

**Tacoma Yacht Club**  
**Summer Vashon Regatta**  
**Saturday, June 2, 2018**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 This race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, US Sailing Inshore Safety Requirements Prescriptions, these Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 All competitors must follow the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of TYC in the Front entry.

**3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and class flags which may be modified at the Skippers' meeting.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the TYC flag pole located on the West of the clubhouse. This does not include starting signals, AP flag, or signals displayed as part of RRS 30 if there is no race committee starting boat and starts are conducted from shore.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore (as defined in SI 4.1), '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP rule.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1 SKIPPERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 0900**

- 5.2 One race is scheduled.
- 5.3 Cruising Class warning 0955.
- 5.4 Cruising classes will start together.
- 5.5 PHRF classes first warning at 1010. Multiple classes will start at the same time as indicated by the classes' class flag (SI 6)
- 5.6 One design classes first warning at 1155. OD classes of 4 or more boats may be given their own start.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Class flags for each class will be as follows:
  - PHRF A & B "1" pennant
  - PHRF C & D "2" pennant
  - PHRF E & F "3" pennant *(if needed)*
  - PHRF G & H "4" pennant *(if needed)*
  - Cruising FS & Cruising NON FS: "F" Flag.
  - OD Class emblem flag or other flag or pendant.  
Will be determined and announced at the Skippers' meeting.

## 7 THE COURSE

### 7.1 PHRF and Cruising classes:

- 7.1.1 The PHRF and Cruising course will begin and end in front of the TYC clubhouse. A Race Committee boat will be anchored with a limiting mark (yellow inflatable) on its deck approximately ½ mile north of the ferry dock at the North end of Vashon Island (on Allen Shoal).
- 7.1.2 There will be two possible courses which will be signaled with placards from the RC boat (or dock if no RC boat—see SI 9.2) and announced over VHF. The intended course will also be announced at the Skippers' Meeting, but may be changed on the water.
- **COURSE 1:** Race clockwise around Vashon Island. Leave the mark at the North end (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD**.
  - **COURSE 2:** Sail north, through Colvos passage up the West side of Vashon Island. Leave the mark at the North end (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD**. Sail south, back through Colvos down the West side of Vashon Island.

### 7.2 OD:

- 7.2.1 The OD course will be designated by a course number 1, 2, or 3 as defined in the Attachment A. The course will be posted by the race committee prior to a fleet's warning, and will be announced over VHF.
- 7.2.2 All marks will be left to port.

## 8 COURSE SAFETY

- 8.1 Ferry Boat Clearance: at the north and south ends of Vashon Island the race course crosses ferry lanes. All boats must maintain a minimum 500 yard distance from any FERRY BOAT regardless of its location and speed which has the right of way at all times.
- 8.2 Traffic Separation Lanes: As some of the race will be in or in the vicinity of the Traffic Separation Scheme, all skippers and crews are expected to be fully familiar with and comply with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea which states: Skippers are reminded that vessels under sail DO NOT always have the right of way over power driven vessels. "...a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane." Race participants are expected to yield to vessels in the traffic lane even to the detriment of competitive position. If a race participant needs to contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) they should use VHF Channel 14 if contact cannot be made on Channel 16.

## 9 START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26 with class starting sequence indicated by the class pennant, and may be announced over VHF 72.
- 9.2 The starting line will be either:
- 9.2.1 Between an orange flag on the Committee boat (anchored within .5 miles of the TYC clubhouse) and an Inflatable mark in the water off the side of the committee boat. PHRF and Cruising classes sailing the full course (SI 7.1) will leave the RC Boat to **Port** and the pin to **Starboard** when starting. OD fleets will leave the temporary mark to **Starboard** and the RC Boat to **Port** if sailing course 2 of Attachment A, and the temporary mark to **Port** and the RC Boat to **Starboard** if sailing course 1 or 3.
- 9.2.2 Between an orange flag on shore on a point of land NE of the TYC Dry storage area (approximate location 47.3068N, 122.5094W) and a temporary mark set approximately 300 feet off shore of this point. PHRF and Cruising classes sailing the course defined in SI 7.1 will sail across the line leaving the temporary mark to **Starboard**.

OD fleets will leave the temporary mark to **Starboard** if sailing course 2 of Attachment A, and to **Port** if sailing course 1 or 3.

- 9.3 Use of option SI 9.2.1 or SI 9.2.2 will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 9.4 The Race Committee will attempt to hail sail numbers on VHF Ch 72 of OCS boats. Failure of the Committee to do so, the timing or the order of the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 Finish will be between a yellow inflatable buoy anchored approximately 100 yards off shore north of the Tacoma Yacht Club and an orange flag located on the TYC deck on the North side of the clubhouse.

