



## Tacoma Yacht Club

### Winter Vashon

December 3, 2022

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (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 South Sound Series Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 Cruising and Commodore Class are subject to Non-PHRF Class Rules in 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 December 2, 2022 beginning at 1600. No notice will be posted after 0800 on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

### 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 Cruising and Commodore Class warning: 0925
- 4.3 First Racing Class warning: 0955
- 4.4 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:

"C" flag	Cruising and Commodore classes
8 & 9 pennants	PHRF classes 8 and 9
6 & 7 pennants	PHRF classes 6 and 7
4 & 5 pennants	PHRF classes 4 and 5
2 & 3 pennants	PHRF classes 2 and 3
1 pennant	Multi-hulls
0 (zero) pennant	IRC class

### 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.
- 6.2 An orange or yellow inflatable mark 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 shall be left to **STARBOARD**. 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.

6.2.1 If conditions prevent anchoring an orange or yellow inflatable mark, it may be placed on the bow of the North End RC boat, in which case the entire boat should be treated as the limiting mark. This mark shall be left to **STARBOARD**. (Please be mindful that the **North End RC boat is provided by a volunteer and effort should be made to avoid colliding with the North End RC boat.**)

6.3 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.

6.4 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 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 between a staff on the North End RC boat displaying the flag S and an Orange or Yellow Mark set to the south of the RC boat. Or, if the RC was unable to set a mark the line between the RC and the southern tip of Blake Island.

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 set North 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 the orange or yellow inflatable mark anchored approximately 100 yards offshore north of the TYC Clubhouse and an orange flag located on the TYC deck on the North side of the clubhouse.

10.2 The orange or yellow inflatable 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, DSQ, DNC or DNS will be scored the number of boats that finished the race plus 1. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 11.3 Series scoring will be as per the description in the Series Sailing Instructions section 10.
- 11.4 Where inconsistent, the SSSS scoring supersedes the Regatta Network scoring.

## **12. COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during the race.
- 12.2 The Race Committee cell phone number for Robert Nettleton is (253) 732-5918. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail or send a text.

## **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. If a boat does not get a reply calling on VHF 72, then they must call or text the number in SI 12.2. Boats that do not do this will be protested by the RC.

## **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 submitted in writing (electronic submissions accepted), 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. Additionally any single or double-handed crews must wear a PFD at all times except briefly while changing clothing.
- 16.2 Vessels with an Automated Identification System shall broadcast their position.

## **17. Southern Killer Whale Notification**

- 17.1 Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.2 Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident killer whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale.
- 17.3 Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission [Move away] of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.4 Boaters may not feed a southern resident killer whale.

## **18. PRIZES**

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

## APPENDIX A – RULES FOR CRUISING COMMODORE CLASS BOATS

A Cruising Class and a Commodore Flying Sails Class will be offered. No rating required or used. Each vessel will be scored where it finishes.

Cruising and Commodore Class Boats must comply with all other applicable sailing rules and regulations.

Commodore Flying Sails: Boats may fly such sails as spinnakers, mizzen staysails, streakers, drifters flown from their own temporary stays, etc.

Cruising Class: 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.