



2021 Thunderbird West Coast Championship Regatta

Port Townsend Sailing Association
September 4-5, 2021
Port Townsend, Washington, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22796>.
- 3.2. The race office is located at: Eric@GladiatorSailing.com.
- 3.3. A competitor meeting will be held at the NW Maritime Center at 0900 on Saturday, August 31.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio. The designated channel will be announced at the competitor meeting. Failure to make announcements, the failure to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. Dates & Times of racing:

Saturday, September 4	0900 1100	Competitor Meeting—NW Maritime Center First Warning Signal
Sunday, September 5	1000 ASAP After Racing	First Warning Signal Banquet & Awards—Cotton Building

- 4.2. The race committee will start no more than five (5) races on each day of racing.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1. The Class Flag will be a flag with the International Thunderbird logo.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. SI Attachment B shows the location of the racing area.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. Courses will be displayed on the signal vessel using alphanumeric placards.
- 7.3. If Mark "O" is absent it shall be disregarded.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks "W", "L1" and "L2" will be temporary yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 8.2. Mark "O" will be a temporary yellow cylinder.
- 8.3. The Starting and Finishing mark will be a temporary orange cylinder.

9. THE START

- 9.1. One minute prior to the warning signal, the signal vessel may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds.
- 9.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying flag "C" with repetitive sounds only. This changes RRS 33(a) and (b).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 120 minutes after the starting signal.
- 12.2. The Finishing Window shall be 20 minutes, and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.2. Hearing request forms shall be delivered to a race official or at: Sailing@CraigDaniels.com.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as, practicable.
- 13.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. [DP] Boats shall not impede the safe passage of a stand on vessel not racing and shall comply with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from race officials to alter course may be subject to protest and possible disqualification.
- 14.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (on-the-water or on-shore) as soon as possible.

Attachment A

SIGNAL	COURSE	SIGNAL	COURSE
A 1	S - W - O - L2 - F	B 1	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - F
A 2	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 2	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - F
A 3	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 3	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - L2 - W - O - F



