



2021 Fall Off Regatta
Percy Priest Yacht Club
Saturday November 6, 2021
Hamilton Creek Marina, Percy Priest Lake

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore RRS Race Signals is changed to read "The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal unless the race is postponed again or abandoned."
- 1.4 RRS A5.1 is changed to read "A boat that did not start within 4 minutes of her start signal, sail the course, finish within 30 minutes of the first boat, or comply with rule 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, or 78.2, or that retires or takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a), shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing..."
- 1.5 RRS 35 is changed to read "... All boats that finish later than 30 minutes from the first boat's finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as the number of boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat plus 2..."
- 1.6 RRS A5.2 is change to read "...A boat that finishes later than 30 minutes from the first boat's finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as the number of boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat plus 2..."
- 1.7 RRS A10 is changed to include the scoring abbreviation "TLE Time Limit Expired (Did not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat.)"
- 1.8 RRS A2.1 1st sentence is changed to read "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores ." (No throw outs)
- 1.9 RRS 32.2 is changed to "If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be between a staff displaying flag "S" (shortened course signal flag) on the race committee boat end and the new finishing mark at the other end."

2 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Copies of these Sailing Instructions (SI) (**including any final changes**) for this regatta will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0900, November 6, 2021.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hailing competitors on VHF channel 68

3 **COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the club house windows overlooking the docks at Hamilton Creek Marina (North side of building).
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio **channel 68**. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 While racing [From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. **This paragraph does not apply to boats sailing in the Bee Fleet.**

4 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat at the dock
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races take place on Saturday November 6, 2021. If abandonment, due to weather, is announced before the completion of the first race, the regatta may be completed on Sunday November 7, using the same schedule stated in the NoR.

6.2 **Classes** are defined as follows:

Non-Spinnaker- PHRF boats that have a PPYC assigned non-spinnaker PHRF rating

Spinnaker- PHRF boats that have a PPYC assigned spinnaker PHRF rating.

Bee Fleet- Boats meeting requirements for less experienced skipper and crew as described on PPYC website. The fleet is made up of cruisers and captains who are eager to enjoy racing under a modified format that will include relaxing of RRS 41 so that we can provide race time coaching if needed.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.5 The regatta may consist of as many as 3 distance course races.

6.6 The order of start of the classes for the first race will be posted on the notice board on the day of racing. Subsequent races and starting orders will be determined on the water after the first fleet finishes.

7 **CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape, or class logo. A description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the race committee.

8 **RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area is determined by the courses used. All start lines will be within 1 mile of the Hamilton Creek Marina no wake buoys.

8.2 Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The possible distance courses used are attached as Addendum A to these sailing instructions
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation as noted in "DIAGRAM 1-Courses Designation Example" of the Addendum A.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 All marks are described in Addendum A

11 THE START

- 11.1 The Bee Fleet will have a standard RRS 26 start. No handicap applied
- 11.2 Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Fleets will have pursuit starts counting down the appropriate PHRF times starting from the start gun of a RRS 26 countdown. This changes RRS 26. *Example: flags and sounds at minutes 5,4,1,0(Gun), then add your PHRF time from the PPYC table for the appropriate course (Addendum B)*
- 11.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat's port side, and orange tetrahedron on the port end of the starting line.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 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 will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal (starting horn plus PHRF time plus 4 minutes) will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 When a distance course is shortened after the start, a race committee boat will drop a new finishing mark in an obvious location within a leg of the course being sailed. The new finishing line will be between a staff displaying flag "S" (shortened course signal flag) on the race committee boat end and the new finishing mark at the other end. This changes RRS 32.2.

13 **THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the RC Signal boat and a yellow cylinder off the starboard side of the RC Signal boat. The finish line must be crossed from the course side which may mean passing the Signal boat to port or to starboard depending on the course layout.

14 **TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in a class to finish a race will be the earlier of two (2) hours after the start of the class or 1600 hours (4:00 p.m.).
- 14.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in her fleet 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 two 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.
- 14.3 No race will start after 3 PM (1500 hrs)

15 **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. A boat may notify the race committee by sailing by the finish line race committee boat and stating its intention or by using VHF radio on Channel 68. This changes RRS 61. A valid written hearing request must still be filed.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end of "Protest Filing Time," which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 30 minutes later. These times will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.3 Hearing request forms are available from the PRO on the dock or the clubhouse deck.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and location posted on the notice board

- 15.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 15.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

16 **SCORING**

- 16.1` The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used with the changes noted in Rules paragraphs 1.4-1.8
- 16.2 Only one completed race is required to constitute the regatta series for each class
- 16.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 16.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 **PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- i.* A class with 5 or fewer registrants will receive 1st and 2nd place trophies
 - ii.* A class with greater than 5 registrants will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies

19 **RISK STATEMENT-DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER**

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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, 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**

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.