



2024 Thunderbird Regional Championship

Port Townsend Sailing Association
August 31 - September 1, 2024
Port Townsend, Washington, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS 64.4 is changed as follows: Add "64.4(f) When the protest committee finds a boat has minor deviations from the class rules that do not improve the performance of the boat relative to other boats, it shall not penalize her."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1600 on August 29, 2024 at: **[the event page on Regatta Network](#)**.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at: **[the event page on Regatta Network](#)**. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 68.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, 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. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Thunderbird Class that are entered by a current member of the ITCA.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, online at: the event page on Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28506>).
- 4.3. **NOTE: Minimum of 10 boats must be entered by August 10, 2024. If 10 boats are not signed up by August 10, 2024 the event will be cancelled.**
- 4.4. Each boat must complete their entry during check-in at the venue. Entries are not complete until each boat has submitted the Sail Inventory List of NoR Addendum A, signed by their respective skipper or owner.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on August 31, 2024.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$350 (US Funds) for entries received with payment on or before July 31, 2023.
- 5.2. The entry fee is \$400 (US Funds) for entries received after July 31, 2023.
- 5.3. Entry fees include admission for skipper & crew to the Friday pre-race "pizza night", Saturday post racing events, and the Sunday awards banquet.
- 5.4. The entry fee DOES NOT include moorage during the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Program & Schedule

Friday August 30, 2024	All Day	Boats arrive—Boat Haven Marina (check in with the Marina Office at (360) 385-6211, or on VHF channel 66A upon arrival). NOTE: this is different than previous years, i.e. not Point Hudson.
	1600—1800	Check in at PTSA Clubhouse. Clubhouse is located at Boat Haven Marina directly across from boat launch ramp. See map.
	1800—2000	Pre-race pizza and welcome party at Clubhouse
Saturday, August 31	0900 – 1000	Continued Check-in @ PTSA.
	1000	Competitor Meeting—PTSA Clubhouse.
	1200	First Warning Signal
	1800	No Warning Signal After This Time
	ASAP After Racing	Beer and Snacks and Drone footage of day’s racing at PTSA Clubhouse. Dinner on your own.
Sunday, September 1	1000	First Warning Signal
	1600	No Warning Signal After This Time
	ASAP After Racing	Award Presentation and Regatta Banquet—PTSA Clubhouse

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change.

6.2. The goal is to sail eight (8) races.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 at registration and for the duration of the event.

7.2. Boats may be inspected for compliance by the Technical Committee at any time during the event.

8. VENUE

8.1. NoR Addendum B shows the plan of the event venue.

8.2. NoR Addendum C shows the location of the racing area.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. The following *US Sailing* prescriptions will apply: Appendix T & Appendix V.

10.2. Rule 44.1 is changed by Rule V1.

10.3. Rule T1(c) and Rule V2(c) are changed as follows: A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by verbally notifying the chief judge that she accepts the penalty and identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

11. SCORING

11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2. Discarded Scores:

11.2.1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores (no discarded scores).

11.2.2. When 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score (one discarded score).

12. BERTHING

- 12.1. Moorage fees are not included in the registration fee and are separate from event registration.
- 12.2. Moorage will be available for registered boats at Boat Haven Marina (48° 6.396' N, 122° 46.457' W). It is assumed that all boats will leave the marina no later than Monday. Call the Marina office at (360) 385-6211, or on VHF channel 66A upon arrival for slip assignment. NOTE: this is different than previous years, i.e. **not** Point Hudson. See also www.portofpt.com.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event without the prior written permission of the technical committee.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats from the preparatory signal for the first race to the end of the event.
- 14.2. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means from the preparatory signal for the first race to the end of the event.

15. RISK STATEMENT & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 15.1. Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 15.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) boats overall.
- 17.2. The top boat overall will be awarded the Thunderbird NW Regional Perpetual Trophy.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, and area recreation is available online at www.enjoypt.com and www.ptguide.com.
- 18.2. Camping is also available at Point Hudson, where the racing boats will be moored, www.portofpt.com.
- 18.3. A limited number of loaner boats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Competitors are urged to make loaner boat requests early.
- 18.4. For more information, please contact Regatta Secretary: **Roland Nikles (415) 827-2323; roland.nikles.sf@gmail.com.**

Addendum A – Verification of Compliance

2024 THUNDERBIRD CLASS NW REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sail Number _____ Boat Name _____

Skipper _____ Fleet _____

Compliance with Black Book Article 8.4

Date purchased

Main(s) 1. _____

2. _____

Genoa(s) 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Spinnaker(s) 1. _____

2. _____

Working Jib(s) 1. _____

2. _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the above registered boat is compliant with all class requirements, except as noted below:

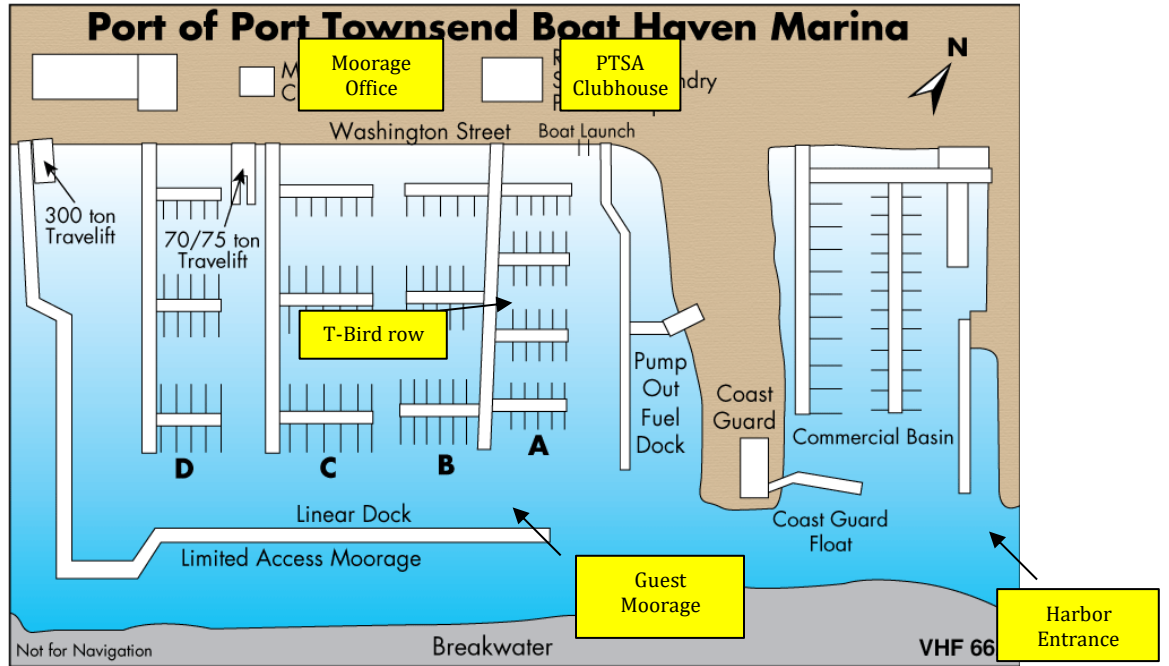
Exceptions are subject to approval by the event Technical Committee.

Skipper _____

signature

Date _____

Addendum B – Event Venue



Addendum C – Racing Area

