



# 2023 Thunderbird International Championship Regatta

Port Townsend Sailing Association  
August 30 - September 3, 2023  
Port Townsend, Washington, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Including SI Amendment #1)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. In all rules governing this event, [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.2. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3. Rule V2(c) & T1(c) are changed as follows: A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by verbally notifying the principal race officer that she accepts the penalty and identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Such requests, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with a request may be considered misconduct.
- 1.5. **RRS 64.4 is changed as follows: Add "64.4(f) When the protest committee finds a boat has deviations from the class rules that do not improve the performance of the boat relative to other boats, it shall not penalize her."**

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio on channel 68.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25639>.
- 3.2. The race office will be located at the PTSA Clubhouse.
- 3.3. A competitor meeting will be held at the PTSA Clubhouse at 1000 on Thursday, August 31.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure to make announcements, the failure to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. Dates & Times of racing:

Wednesday, August 30	1330	First Warning Signal—Practice Race
Thursday, August 31	1000 1200	Competitor Meeting—PTSA Clubhouse First Warning Signal
Friday, September 1	1200	First Warning Signal
Saturday, September 2	1200	First Warning Signal
Sunday, September 3	1100 ASAP After Racing	First Warning Signal Awards Presentation—PTSA Clubhouse

- 4.2. The race committee will start no more than five (5) races on each day of racing.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal vessel while docked in the marina.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Class Flag will be a flag with the International Thunderbird logo.

## 7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. Courses will be displayed on the signal vessel using alphanumeric placards.
- 7.3. A gate may be used in place of the "L1" or "L2" rounding mark. When gate marks are used, boats shall pass between the marks of the gate from the direction of the course from the previous mark.
- 7.4. If Mark "O" is absent it shall be disregarded.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1. Rounding mark "W" will be a temporary yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.2. Rounding mark "O" will be a temporary yellow cylinder.
- 8.3. Rounding marks "L1" and "L2" and gate marks, if used, will be temporary yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.4. The Starting and Finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the start and a blue flag at the finish at one end of the line and an orange cylinder at the opposite end of the line.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. One minute prior to the warning signal, the signal vessel may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds. This signal may accompany the removal of the postpone, abandon or general recall signals.
- 9.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 9.3. 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 may 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 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying flag "C" with repetitive sounds only. This changes RRS 33(a) and (b).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at one end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at the opposite end.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 120 minutes after the starting signal.
- 12.2. The Finishing Window shall be 20 minutes, and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5 and A10.

## 13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal vessel has returned to the dock, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.2. Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the jury secretary at the race office.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as, practicable.
- 13.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5. RRS 62.2 is changed as follows: After the second sentence, add, 'If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, NSC, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.'

## 14. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Boats shall not impede the safe passage of a stand on vessel not racing and shall comply with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from race officials to alter course may be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (on-the-water or on-shore) as soon as possible.

# Attachment A

SIGNAL	COURSE	SIGNAL	COURSE
A 1	S - W - O - L2 - F	B 1	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - F
A 2	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 2	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - F
A 3	S - W - O - L1 - W - O - L1 - W - O - L2 - F	B 3	S - W - O - L2 - W - O - L2 - W - O - F

