

Tacoma Yacht Club

Summer Vashon Regatta

Saturday, June 12, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All competitors must follow the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of TYC in the Front entry.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Class flags may be modified at the Skippers' meeting.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the TYC flag pole located on the West of the clubhouse. This does not include starting signals, AP flag, or signals displayed as part of RRS 30 if there is no race committee starting boat and starts are conducted from shore.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore (as defined in SI 4.1), '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP rule.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 SKIPPERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 0900 In the TYC Lobby

- 5.2 One race is scheduled.
- 5.3 Cruising Class warning 0955.
- 5.4 Cruising classes will start together.
- 5.5 PHRF classes warning will follow the Cruising Class start. Multiple classes will start at the same time as indicated by the classes' class flag. SI 6.1
- 5.6 One design classes first warning will follow the PHRF start.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags for each class will be as follows:
 - "C" flag Cruising and Commodore classes
 - 1 pennants PHRF
 - OD Class emblem flag or other flag or pendant.
 - Will be determined and announced at the Skippers' meeting.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course is clockwise around Vashon Island. Leave the limiting mark at the North end (See SI 7.3) to **STARBOARD**. The course may be changed on the water. If the course is to be changed on the water the RC Signal boat (or RC on shore) will display code flag L and make announcements on VHF channel 72.
- 7.2 The course will begin and end in front of or in the vicinity of the TYC clubhouse.

- 7.3 A limiting mark (yellow or orange inflatable) will be anchored approximately ½ mile north of the ferry dock at the North end of Vashon Island (on Allen Bank). A North End Race Committee boat may be anchored approximately 200 yards north of the limiting mark. If the North End Committee boat is on station. All Boats must pass between the committee boat and the limiting mark.

8 COURSE SAFETY

- 8.1 **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.
- 8.2 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 includes the statement:
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.

9 START

- 9.1 Class starting sequence indicated by the class pennant, and may be announced over VHF 72.
- 9.2 The starting line will be either:
- 9.2.1 Between an orange flag on the Committee boat (anchored within .5 miles of the TYC clubhouse) and an Inflatable mark in the water approximately north of the committee boat. Leave the RC Boat to **Port** and the pin to **Starboard** when starting.
 - 9.2.2 Between an orange flag on shore on a point of land NE of the TYC Dry storage area (approximate location 47.3068N, 122.5094W) and a temporary mark set approximately 300 feet off shore of this point, leaving the temporary mark to **Starboard**.
- 9.3 Use of option SI 9.2.1 or SI 9.2.2 will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 9.4 The Race Committee will attempt to hail sail numbers on VHF Ch 72 of OCS boats. Failure of the Committee to do so, the timing or the order of the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 Finish will be between an orange or yellow inflatable buoy anchored approximately 100 yards off shore north of the Tacoma Yacht Club and an orange flag located on the TYC deck on the North side of the clubhouse.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 For classes sailing the full course (SI 7.1), there will be a time limit of ten (10) hours from each class's start time.
- 11.2 Any boat not finishing within their time limit of their start time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 11.3 Any boat sailing the full course (SI 7.1) that does not cross the Shortened Course Option finish line (SI 12.2.3) within seven and a half (7.5) hours of her start will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

12 SCORING

12.1 PHRF time corrections will be calculated using Time-on-Distance.

12.2 SHORTENED COURSE OPTION:

12.2.1 If the race committee does not shorten course or abandon under RRS 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*, a shortened course option is available to all boats sailing the course defined in SI 7.1 that sail to a shortened course finish line (defined below in SI 12.2.2) and subsequently retire and comply with all aspects of this instruction (SI 12.2).

12.2.2 Boats electing to use the shortened course option will be considered finishers and will be scored in their class and overall based on their time and distance for the shortened course in sequence immediately behind the boats that finish the full course.

12.2.3 **Shortened Course Finish Line** is defined as the line between the limiting mark and the North end RC boat, if it is on station. If there is no north end RC boat on station, then the shortened course finish line extends 0 degrees true north from the limiting mark. (See SI 7.2 for description of north end limiting mark and north end RC boat)

12.2.4 **Shortened Course Time Limit:** Boats using this option must finish within 7.5 hours of their starting time.

12.2.5 Boats using this option **MUST** report their finish time to the race committee when they retire (see SI 13.2) and prior to the full time limit of 10 hours (SI 11). Boats should record their finishing time accurately to the second using GPS time at the time she finishes as per RRS definition of "finish." If a race committee boat is at the port end the shortened course finish line and is able to take a boat's finish time, that time will be used rather than the boat's self-reported finish time.

12.3 For PHRF corrected time, the distance of the course will be the shortest navigable distance along the course to the finish line.

13 CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

13.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal 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 17.

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 17. If unable to reach a committee boat by radio, please call 253 732 5918 and notify Race Chair Robert Nettleton of the boat class, Name and sail number of the boat retiring.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix V, Rule V1 applies (Penalty at the Time of an Incident).

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests forms are available at TYC or the US Sailing Web Site.

15.2 Protests **MUST** be delivered **IN PERSON** to Race Rob Nettleton within 2 hours of the finish time of the last boat to finish or the race time limit, whichever is later. Boats that elect to use

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Shortened Course Option Summary

(Not a Sailing Instruction)

- Boats may sail a shortened course to the north end of the island and be scored in sequence after all boats that sailed the full course.
- Boats must reach the shortened course finish line within 7.5 hours.

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the shortened course option and boats whose race is finished at the north end of Vashon Island under RRS 32 may call the race committee (SI 17.2) within thirty (30) minutes of the last boat to finish or thirty (30) minutes of the race time limit, whichever is later, to request an individual, reasonable extension to the filing limit.

- 15.3 In addition to following the rules of Part 5, a boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Committee of her intent over VHF Ch 72 or by calling and leaving a message with Race Chair Robert Nettleton at 253 732 5918 within 10 minutes of her finish.
- 15.4 Protests will be heard at TYC as soon as possible and reasonable after they are filed. Every attempt to contact effected parties will be made at TYC and using the telephone number used on a boats registration.
- 15.5 If time does not allow a hearing on the day of the race the hearing will be conducted at the first available opportunity.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Safety requirements--PIYA SER "Nearshore+"--Except that any single or double-handed crews must wear a PFD at all times.

17 COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE

- 17.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 17.2 The race committee's cell phone number is **253-732-5918**. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail.