

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Fall Off 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 at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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 – Because this is a Distance Race Class Flags will not be used. However, a PPYC Burgee will be hoisted at the Zero Start Time to verify the beginning of countdown timing for competitors.

7. RACING AREA – The racing area will be the area covered by the distance course used.

8. COURSES – Descriptions and diagrams of the courses will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum. Due to the potential for light winds the WNR courses and starting times will be included as options for the Race Committee.

9. MARKS – Descriptions of the marks will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The race will be a pursuit format with slower boats starting before faster boats.
- 10.2. A committee boat or a boat participating in the race will be designated as the sound signal boat. Times shall be taken from the sound signals. **Visual signals (flags) will not be used with the exception of raising PPYC Club Burgee at Zero Countdown Time.** This changes RRS 26.
- 10.3. A 6-minute starting system will be used to count down to the "zero starting time." At approximately 1059 (or upon lowering of the AP flag for if delayed or for subsequent races), 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.

- 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. A negative starting time is the number of minutes and seconds before the Starting Signal.
- 10.6. **The starting line will be between the southern-most no-wake buoy and the next no-wake buoy to the north.** These buoys are located near the mouth of Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove. **The committee boat may be in the area, BUT DOES NOT indicate the starting line.**
- 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:

Starting Sequence Example			
Starting Signal	Description	Countdown	Approximate Time-of-Day
Warning Signal ("Warning Horn")	3 short sounds	6:00	1059
Preparatory Signal ("5-Minute Horn")	1 long sound	5:00	1100
Starting Signal ("Zero Starting Time")	1 long sound /PPYC Burgee Hoisted	0:00	1105
A boat's starting time countdown begins at the Starting Signal ("Zero Starting Time").			

11. RECALLS – 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 and scored accordingly. The Race Committee May try to advise a boat observed over early of their error on VHF CH 68. This changes RRS 29.1 and A5.

12. Course Changes - The course will not be shortened. However, a race can be finished in place. The race committee will give a 5 minute warning on Ch 68 prior to finishing in place if needed. Please note the boat ahead and boat behind and provide to Race Committee as needed.

13. THE FINISH – The finishing line will be the same as the starting line. A separate race committee boat may be present, but DOES NOT Indicate the finishing line. Each boat shall record the boat that finishes directly before it and directly after it and provide this information to the Race Committee boat after finishing (as needed).

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to finish will be 1500 hours (3:00 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 in your class finishes.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One to three races will be sailed and scored. Low scoring system will be used. No throwouts will be available.
- 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.

- 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. 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.
- 19. INSURANCE** – Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insuran