

Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta Sailing Instructions --2025

1 Rules

1.1 Races will be governed by the 2025-28 Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS'), the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of PHRF Northwest, these Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race (NOR) for this regatta. In case of conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the NOR, the NOR will govern.

1.2 Races are open to all mono-hull yachts. Entrants need not be members of a recognized yacht club.

1.3 Entrants are encouraged to be members of PHRF-NW and have a current rating certificate; however, entrants without a certificate may be assigned a rating by the club handicapper for this regatta only.

2 Classes

2.1 There may be two or more PHRF classes based on rating or performance characteristics. Class breaks will be determined and announced no later than 0900 Friday, July 11.

2.3 Four or more yachts registering as a one-design class may get their own start and will be scored separately.

3 Notice to competitors

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on a bulletin board outside of the OHYC. Changes may also be posted on the sail fleet page at www.ohyc.org prior to one hour before the start of the first race of that series.

4 Cancellation

4.1 In the event of high wind conditions, postponement will be posted on a bulletin board outside the Oak Harbor Yacht Club office. There shall also be an announcement on VHF channel 72. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

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5 Courses

5.1 Courses will be set within the areas of Oak Harbor, Saratoga Passage, Penn Cove and/or Crescent Harbor.

5.2 All marks to be used will be as described in section 14 of this packet.

5.3 The sequence of marks for each course will be posted on the reader board of the committee boat and/or hailed on VHF channel 72 prior to the starting sequence for each race.

5.4 Race Committee may shorten course after the start in accordance with the *RRS* 32.2, and **6.5 B**.

5.5 All marks will be rounded to port with the exception of a leeward gate, which allows the option of port or starboard rounding after entering the gate (as described in section 14.1).

6 Starting and Finishing

6.1 Races starting on time as scheduled shall not be required to be preceded by a postponement "AP" flag or any other warning signals. They may be started with the hoisting of the class flag and appropriate sound signals as described in section 6.6 and 6.7 of this packet.

6.2 At the discretion of the race committee, an auditory signal of several short blasts may be given no more than one minute prior to the beginning of the starting sequence to alert competitors of the upcoming sequence.

6.3 The sequence for all subsequent races that day may be started after all competitors in a class have completed the race or retired from the race, or after one minute of the removal of the postponement "AP" flag.

6.4 Starting and finishing lines shall be between the designated start and finish pin (as described in section 14.1) and the orange flag located on the committee boat.

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6.5 After starting, and rounding the first mark the start and finish lines are restricted with the following exceptions:

A) When finishing, boats must cross through the finish line in the direction from the last mark on the course.

B) On multi-lap courses, the course may be shortened at the finish line by flying code flag S at the RC boat with a sound signal and announcement on Ch72. This changes RRS 32.2

Boats observed by the Race Committee to be sailing through the start or finish line except during their starting sequence or finishing will be given a 30% scoring penalty without a hearing.

6.6 Starting Signal sequence is as follows:

TIME	FLAG COLOR/POSITION	SIGNAL
5 minutes	Class Flag Up	1 Horn
4 minutes	P Flag Up	1 Horn
1 minute	P Flag Down	1 Horn
Start	Class Flag Down	1 Horn

There will be no rolling starts. Next sequence will start about 1-2 minutes after previous start.

6.7 Start times

Friday and Saturday --First Warning Signal **1200**

Sunday -- First Warning Signal **1200**

No sequence started after **1500**

6.8 Class Flags

PHRF 1 -- **P1**

PHRF 2 -- **P2**

San Juan 24 -- **P3**

Cruising -- **P4**

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7 Recalls

7.1 Individual recalls will be handled according to *RRS Rule 29.1*.

7.2 The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of recalled boats. Failure to do so, the timing of the hails, the order of the hails, the failure to hear the hail, or any other issues associated with the hail will not constitute grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

7.3 General recalls will be handled according to *RRS Rule 29.2* if the race committee cannot determine which boat was OCS. The recalled class will be restarted before subsequent classes are started.

8 Penalties

8.1 In exception to *RRS 44.1*, a one-turn penalty (360) will exonerate a yacht from fouling another boat. In accordance with *RRS 44.2*, a one-turn penalty (360) will exonerate a yacht from touching a mark.

8.2 *RRS 44.3* will not apply.

9 Time limits

9.1 Time limits for buoy races will be 2 hours per race, or 1800, whichever is earlier for the first boat in class. Time limit for a distance race will be 1800 for first boat in class.

9.2 All yachts not finishing within 30 minutes of the first yacht in her class shall be scored DNF.

10 Scoring

10.1 The Low-point scoring system will apply for all races in accordance with *RRS 90.3(a)* and *Appendix A of the RRS section A4*.

10.2 If there are fewer than six races, there will be no throw outs. If there are six races or more in the series, there will be one throw out. If throw outs are allowed for a series, *RRS 90.3(b)* applies. This excludes a boat from throwing out a score of DSQ for certain violations.

10.4 In the event of a tie, they will be decided according to *Appendix A of the RRS sections A7 and A8*.

10.5 A boat scored as DNC, DNS, OCS, NSC, RET, DSQ, or DNE in a race will be given points equal to the number of boats that competed in that race plus one. This changes RRS A 5.2.

10.6 A boat that has scored DNF (Did Not Finish) due to time limit (TLE) expiring will be scored one plus the number of finishing boats for that race.

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10.7 To assist R/C for multiple starts, R/C may elect to finish a boat "in place" in order to expedite the subsequent race.

11 Communications

11.1 All race communications to competitors on the water will be made on VHF channel 72.

11.2 Courses may be hailed by committee prior to the beginning of the starting sequence of that race, recalls may be hailed by committee as soon as possible after the start of a race, and course changes or abandonment may be hailed by the committee. If the Race Committee fails to hail courses, recalls or course changes, it shall not be grounds for redress.

11.3 Prior to the first warning each day, all boats shall check in with the RC by calling on Ch 72.

11.4 Boats retiring from a race shall notify the RC on Ch 72.

12 Protests

12.1 Protests must be filed with the race committee within one hour of the race committee returning to the dock, in accordance with *RRS 60.3(b)*

12.2 If a rule is broken and you are protested, we hope you will exonerate yourself in accordance with 8.1 of this packet.

13 Results

13.1 Results will be posted on the sail fleet results page at www.ohyc.org as soon as possible following races, or e-mailed to participants.

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14 Marks

14.1 Temporary Race Marks are as Follows:

S – A Green mark

F – A white ball on the opposite side of the committee boat from the S mark

W – An orange or yellow cylinder to windward of the committee boat

X – A yellow tetrahedron to windward of the committee boat.

L – A yellow tetrahedron to leeward of the committee boat.

14.2 Permanent Race Marks (to be used for distance races):

B - Navigational Buoy 'G5' at Oak Harbor entrance

C - Navigational Buoy 'R2' at Oak Harbor entrance

D - Navigational Buoy 'G1' at Snatelum Point

M - A white ball at N 48° 14.01' / W122° 41.76'

K - A white ball at N 48° 14.06' / W122° 42.46'

15 Course designations

The courses will be designated on the reader-board by a letter or letters as follows with S designating the starting line and F the finish:

A – S W X W F

AA – S W X W X W F

B – S W L F

BB – S W L W L F

C – S W X W L F

D – S W L W F