



Tacoma Yacht Club

Winter Vashon

December 5, 2020

REVISED - Sailing Instructions

COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT

The conduct of race participants are subject to current local, state, and federal COVID 19 mandates. Every skipper is responsible for his or her own vessel and their crew compliance with Covid 19 mandates. Skippers should familiarize themselves with the Covid 19 mandates in effect at the time of each scheduled race.

Every skipper should also check the TYC website for any additional Covid 19 restrictions. Every skipper is responsible for his or her own vessel and their crew compliance with TYC Covid 19 restrictions.

Because Covid 19 mandates may restrict the number of non-family member crew on a vessel, skippers in every class have the option to participate in the race in a single-double handed class. After registering for this race, skippers should contact TYC by email to notify the Race Committee at tycsail@gmail.com of the selection to participate in the single-double handed class, but no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the race. Please provide the vessel name, sail number, skipper name, skipper email and cell phone number, and whether they will be using their normal PHRF rating or non-flying sail rating (PHRF rating minus 18 second).

Special Rules for single-double handed category: All competitors are encouraged to wear a safety harness with tether while racing. Self-steering devices are allowed for the single-double handed race class.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing: 2013-2016 (RRS), the USSA Prescriptions, class rules (including PHRF NW class rules), the Southern Sound Series Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Winter Vashon Sailing Instructions and the Winter Vashon Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 Cruising and Commodore Class boats are subject to Non-PHRF Class Rules. See Appendix A.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and/or changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of TYC in the front entry on Friday afternoon Dec 2, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm.
- 2.2 Multiple horns may be sounded prior to a warning of the race as an attention signal.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on staffs on the TYC clubhouse deck.
- 3.2 When the AP is displayed from the TYC deck '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP Rule.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 There will be one distance race on race day.
- 4.2 Race Committee Time will be Universal Pacific Standard / GPS time.
- 4.3 Cruising, Commodore, and Single and Double Handed Class warning: 0925**
- 4.4 First Racing Class warning: 0955
- 4.5 The warning for subsequent starts will be 1 minute or more after the preceding start signals.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Class flags for each class will be the letter/number pennant flag for the class.

5.2 Classes will start together as grouped below:

Cruising NFS, Commodore, and Single and Double Handed Class "C" Flag

PHRF Classes 8 and 9 "8 and 9" pennant

PHRF Classes 6 and 7 "6 and 7" pennant

PHRF Classes 4 and 5 "4 and 5" pennant

PHRF Classes 2 and 3 "2 and 3" pennant

Class 1 – multi hulls "1" pennant

IRC Class "0 (zero)" pennant

One Design class designed flag or agreed upon letter flag

Depending on the number of vessels participating, TYC reserves the right to modify the start sequence and start multiple classes together. Skippers should check the Host Club website the night before the race for a revised start sequence. Skippers when they check in with the Race Committee on **Channel 72 on the morning of the race should also inquire if the start sequence has been modified.**

6. THE COURSE

6.1 PHRF, IRC, Cruising and Commodore Classes all start from the RC boat anchored near TYC Clubhouse in a westerly direction racing **CLOCKWISE** around Vashon Island crossing the finish line off the TYC clubhouse in a westerly direction.

6.1.1 A TYC Race Committee boat will be anchored as a limiting mark approximately ½ mile North of the ferry dock at the North end of Vashon Island (on Allen Shoal). This mark/boat shall be left to **STARBOARD**.

6.2 Ferry Boat Clearance: at the north and south ends of Vashon Island the race course crosses ferry lanes. All boats must maintain a minimum 500 yard distance from any FERRY BOAT regardless of its location and speed which has the right of way at all times.

6.3 Traffic Separation Lanes: As some of the race will be in or in the vicinity of the Traffic Separation Scheme, all skippers and crews are expected to be fully familiar with and comply with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea which states: Skippers are reminded that vessels under sail DO NOT always have the right of way over power driven vessels. *"...a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane."* Race participants are expected to yield to vessels in the traffic lane even to the detriment of competitive position. If a race participant needs to contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) they should use VHF Channel 14 if contact cannot be made on Channel 16.