## 11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 For classes sailing the full course (SI 7.1), there will be a time limit of ten (10) hours from each class's start time.
- 11.2 For OD classes, the time limit will be seven (7) hours from each class's start time.
- 11.3 Any boat not finishing within their time limit of their start time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 11.4 Any boat sailing the full course (SI 7.1) that does not cross the Shortened Course Option finish line (SI 12.2.3) within seven and a half (7.5) hours of her start will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 PHRF time corrections will be calculated using Time-on-Distance.

### 12.2 SHORTENED COURSE OPTION:

- 12.2.1 If the race committee does not shorten course or abandon under RRS 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*, a shortened course option is available to all boats sailing the course defined in SI 7.1 that sail to a shortened course finish line (defined below in SI 12.2.2) and subsequently retire and comply with all aspects of this instruction (SI 12.2).
- 12.2.2 Boats electing to use the shortened course option will be considered finishers and will be scored in their class and overall based on their time and distance for the shortened course in sequence immediately behind the boats that finish the full course.
- 12.2.3 **Shortened Course Finish Line** is defined as a line extending West towards the Southern tip of Blake Island from a staff on the North end RC boat displaying the flag S..
- 12.2.4 **Shortened Course Time Limit:** Boats using this option must finish within 7.5 hours of their starting time.
- 12.2.5 Boats using this option **MUST** report their finish time to the race committee when they retire (see SI 13.2) and prior to the full time limit of 10 hours (SI 11). Boats should record their finishing time accurately to the second using GPS time at the time she finishes as per RRS definition of "finish." If a race committee boat is at the port end the shortened course finish line and is able to take a boat's finish time, that time will be used rather than the boat's self-reported finish time.

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### Shortened Course Option Summary

(Not a Sailing Instruction)

- Boats may sail a shortened course to the north end of the island and be scored in sequence after all boats that sailed the full course.
- Boats must reach the shortened course finish line within 7.5 hours.
- Boats must take their own finish time when finishing and report their time to the RC prior to the full course time limit.

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- 12.2.6 For PHRF corrected time, the distance of the course will be the shortest navigable distance along the course to the shortened course finish line.

### **13 CHECK-IN AND RETIRING**

- 13.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area prior to their first warning signal. Boats should check in by hail unless safety requires checking in using communication defined in SI 17.
- 13.2 A boat that retires while racing must orally notify the race committee as soon as possible after retiring by hailing or in a manner defined in SI 17.

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The 'Two Turn Penalty' is replaced with a One 'Turn Penalty', modifying Rules 44.1 & 44.2. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

### **15 PROTESTS**

- 15.1 Protests must be on written forms available at TYC or the US Sailing Web Site.
- 15.2 Protests MUST be delivered IN PERSON to Race Chair Margaret Peterson within 2 hours of the finish time of the last boat to finish or the race time limit, whichever is later. Boats that elect to use the shortened course option and boats whose race is finished at the north end of Vashon Island under RRS 32 may call the race committee (SI 17.2) within thirty (30) minutes of the last boat to finish or thirty (30) minutes of the race time limit, whichever is later, to request an individual, reasonable extension to the filing limit.
- 15.3 In addition to following the rules of Part 5, a boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Committee of her intent over VHF Ch 72 within 10 minutes of her finish.
- 15.4 Protests will be heard at TYC as soon as possible and reasonable after they are filed. Every attempt to contact effected parties will be made at TYC and using the telephone number used on a boats registration.
- 15.5 If time does not allow a hearing on the day of the race the hearing will be conducted at the first available opportunity.

### **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Safety requirements—US Sailing Inshore--Except that any single or double-handed crews must wear a PFD at all times.

### **17 COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE**

- 17.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 17.2 The race committee's cell phone number is **(801) 784-3872 (801.PUGET-RC)**. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail.

# Attachment A

## OD Course Descriptions

### Course 1 (~6.9 nm):

1. Start (Leave temporary mark to PORT)
2. Center channel mark Y "TC" at approximately 47.3247 N, 122.4563 W
3. Manzanita RN2 at approximately 47.3489 N, 122.4795 W
4. Finish

### Course 2 (~8.8 nm):

1. Start (Leave temporary mark to STARBOARD)
2. Fixed dolphin mark off Point Richmond at approximately 47.3768 N, 122.5383 W
3. Finish

### Course 3 (~14.3 nm):

1. Start (Leave temporary mark to PORT)
2. J—Permanent TTPYC spar buoy set 0.5 NM south west of Point Robinson at approximately 47.3829 N, 122.3766 W
3. Finish