

41st. Classic Mariners' Regatta Sat./Sun. June 1st./2nd. 2024

Hosted by Port Townsend Sailing Association

Sailing Instructions

Regatta Format, Location and Schedule: Refer to the Notice of Race.

Wind permitting, there will be two triangle course races of about four miles each on Saturday.
On Sunday there will be about a nine mile Pursuit (reverse handicap start) race,

Skippers' Meeting: 10:00hrs. Saturday, June 1st, 2024 in the PTSA Clubhouse, located at the Boat Haven, at the back of the parking lot for the Launch Ramp.

- All Skippers must check in.
- Boats registered without an established PHRF will be assigned a Preliminary rating based, where possible, on similar boats with a known rating. Some may have to wait until the Skippers meeting for a rating assignment. The Inshore Class will not be handicapped.
- Class identify streamers will be distributed.
- Registrants without Sail #'s must provide sufficient description for quick Identification on the water.
- Any changes to the published courses and/or SI's will be announced.
- An attempt will be made to match boat-less Crew with willing Skippers.

Short Skippers' Meeting: 10:00hrs. Sunday, June 2nd. 2024, PTSA Clubhouse.

A short meeting to distribute lists of each Boat's Start time for the Pursuit race, answer questions about the race format, and announce if the shortened course will be used.

Rules: All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 except as modified herein.

- Section 5** of the RRS will be disregarded and no protests granted. Infractions are to be handled on the honor system, according to RRS 44.1 and 44.2. --**Exception:** - A disputed incident involving injury or serious damage may be brought to the PTSA Board for adjudication. Their decision shall be final.
- The two turn penalty is reduced to one turn.
- Notify the Race Committee of withdrawals and DSQ's for scoring purposes. By VHF 68 or by sail-by.
- When encountering vessels not racing, the COLREGS take precedence.
- Boats identified as causing 5 or more horn blasts from a ferry will be disqualified. Boats may use their engine to keep clear of a ferry provided they do not improve their position in the race.

Classes: For the two Saturday races there will probably be four classes:-

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| RACING | -- Will fly Blue streamer. |
| THUNDERBIRD | -- Sailing as a One Design fleet |
| CRUISING | -- Will fly Red streamer -- <u>Cruising</u> boats wishing to fly a spinnaker must declare it at registration as they may need a rating adjustment. |
| INSHORE | -- Open boats and Dinghies -- no PHRF rating -- Green streamer. |

If, at close of Registration, the classes need to be modified, it will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

Check-in on the course: Each boat shall approach the Committee Boat at least 5 minutes prior to the first WARNING each day and identify themselves, (no VHF check-ins). HOWEVER, keep well clear of the Committee Boat while it is maneuvering to anchor. No check-ins will be acknowledged during that time or after the first Warning signal.

Courses: See attached course charts and detailed instructions

The **Saturday** Course will be an approximately two mile triangle, to be sailed twice around leaving all marks to Port. DO NOT pass through the Start/Finish line to start the second lap unless the course is shortened by the 'S' flag flying from a mark boat at the leeward mark. The Inshore Class will only make one lap. -- Wind permitting, there will be two races on Saturday, with a break between to realign the course --There will be no race started after 16:00 hrs on Saturday.

The **Sunday** course will be about a nine mile random leg course around and out of the Bay.

Race Starts: Saturday The first Starting Sequence begins at or after 12:00 hrs.

The RRS standard 5 min. Sequence is used with the addition of an ALERT signal (6 horn blasts- no flag) one minute before the WARNING for the first starting class. The START for one class will be the beginning of the sequence for the next class

<u>Start Order</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Streamer</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
1	Racing	"A"	Blue	PHRF
2	Thunderbird	T-bird	None	O/D
3	Cruising	"B"	Red	PHRF
4	Inshore	"C"	Green	None

The Race Committee uses GPS time and makes signals only on whole minutes.

Once the WARNING for the first start is raised, boats not in the Starting Class **must** stay clear of the starting area until their CLASS flag is raised.

The Race Committee will try to hail any boats over the line early, if they can be quickly identified.

The start can be interrupted and delayed by raising the Postponement flag with TWO horn Blasts.

A new start sequence will begin ONE minute after the Postponement flag comes down, with ONE blast.

Race Start: Sunday -There are no classes for this race. Each boat has its own start time based on their PHRF rating and the course length such that, in theory, with the slowest boat starting first, all finish at the same time.

- All participants will be assigned their Start time at the Sunday skipper's meeting.
- A regular start sequence will begin at 11:54:00 to give the slowest boat a 12:00:00 start. From then on a single horn will sound at each boat's assigned Start time.
- Any boat that crosses the start line early (OCS) will automatically be assigned a penalty of 10 minutes. OCS boats will be hailed by the RC but will not return to restart. The 10 minute penalty will automatically be added to their finish time."
- Inshore Class boats will not officially sail this race as PHRF ratings are not generally available for small boats. If they wish to sail the course, they should check in at the Committee Boat and should all start together with the first official boat. Their finish times will be recorded,

Time Limits: On Saturday, Boats not finishing their course within 2 hours after their start will be scored DNF. For the Pursuit race on Sunday all boats must finish by 16:00:00 hrs or be DNF.

Safety: --All boats should comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, NEARSHORE category.

- Racers should monitor VHF 68. The Race Committee may not answer calls during start sequences. Most VHF announcements to the whole fleet will be preceded by 3 long horn blasts to attract attention.
- Boats retiring from a race should notify the Race Committee by VHF or sail-by

Responsibility: 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. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and officials from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Warning from USCG: Do not approach within 100 yards of any US Naval Vessel, Washington State Ferry, tanker, or ship, or within 1000 yards of a Submarine. Violations are a felony and punishable by up to 6 years imprisonment and/or \$250,000 fine.

