

2025 Port Townsend Small Boat Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, except as modified by Individual Class rules, the Sailing Instructions, or the Appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the PTSA club house.

2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time by hail. Any communication not governed by the rules is unofficial communication. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat or the Club Chase Boat located near the fuel dock of the Marina. When the “AP” postponement flag is lowered after having been displayed ashore, all contestants shall proceed promptly to the starting area.

5. SCHEDULE

The skipper’s meeting will be at 1100 Saturday. The warning signal for the first race will be as soon as possible depending on wind conditions after the skipper’s meeting on Saturday and 1000 on Sunday. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No races will be started after 1400 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, classes, and starting order will be assigned at the skippers meeting on Saturday.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Port Townsend Bay (See Attachment B)

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Diagram A shows the courses.

8.2 Marks “W”, “L1”, and “L2” will be temporary yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

8.3 The Starting and Finishing mark will be a temporary orange cylinder.

8.3 Leave each rounding mark to port in the order displayed. Finish between the finishing mark and the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat.

8.4 Individual classes may be abandoned or shortened by displaying their class flag along with the appropriate race signal flag.

9. THE START

9.1 One minute prior to the warning signal, the Race Committee may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds. Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.

9.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.

9.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made must avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be the same line as the start line.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. A boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A.4 and A.5.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee.

12.2 Protest shall be delivered on a US Sailing Protest Form to the Race Committee no later than one half hour after the race committee boat docks. Parties to the hearing will be notified of the time and location of their hearing.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Boats that are OCS, did not finish, retire, or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus one. Boats that do not start will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus two. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9.

13.2 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. One race will constitute a series.

14. SAFETY

14.1 Competitors shall wear a life jacket or flotation garment other than a wetsuit or dry suit at all times when racing.

14.2 All boats are required to check-in with the RC boat prior to one minute before the warning signal of the first race each day. Please sail past the stern of the RC boat on a starboard tack in a single file and announce your sail number. The check in is not complete until someone on the RC boat acknowledges your sail number.

14.3 Competitors needing help should signal by waving an open hand. A wave of a closed fist will be interpreted to mean help is not needed.

14.4 A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day should notify the Race Committee

14.5 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 the committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5 blast warning from a stand on vessel may be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishing boats in each class.

16. RESPONSIBILITY

16.1 The skipper of each boat is responsible for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of his or her crew. If action is taken under RRS 69, Allegations of Gross Misconduct, it may result in a competitor being excluded from further participation in SBYC racing programs.

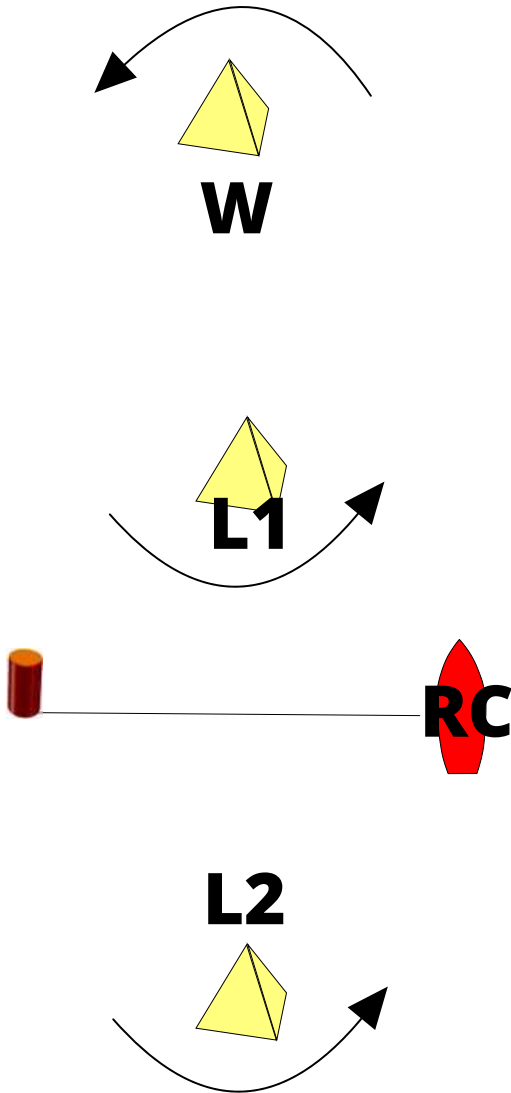
16.2 Occasionally, sailboat racing has resulted in injury or loss of life. All competitors in SBYC events participate at their own risk. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure they understand and accept those risks, to decide whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event, to determine the seaworthiness of the boat; and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in PTSA sponsored events entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

Attachement A **Courses**

Signal	Course	Signal	Course
A1	S – W – L2 - F	B1	S – W – L1 – W - F
A2	S – W – L1 – W – L2 - F	B2	S – W – L2 – W - F
A3	S – W – L2 – W – L2 - F	B3	S – W – L2 – W – L1 – W - F



Attachment B

Racing Area