7. SHORTENED COURSE

7.1 The Course may be shortened for fleets sailing around Vashon at the limiting mark/boat at the North end of Vashon Island. Sub sections a, b, and c of RRS 32.2 are replaced with: ...the finishing line shall be,

- a) between a staff on the North end RC boat displaying the flag S and an Yellow or Orange Mark set to the South of the RC boat. Or, if the RC was unable to set a mark,**
- b) a line extending West towards the Southern tip of Blake Island from a staff on the North end RC boat displaying the flag S**

This changes RRS 32.2

8. START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26 with class starting sequence in the order indicated in SI 5.2 and indicated by the class flag, and may be announced over **VHF 72**.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat anchored within 0.5 miles of the TYC Clubhouse, and an inflatable mark on the water off the side of the committee boat.
- 8.3 Leave the RC boat to PORT and the mark to STARBOARD when starting.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The full around-Vashon course must be completed within 13 hours of a boat's start. Any boats not finishing within 13 hours will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 9.2 If the full course is shortened at the north end, the course must be completed within 8 hours of a boat's start. Any boats not finishing within 8 hours will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 Finish will be in a westerly direction between a yellow inflatable mark anchored approximately 100 yards off-shore north of the TYC Clubhouse and an orange flag located on the TYC deck on the North side of the clubhouse.
- 10.2 The yellow finish mark shall be left to STARBOARD.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 PHRF and IRC time corrections will be calculated using Time-On-Distance.
- 11.2 Boats scored DNF, RAF, OCS or DSQ will be scored the number of boats that finished the race plus 1. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 11.3 Boats scored DNC or DNS will be scored the number of boats that started the race plus 2. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 11.4 Series scoring will be as per the description in the Series Sailing Instructions section 10.

12. COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during the race.
- 12.2 The Race Committee cell phone number (253) 208-3752. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail.

13. CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

- 13.1 Boats must check in with the Race Committee boat at the starting area prior to their first warning signal. Boats should check-in by hail unless safety requires checking in using communication defined in SI 12.
- 13.2 A boat that retires while racing must orally notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after retiring by hailing or in a manner defined in SI 12.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The "Two Turn Penalty" is replaced with a 'One Turn Penalty'. Modifying Rules 44.1 and 44.2. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests must be on written forms like that available at the U.S. Sailing Web site, and received within 48 hours of the boat's full course time limit. Forms may be available from the Race Committee. All protests will be handled according to the Southern Sound Series Sailing Instructions.

16. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 Safety requirements shall be U.S. Sailing Equipment Requirements NEARSHORE, except that any single or double-handed crews must wear a PFD at all times.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the first three boats in each class.
- 17.2 Prizes will be governed by the rules in the Southern Sound Series Sailing Instructions.

APPENDIX A – RULES for Non-PHRF CLASSES

A Cruising Class and a Commodore Class will be offered at each race venue. These classes will be scored independently and will not be eligible for series overall or team awards. Handicaps are as assigned by the Cruising/Commodore Class Handicapper, Mark Harang, (206) 235-5716, harang3@comcast.net. It is each boat's responsibility to obtain a handicap from Mark before registering to race. If and when a boat receives a PHRF rating, it will be used for the entire series.

Commodore Class boats must comply with PHRF rules and regulations, except that membership in PHRF is not required. Boats may fly such sails as spinnakers, mizzen staysails, streakers, drifters flown from their own temporary stays, etc. Boats will be assigned rating based on PHRF rules.

Cruising Class boats must comply with PHRF rules and regulations for "No Flying Sails" rating, except that membership in PHRF is not required. This includes, but is not limited to, rules on whisker pole length and the rules listed below.

To be eligible for a "No Flying Sails" rating, boats must use working sails only: attached by their luff to permanent stays or spars. Not less than 90% of the luff length must be attached to the permanent stay or spar with not less than eight (8) snaps or sail track slides distributed evenly along the luff; or, alternately, attachment may be by a luff-rope groove. Only one (1) working sail luff may be attached to each permanent stay or spar.

Only one sail may be used forward of the main mast on Sloops, Cutters, Yawls, and Ketches unless the yacht is specifically rated for carrying additional sails. When changing jibs, the "up" – hoisted – jib must be fully lowered to the deck before the replacement jib is raised. Before lowering the "up" jib, the replacement jib may be hanked on the forestay, or started in the second headfoil groove up to five feet above the deck. The second halyard may be attached before lowering the "up" jib. Jibs may NOT be attached to temporary or detachable stays. NFS ratings exclude such sails as spinnakers, mizzen staysails, streakers, drifters flown from their own temporary stays, etc.

The above was excerpted from Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest PHRF-NW web site, No Flying Sails Rating.

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