

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Anacortes Yacht Club Proudly presents the
Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race

Saturday, February 18, 2023

- 1) RACING RULES: This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, except as modified by these Instructions.

RRS 52, Manual Power, is amended to include: Boats entered in the Doublehanded division are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other situations where having one crew member assigned to steering may compromise the safety of the crew or craft.

- 2) COMMUNICATIONS: All race communications will be made using VHF channel 72. Skippers shall monitor VHF channel 16 for vessel traffic information and relevant notice to mariners.

- 3) START: All boats shall start together at 9:30 am in Fidalgo Bay. The start line will be between the R2 mark and the center stripe of the Range Marker on the refinery dock located East of R2. The designated RC start boat *Volunteer* will display a flag to identify itself and will be on station to observe the start maintaining a position in line with the R2 & Refinery Range marker, but it will NOT be a part of the starting line. As a courtesy to racers, race information will be communicated via VHF channel 72. HORN signals shall supersede flag signals during the starting sequence.

FINISH: The finish line will be located at the red Reid Rock "DR" mark in the vicinity of Friday Harbor, WA. Boats shall pass to the north within 3 BOAT LENGTHS of DR, located at 48.32.966 - 122.59.362. Skippers shall record their finish time using GPS time when DR is bearing 180 degrees and report it to the race committee in Friday Harbor within one (1) hour of completing the course. It is strongly recommended that boats record their finish using a time stamp of a GPS image. There may be a finish boat on station, but it will not be required or expected. Please report finishes to Scott Truesdell at (714) 914-7157. Please leave a message or text if unable to answer.

4) COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: This event transits through commercial shipping lanes with constricted waters. Skippers shall ensure their vessel gives the right-of-way to commercial vessels and does not impede commercial traffic.

5) PRE-RACE CHECK-IN: All boats are required to check-in with the Race Committee between 9:00 am and 09:25 am on Channel 72.

6) RACE DETAILS:

Course: Racers shall head outbound (west) down Guemes Channel, across Rosario Strait and through Thatcher Pass. Leave Lopez Island to Port and Shaw Island to Starboard, finish at Reid Rock in the vicinity of Friday Harbor, WA.

The race will be scored using time-on-distance with a specified distance of 18.5nm.

Time Limit: 17:30 hours (5:30PM). 8 hours elapsed time. Distance: 18.5nm

7) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, as per RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Please contact Race Organizer Stephanie Campbell at (360)770-9460 with any questions or concerns.