

Hood River Yacht Club



Memaloose Island Race

October 14th, 2023

1. **RULES**

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules apply: RRS 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, 88.2, Appendix G and R. Inclusion of additional US Sailing prescriptions may be noted elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions. US Sailing prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org.
- 1.3. Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. Classes will include:
 - i. OPEN PHRF

3. **FEES**

- 3.1. Registration is \$15 USD, season pass holders are free.

4. **SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. Race Day
 - i. 0930, skippers meeting at the head of A-Dock. Any course changes or postponements will be announced at this time.
 - ii. 1010, ashes and flowers will be dropped at the start line in memory of our beloved race committee, Darren Rogers.
 - iii. 5min warning will be at 1025, with all boats starting at 1030.

5. COURSES

- 5.1. Course 1 - Memaloose Island and back, 16NM. You can round the island either clockwise or counterclockwise. Pay very close attention to sandbars!
- 5.2. Course 2 - Green 45A buoy (Syncline) and back, 12NM. Leave 45A to PORT.
- 5.3. Course 3 - Red 32 buoy (Mitchel Point) and back, 10NM. Leave 32 to PORT.

6. Start

- 6.1. Start will be between the Red Eventsite buoy and the White Hood on the WA shore (standard Wednesday Night Start).
- 6.2. Signals will be from a RC boat, or one of the competitors.
- 6.3. Horns at 5min, 4min, 1min, Start
- 6.4. No flying sails can be hoisted prior to the start.
- 6.5. Any boats that are over early will have a 15min penalty added to their final time – please do not be over early!

7. Finish

- 7.1. Finish will be the entrance of the marina as noted on the course map.
- 7.2. Competitors are to take their GPS halfway time, and GPS time when crossing the finish line. Please text this time to Scotty within 30min of crossing the finish – 541.460.8515

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9. EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. All boats are to monitor VHF channel 72.
- 9.2. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 9.3. All boats must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Nearshore Category except as modified:
 - 3.8.2 : DSC / GPS capability not required in VHF radio.
 - 3.24.3 : This item is not required.
- 9.4. All boats must meet applicable Coast Guard requirements.
- 9.5. All boats must be equipped with either an inboard or outboard auxiliary

- engine. Outboard motors may be stowed below decks.
- 9.6. A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify the fleet at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 72.
 - 9.7. Boats must keep clear of commercial traffic at all times.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3 DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority, Hood River Yacht Club, its Sponsors, their employees and volunteers do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 10.2. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 10.3. The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.