

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Gig Harbor Yacht Club Le Mans Race

Saturday, November 14th, 2020

This unique sailboat race, which began over 50 Years ago (inspired by car racing), will once again feature a Le Mans type start for all boats.

Instructions for Classes 1 and 2 - At the PREPARATORY SIGNAL (horn only):

- All boats will be anchored, in their designated “starting box” with their anchor also within their designated starting area. Maximum scope for anchoring is 5:1
- COVID change *** ALL crew must **remain on deck** for the start (not in the cabin as usual)
- The mainsail must be down and on the boom and tied with at least one sail tie.
- The headsail will be down on the foredeck. Roller-furling sails will be entirely furled.
- Halyards may be attached and sails pre-fed.
- At each boat’s respective class STARTING SIGNAL: Crew may come on deck, raise the anchor (no buoying the anchor), set sail and must pass through the start line. If your boat is over early you must round one end of the line to restart. Remember your lack of rights if doing so.

Eligibility: All boats entering **must** have a valid PHRF certificate OR must be a member of a group participating as a One-Design Class as recognized by the Race Committee (minimum 5 boats). All additional class restrictions for a One-Design Class are the responsibility of that class. PIYA category III safety requirements are in effect for all boats.

The Start and Finish: A committee boat may or may NOT be in use at the start. The “start” and “horns” likely will be managed from an appropriate dock or land location.

Starting times: There will be two starts. The warning signal for the first start is 10:25 and start at 10:30. The warning signal for the second start is 10:35 and a start at 10:40. A “reverse” start will be used (smaller boats / higher ratings start at 10:30). Special starting instructions may be given at the Skipper's Meeting on the day of the race. These Special Starting Instructions are unique to this event and are a change from RRS Rules 26.

Horns and Flags: All signals will be horns. Flags will **NOT** be used.

Skipper's Meeting: A “MODIFIED” skipper's meeting will be at the **Gig Harbor City Dock (Jerisich Park) between 0845 and 0915** on the day of the race. This is NOT a group meeting. “Print outs” of Entries and Class designation and any “Special Instructions” will be handed out at that time. Due to Covid only the skipper or one crew member, please. Please wear a mask and maintain “social distancing”.

Courses: There will be options of two (2) courses. The committee’s choice of course will be based on weather conditions the morning of the race and announced at the skipper’s meeting.

“S” – Short Course

From the designated starting areas inside Gig Harbor, boats will proceed North in Colvos Passage to a mark due east of Point. Richmond and close to the Vashon shore (north of Camp Sealh). Leave that mark to port and return to the finish line inside Gig Harbor.

“L” – Long Course

From the designated starting areas inside Gig Harbor, boats will proceed north around a temporary mark approximately 400 yards east of the Olalla Bridge at approximately 47 25.2 N, 122 32.2 W (leave this mark to port) and return to the finish line inside Gig Harbor.

Either course may be shortened at the turning mark at the discretion of the race committee. Horns received at the turn mark will indicate a shortened race and a boat's finish.

Classes and Awards: Class breaks and starting areas will be determined by the number of entries received and will be announced at the skippers meeting on Saturday morning. The race committee Chairman's decision on class breaks will be final and must be accepted by all participants. Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

Rules, Protests, and Time Limit: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2010 and the US Sailing Prescriptions, this Notice and Sailing Instructions and special instructions provided by the race committee. The race committee must receive protests no later than two hours after the time limit for each class. The course time limit will be 5 hours after the start of each class.

Communication: The Race Committee will communicate on and monitor VHF Channel 68
Cell phone number will be for Erik Carlson 253-224-1513

NO Post-Race Party: Regrettably due to Covid there will NOT be a post race party this year. Entry fees have been reduced this year for that reason.

Registration: On-Line (using Regatta Networks)

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21376

Entry Fee: Entry fee, to be paid on line when registering, is \$25.00 - Late Entries \$30 –

If registering in person Saturday/Race Morning – contact Erik Carlson 253-224-1513 – bring your registration and a check for \$30 made out to GHYC

Questions?

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