

Tacoma Yacht Club
Summer Vashon Regatta
Saturday, June 8, 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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 0800 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. Class flags 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 In the TYC Lobby

- 5.2 One race is scheduled.
- 5.3 PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF Cruising classes warning 0955.
- 5.4 PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF 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 6.1
- 5.6 One design classes first warning at 1020.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags for each class will be as follows:
 - "0" flag PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF Cruising classes
 - "1" flag PHRF A and B
 - 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 limiting mark (yellow or orange inflatable) will be anchored approximately ½ mile north of the ferry dock at the North end of Vashon Island (on Allen Bank). A North End Race Committee boat may be anchored approximately 100 yards north of the

limiting mark. If the North End Committee boat is on station, all boats must pass between the committee boat and the limiting mark.

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. If the course is to be changed on the water the RC Signal boat will display code flag C and make announcements on VHF channel 72.

- Race clockwise around Vashon Island. Leave the limiting mark at the North end (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD**.

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 includes the statement:

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 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 approximately north 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, Cruising, OD classes sailing the course defined in SI 7.1 will sail across the line leaving the temporary mark to **Starboard**.

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 an orange or 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 there will be a time limit of ten (10) hours from each class's start time.
- 11.2 If the course is shortened, there will be a time limit of seven (7) hour 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.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 PHRF time corrections will be calculated using Time-on-Distance.
Non-PHRF and one-design class vessels will be scored based on where the vessel finishes in its respective class – meaning not based on a PHRF rating.

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 8.
- 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. If unable to reach a committee boat by radio, please call 253-732-5918 and notify Race Chair Robert Nettleton of the boat class, Name and sail number of the boat retiring.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix V, Rule V1 applies (Penalty at the Time of an Incident).

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available at TYC or the US Sailing Web Site.
- 15.2 Protests MUST be delivered IN PERSON to Race Chair Mike Harter 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 1.1) 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 or by calling and leaving a message with Race Chair Chris Johanson at 415 336-8011 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--PIYA SER "Nearshore+" - Except that any single or double-handed crews must always wear a PFD.

17 SOUTHERN KILLER WHALE NOTIFICATION

- 17.1 Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.2 Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident killer whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the

prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale.

- 17.3 Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission [Move away] of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.4 Boaters may not feed a southern resident killer whale.

18 COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE

- 18.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 18.2 The race committee's cell phone number is **253-732-5918**. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail.