

Schooner Creek Boat Works Pacific NW Offshore

Ilwaco, WA to Victoria, BC  49th International Yacht Race

Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland

Portland Yacht Club

May 15-18, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1. A boat is permitted to use propulsion, by engine or any other method, when she may be in a position to impede the safe passage of a vessel utilizing a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 1.2. Change NoR 1.5 as follows: Delete "Subject to approval or modification" and replace with "As approved" (see "Supplemental Information 10.1").
- 1.3. NoR 11.2 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:
 - 1.3.1. ORC classes will be scored utilizing the ORC Weather Routing Scoring (WRS) system (see "Supplemental Information 10.2"). This system will be used even if the race is shortened.
 - 1.3.2. The PHRF-NW Class(es) will be scored utilizing the conditional rating values (B Factor) for heavy air or predominantly off the wind (B = 480), average conditions (B = 550), very light or predominantly up wind (B = 600), or a blended average (B = ?) for highly variable conditions. The B Factor will be determined by the race committee from wind speed/direction reporting stations throughout the course, that best reflect the sailing conditions over the majority of the course. This decision shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day prior to when it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71. Failure to hail, or the failure to hear such a hail shall not constitute an improper action or omission for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Port of Ilwaco Marina Office.
- 4.2. When Race Signal flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 0955.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. There will be no Class flags.

7. THE START

- 7.1.** A boat's YB Tracker will transmit a lat/lon and PDT (UTC -7 hours) when it crosses the virtual start line. This data will be used to determine if a boat started properly.
- 7.2.** In the event of a significant discrepancy between a boat's observed start time compared with that reported by the YB Tracker, competitors may request a [Scoring Inquiry](#).
- 7.3.** A boat that does not start within 60 minutes of her starting time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1.** A boat's YB Tracker will transmit a lat/lon and PDT (UTC -7 hours) when it rounds the Duntze Rock Virtual AtoN and when it crosses the virtual finish line. This data will be used to determine a boat's finish time.
- 8.2.** In the event of a significant discrepancy between a boat's observed finish time compared with that reported by the YB Tracker, competitors may request a [Scoring Inquiry](#).
- 8.3.** It will be up to the discretion of the race committee in conjunction with the protest committee to determine the finish time to be used. Evidence of a boat's track, other than the YB Track, may be requested. This evidence can be, but is not limited to, a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boats, personal race tracker or AIS logs.

9. HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1.** Hearing request forms shall be filled & submitted via the at the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 9.2.** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished.
- 9.3.** Notices will be posted at the [Official Notice Board](#) to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in person or virtually at a time to be determined after any requests are received.
- 9.4.** Notices of protest by a committee will be posted at the [Official Notice Board](#) to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

10. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- 10.1.** [Approval for use of Developmental Rule by World Sailing](#) for the current rule quad 2025 – 2028.
- 10.2.** Further information regarding ORC Weather Routing Scoring (WRS) may be found here: [ORC-WRS](#) and [ORC-WRS Q&A](#).