILS:

Starting Time: Saturday February 23rd, 09:30 hours

Start Line: Between R2 & Refinery Pier

Course: Racers shall head outbound (west) down Guemes Channel. Pass through Thatcher's Pass. Leave Lopez Island to Port and Orcas Island to Starboard, enroute to the finish at Friday Harbor, WA.

Finish Line: Entrance to Friday Harbor, between the weather station and the RC boat stationed at the NW corner of Brown Island

Time Limit: 17:30 hours (5:30PM). 8 hours elapsed time.

Distance: 19.5nm

Half Way: The half way mark is at the west end of Thatcher Pass and the Red day marker on the starboard side, if headed west. Racers shall record and report halfway times.