

# Percy Priest Yacht Club



## Spring Fall Off Sailing Instructions

### 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:  
26 (Starting Races); 35 (Time Limit and Scores); A4 (Low Point System);  
A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee); and Race Signal AP (Postponement).

**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 at least one hour before the scheduled start of the race.
- 3.2. The schedule for the race will not be changed.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PPYC flag pole on the deck.
- 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 RACE** – The race schedule, date of racing, scheduled time of the warning signal for the race will be as stated in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board.

**6. CLASS FLAGS** – Because this is a pursuit race with a pursuit start, class flags will not be used.

**7. RACING AREA** – The racing area will be the area covered by the distance course used.

**8. COURSES** – Descriptions and diagrams of the courses will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

**9. MARKS** – Descriptions of the marks will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

### 10. THE START

- 10.1. The race will be a pursuit format with slower boats starting before faster boats.
- 10.2. A committee boat or a boat participating in the race will be designated as the sound signal boat. Times shall be taken from the sound signals. Visual signals (flags) will not be used. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.3. A 6-minute starting system will be used to count down to the "zero starting time." At approximately 1059, a three short sound Warning Signal will be given. Exactly one minute later, a single long sound Preparatory Signal will be given. This is the start of the 5-minute countdown. Exactly one minute later, a single short sound Signal will be given. This is the 4-minute mark. Exactly 4-minutes later, a single long sound Starting

Signal will be given. This Starting Signal begins the pursuit start countdown for each boat. This changes RRS 26.

- 10.4. Each boat's starting time will be listed on a *Pursuit Race Starting Times* sheet or otherwise provided to the boat.
- 10.5. The starting time is the number of minutes and seconds after the Starting Signal. A negative starting time is the number of minutes and seconds before the Starting Signal.
- 10.6. The starting line will be between the southern-most no-wake buoy and the next no-wake buoy to the north. These buoys are located near the mouth of Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove.
- 10.7. After the Starting Signal, **boats that are not in their final approach to the starting line MUST STAY WELL CLEAR of the starting line and any boats that are approaching the line to start.**
- 10.8. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting time will be scored as Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.9. Starting Sequence Example:

Starting Sequence Example			
Starting Signal	Description	Countdown	Approximate Time-of-Day
<b>Warning Signal</b> ("Warning Horn")	3 short sounds	6:00	1059
<b>Preparatory Signal</b> ("5-Minute Horn")	1 long sound	5:00	1100
<b>Preparatory Signal</b> ("4-Minute Horn")	1 Short Sound	4:00	1101
<b>Starting Signal</b> ("Zero Starting Time")	1 long sound	0:00	1105
A boat's starting time countdown begins at the Starting Signal ("Zero Starting Time").			

11. **RECALLS** – Boats must not start before their starting time. Individual recalls will not be signaled, however a boat that is on the course side of the starting line at its starting time must restart or it may be protested by a competitor and scored accordingly. This changes RRS 29.1 and A5.
12. **SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START** – The shortening of the course procedure will be as follows:  
(*This changes RRS 32. Shortening or Abandoning After the Start*)
  - 12.1 The regatta chair will announce on VHF 68 that "the course will be shortened in five minutes." The Chair will count down the 5 minutes in one-minute increments.
  - 12.2 At the end of five minutes the Chair will announce that the race is over.
  - 12.3 Boats will finish in place at that final announcement. Each boat is required to note the boat ahead of them and the boat behind them and immediately Email from their phone to [racing@ppyc.org](mailto:racing@ppyc.org) this information to complete the finishing order.
13. **THE FINISH** – The finishing line will be the same as the starting line. A separate race committee boat will not be used for finishing. Each boat shall record the boat that finishes directly before it and directly after it and provide this information to the regatta chair immediately after the race via Email to [racing@ppyc.org](mailto:racing@ppyc.org)
14. **TIME LIMIT**
  - 14.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to finish will be the earlier of the two (2) hours after the start of the class or 1600 hours (4:00 pm).
  - 14.2. If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within 45 minutes of the first finisher will be counted as finishing. This changes RRS 35.
15. **PROTESTS**
  - 15.1. Written protests are STRONGLY DISCOURAGED for this regatta! If you foul someone, DO YOUR TURNS!
  - 15.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be written and delivered to the protest committee chairperson within 45 minutes after the last boat in your class finishes.
16. **SCORING**
  - 16.1. Up to three races will be sailed and scored.
  - 16.2. Pursuit starting times are based on the course length and PHRF handicaps assigned by PPYC.

16.3. The first boat in a class to finish will be first; the second boat to finish will be second; the third boat to finish will be third and so forth.

**17. USE OF ENGINE PERMITTED AFTER GROUNDING** – In accordance with RRS 42.3(h), a boat is allowed to use its engine to get clear after grounding as long as the boat does not advance its position while under power. Once a boat gets clear it must immediately stop its engine and continue sailing.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS** – A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**19. 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, regatta committee, 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.

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

# Distance Course Addendum

## Starting at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina Cove

**Course Designations** -- Distance Courses will be either B, D, I, L, or a combination of D or L and I. The course will be announced at the skippers meeting.

**Course Diagrams (Attachments A)** -- See the course diagrams on Attachments A. The written course descriptions below will control when determining the course.

**Course B ("Bridge" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward the bridge leaving "Bear" Island to STARBOARD. Pass any RED and GREEN channel markers on the required side. A channel marker that is missing or has drifted substantially from its normal position does not have a required side. Round the last GREEN channel marker nearest the bridge leaving it to PORT. Sail back to the finishing line, passing the RED and GREEN channel markers on their required side, and leaving "Bear" Island to PORT.

**Course D ("Dam" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward the dam leaving "Luau" Island, "Stone" Island and the "Grouped" Rock Markers (northeast of "Luau" Island) to PORT. Round "Goose" Island to PORT. Sail toward "Luau" Island leaving the "Grouped" Rock Markers, "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island to PORT and continue sailing back to the finishing line. The single rock marker east of "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island is not a mark on Course D and does not have a required side.

**Course L ("Low Water Dam" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward "Stone" Island (between Elm Hill and Hamilton Creek) leaving it, "Luau" Island and the "Grouped" Rock Markers (northeast of "Luau" Island) to STARBOARD. Sail toward the dam rounding "Goose" Island to PORT. Sail back toward "Luau" Island leaving the "Grouped" Rock Markers, "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island to PORT. Continue by sailing back to finishing line.

**Course I ("Island" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward "Bear" Island and leave it to STARBOARD. Then sail a southwesterly heading toward "Pig" Island (the island south of "Bear" and "Raccoon" Islands). Round "Pig" Island to PORT. Sail back to the finishing line leaving "Bear" Island to PORT.

**Single Rock Marker** -- The single rock marker east of "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island does not have a required side on any of these courses.

**Combination Courses** (DI, LI, ID, IL) -- When the course to be sailed is a combination of two courses, sail them as one course without returning to the starting/finishing line between courses. For example, if the course is LI, sail Course L exactly as stated above, but instead of returning to the starting/finishing line, continue sailing and sail Course I exactly as stated above.

**Optional Inflatable Mark Instead of Island** -- At the option of the regatta committee, an inflatable mark may be used as the rounding mark instead of the island indicated in any of the course descriptions above. If an inflatable mark will be used, it will be announced at the skippers meeting.

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