

# Percy Priest Yacht Club



## 2023 Force Five Regatta 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 may be adjusted/delayed if required by conditions.

### 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
- Class Flags will only be used for One Design classes (4 or more boats). A Number Pennant will be used for distance racers and will be shown at Skippers meeting.

- ### 7. RACING AREA
- The racing area will be the area covered by the distance course used. A buoy course may be set up for One Design classes if conditions permit.

- ### 8. COURSES
- Descriptions and diagrams of the distance courses will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum. **It is anticipated that a modified Low Water Course will be used with an inflatable mark set south of Goose Island (just below dam) for a port rounding. This will shorten the course and adjusted starting times will be provided. Approx 3.8 NM. Course designation for this modified course will be LX.**

- ### 9. MARKS
- Descriptions of the marks will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum. **At the discretion of the Race Committee, a windward mark may be set for rounding (either port of starboard rounding depending upon wind conditions) prior to proceeding onto the distance course.** Details of possible options will be included in Appendix A.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. One Design classes will have separate starts prior to the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and B fleet Pursuit start. These classes will use a pursuit format with slower boats starting before faster boats. One design classes require 4 or more boats for a separate start.
- 10.2. **A boat participating in the race** or a committee boat will be designated as the **sound signal boat**. **Times shall be taken from the sound signals**. Class Flags will be only used to designate one design class starts. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.3 One design classes shall use class flags to designate the starting sequence and a normal 5 minute starting sequence (**Warning - 3 Whistle blasts at 6 minutes to start, Class Flag up/1 short blast at 5 minutes, Prep Flag up / 1 short blast at 4 minutes, Prep Flag down /1 short blast at one minute, Class Flag Down / 1 short blast at Start**)
- 10.3.1 The normal Wednesday Night 6-minute starting system will be used to count down to the “zero starting time.” for all non one design racers. At approximately **1109** and after all one design classes have started, a three short sound Warning Signal will be given. One minute later, a single long sound Preparatory Signal will be given. Exactly five 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. **No flags will be used**.
- 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.
- 10.5.1 It is anticipated that the S2 7.9 class will start first followed by the J/22 class (if present).
- 10.6. The starting line will be the two most central no wake buoys or buoys set by committee boat at the mouth of the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove. The Race Committee may move the start line out into the lake to facilitate a Buoy course.
- 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 for pursuit starts:

Starting Sequence Example			
Starting Signal	Description	Countdown	Approximate Time-of-Day
<b>Warning Signal</b> (May be accompanied by radio call on Ch 68)	3 short whistle blows	6:00	1109
<b>Start Sequence Begins</b>	1 long Sound	5:00	11:10
<b>Starting Signal</b> ("Zero Starting Time")	1 long Sound	0:00	11:15
A boat's starting time countdown begins at the Starting Signal ("Zero Starting Time").			

**11. RECALLS** – For One Design Classes – Normal recall rules. X Flag and one blast for individual recall. X flag down when clear. 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute Pennant and 2 blasts for general recall. Start will be resequenced.

**11.1 RECALLS** - For Pursuit Starts - 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 or penalized at discretion of the race committee and scored accordingly. This changes RRS 29.1 and A5.

**12. SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START – 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/finished in place 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 and also advise the Race Committee upon return to the marina.

**13. THE FINISH** – The finishing line will be the same as the starting line (southern No Wake Buoys). A separate race committee is not anticipated. If a committee boat will be used, it will be announced at the Skippers meeting. 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.

#### **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to finish will be 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 of your class of the last race of the day.

#### **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. Multiple races are desired and planned. A single race will be used for scoring if multiple races are not possible.
- 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. This applies for Pursuit and One Design classes.

**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. PRIZES** – Awards will be presented based upon the number of boats in each class.

**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.

