

## HOOD RIVER YACHT CLUB



## FRIENDLY FRIDAY SERIES

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules apply: RRS 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, 88.2, Appendix G and R. Inclusion of additional US Sailing prescriptions may be noted elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions. US Sailing prescriptions are available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Friendly Friday WhatsApp group.
- 2.2 Courses and pursuit start times will be announced prior to each race on the Friendly Friday WhatsApp group.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Friendly Friday WhatsApp group.

### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 5 First boat starts at 18:00 unless amended in the posted pursuit start sheet

### 5. CLASSES

5.1 This event is open to all classes.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 No signals shall be made from shore, however the race organizer may communicate directly with competitors on the dock prior to racing.

## **7 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT**

7.1 The racing area is the Columbia River in the vicinity of the Hood River Marina as shown in the [HRYC Course Map](#).

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 The course for each race will be posted on the HRYC Friendly Friday WhatsApp group.

8.2 Marks and starting lines, and their corresponding symbols and locations are described on the HRYC Course Map.

8.3 The course description is a series of letters indicating the marks and their required sequence. The first letter displayed is the designated starting line, the last letter is the finishing line, and the letters between are marks of the course.

8.4 Starting and Finishing Lines, and Marks are specified in the HRYC Course Map.

8.5 All rounding marks must be left to port unless designated with an (S) following the mark in the course description.

8.6 When passing underneath the Hood River Bridge all boats are required to pass through the center channel bridge span. The area of the roadway on the bridge projected down to the water outside of center channel bridge span is a restricted area, and ranks as a continuing obstruction.

8.7 Yachts may not pass to the north of the barge anchored near the Bingen lumber harbor. Yachts shall not cross the line from the western most point of the barge to the closest point on shore, or the line from the eastern most point of the barge to the closest point on shore. The barge, and the area bounded by the lines described are a continuing obstruction.

8.8 After the start, Event Site Red Buoy "E" marks the continuing obstruction of the Hood River sandbar and must be passed to the north, unless designated as a mark of the course. The buoy shall be treated as part of the continuing obstruction.

8.9 After the start, the White Salmon Buoy "G" marks the continuing obstruction of the Hood River sandbar and must be passed to the south, unless designated as a mark of the course. The buoy

shall be treated as part of the continuing obstruction.

## **9 THE START / FINISH**

9.1 The Start / Finish line is between the two navigational light towers at the entrance to the Hood River Marina.

9.2 In the pursuit start sequence, competitors will be assigned a start time based on their PHRF time correction for the course.

## **11 SHORTENING COURSE**

11.1 Due to the pursuit start format, there is no provision to shorten the course.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

12.1 No time limit shall apply

## **13 FINISHING**

13.1 See 9.1. Please note your finish order and communicate it to the race organizer and / or via the HRYC Friendly Friday WhatsApp group upon request from the race organizer.

## **14 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

14.1 There shall be no protests in Friendly Friday!

14.2 The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall be used.

15.2 Corrected PHRF handicapped times will be calculated on a time on distance basis.

15.3 Scoring penalties for yachts scored DNS (did not start) shall be the number of finishers for the

race plus 2 points.

15.4 Scoring penalties for yachts scored DNF (did not finish) shall be number of finishers for the race plus 1 point.

## **16 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

16.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16.2 All boats must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing *US Safety Equipment Requirements* (USSER) Nearshore Category except as modified:

-3.8.2 : DSC / GPS capability not required in VHF radio.

-3.24.3 : This item not required.

16.3 All boats must meet applicable Coast Guard requirements.

16.4 All boats must be equipped with either an inboard or outboard auxiliary engine. Outboard motors may be stowed below decks.

16.5 A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify the fleet at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 72.

16.6 Boats must keep clear of commercial traffic at all times.