

2023 Octoberfest Regatta
Percy Priest Yacht Club
Saturday September 30, 2023
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 **Shortened Course-** For **distance courses only**-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 a race committee boat end and the new finishing mark at the other end." This new finish line will be within a leg of the existing course.

Buoy courses will be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2

1.5 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)

1.6 **Spinnaker fleet** scoring

For Spinnaker Fleet only- 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..."

For Spinnaker Fleet only 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..."

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1.7 **Non-spinnaker fleet** scoring

Boats in the non-spinnaker fleet failing to finish by 15:30 hours and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. No score shall be greater than DSQ. (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10)

1.8 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2.0 **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, September 30, 2023

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hailing competitors on VHF channel 68

2.3 If a conflict exists between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will be the controlling document.

3.0 **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. 4.0

4.0 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

5.0 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.

6.0 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.

6.1 The Regatta Committee may combine, split or assign boats to classes at its sole discretion.

6.2 One-design cruisers will sail in the appropriate PHRF class. There are no separate one-design classes for this regatta.

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

6.4 Subsequent races to follow. The intent is to race a minimum of 3 spinnaker fleet buoy races and 1 distance race for the non-spinnaker fleet.

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

7.0 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.

8.0 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.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 The possible non-spinnaker distance courses used are attached as Addendum A to these sailing instructions

9.2 The possible spinnaker windward leeward buoy courses used are attached as Addendum B.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation as noted in Addendum A (distance courses) or Addendum B (buoy courses)

10.0 MARKS

10.1 All marks are described in Addendum A (distance courses) or Addendum B (buoy courses)

11.0 THE START

11.1 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. Both spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets will use the same starting line.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 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 will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 **Non-spinnaker** (distance course) finish 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.

12.2 **Spinnaker** (buoy course). The finish line is the same as the starting line. An orange flag on the RC Signal boat's port side, and orange tetrahedron on the port end of the starting line

13.0 TIME LIMITS

13.1 **Spinnaker class**- The time limit for the first boat in the class to finish a race will be the earlier of 1.5 hours after the start of the class. If the first boat has not reached the first mark (windward mark) within 30 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.

13.2 **Spinnaker class** -The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes. For this regatta that time is 30 minutes. See Rules paragraph 1.6 in this SI.

13.3 **Spinnaker class** No race will start after 3 PM (1500 hrs)

13.4 **Non-spinnaker class**- see Rules paragraph 1.7 in this SI

14.0 HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

14.3 Hearing request forms are available from the PRO on the dock or the clubhouse deck.

14.4 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.

14.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

14.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

15.0 SCORING

15.1` The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used with the changes noted in Rules paragraphs 1.6-1.7.

15.2 Only one completed race is required to constitute the regatta series for each class

15.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [NP] All competitors are required to carry a VHF radio

16.2 [NP] After the RC Signal Vessel is on station, but before the first warning signal of the first race of the day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged by the race committee. Failure to check in will result in a score of DNS.

16.3 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.0 PRIZES

17.1 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

18.0 RISK STATEMENT-DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER

18.1 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.

19.0 **INSURANCE**

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