Also: - Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740 -- Don't mess with Orca!

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Saturday Race Course

Two races are planned. All mark roundings are to Port.

The First Three Classes will sail the same Course

Triangle Course- S – W – J – L -** - W – J – L – F

** = Do **NOT** cross the S/F Line at the start of the second lap.

1st. Start: – RACING Class -- “A” Start Flag -- Blue Streamer

2nd Start:– THUNDERBIRD – T-bird Start Flag

3rd. Start:– CRUISING Class, – “B” Start Flag – Red Streamer.

Shortened Course

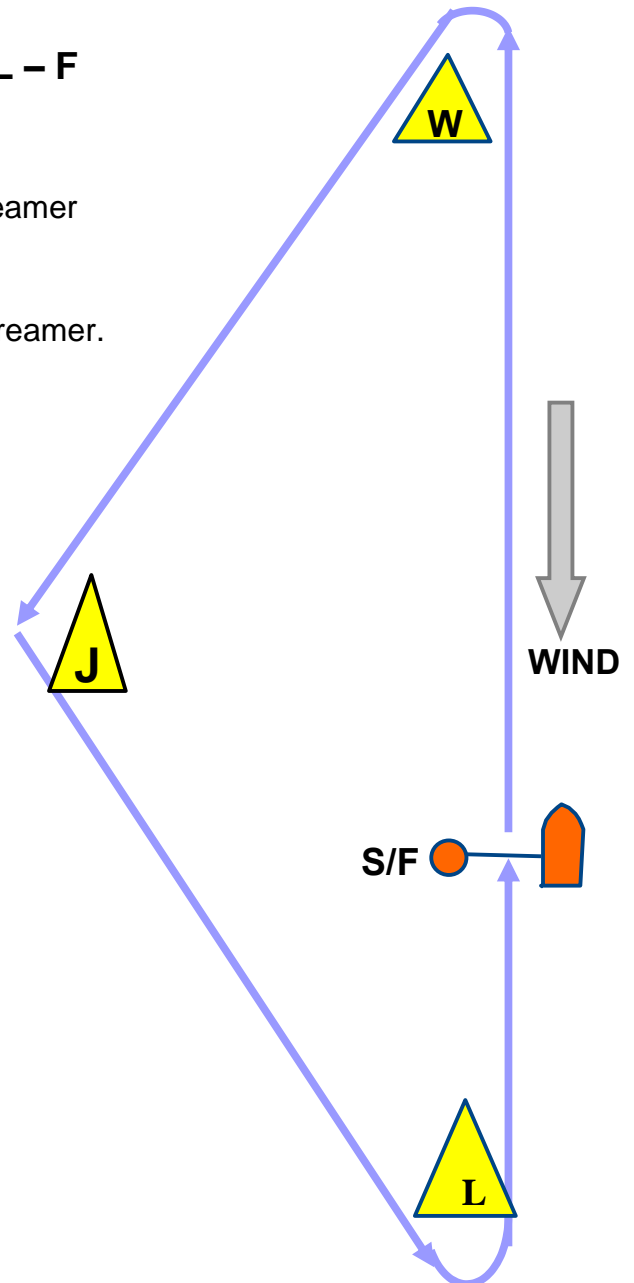
The course may be shortened to one lap by the Mark Boat flying the “S” Flag at the Leeward Mark “L”. In which case go directly to cross the S/F line.

4th. Start:- IN-SHORE Class, – “C” Start Flag.
- Green Streamer.

Course:-- Single lap of Triangle
S – W – J – L -- F

No provision to shorten course.

Time Limits:- Boats not finishing a race in 2 hours
will be scored DNF.



Sunday Pursuit Race

The Start:- Each boat will be given it's own start time based on that boat's PHRF rating and the length of the course. The slowest boat starts first.

A list of individual boat starttimes for both long and short courses will be distributed at the Sunday Morning Skipper's Meeting.

Inshore Class boats generally do not have PHRF ratings, so any inshore boats wishing to sail the course will start as a group with the first starter.

The Start/Finish line will be in the South-west end of the Bay and will be about square to the wind. Boats will start to windward.(If in doubt, for a windward start the Pin will be on your Port side.)

The first boat will be given the full start sequence (Horns & Flags). Each subsequent boat will be given a Single horn at their assigned start time, but will not be announced. See the SI's, above, for Over Early penalty.

Should the first start be delayed for any reason, before recommencing, the Race Committee will announce, on VHF 68 and visually display the number of whole minutes everyone must add to their start time.

The course :-The course, diagrammed on the left, is about 9 nautical miles around.

If the wind has N component:-

Start
Yel. Tet. T1 to Stbd.
Or. Cyl. C2 to Port
Yel. Tet. T3 to Stbd.
Yel. Tet. T4 to Stbd.
Yel. Tet. T5 to Stbd.
Finish

If wind has S component;

Start
Yel. Tet. T5 to Port
Yel. Tet. T4 to Port
Yel. Tet. T3 to Port
Or. Cyl. C2 to Stbd.
Yel. Tet. T1 to Port
Finish

NOTE:The Pt Hudson Red Bell Buoy is left to Shoreward at all times.

Finish Times:- Will be recorded for all boats finishing.

Time limit:- For all boats - 4 hours after the start of the first boat.

Short-Course:- If poor wind on race day indicates a need for a shorter course. the general shape of the course and the numbering and rounding order of the marks will remain the same. The change is that Mark **T3** will move from Pt Wilson to just South of the Pt Hudson Bell Buoy as in the diagram to the left. The short course distance 6.5 nm.

