

ROUND THE COUNTY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

November 7th & 8th, 2009

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RULES: This race will be governed by the 2009 - 2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of PHRF Northwest (when applicable), PIYA Category Equipment Requirements (where specified), and these Sailing Instructions. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be in effect, rule 44.3 will not be used. Where the prescriptions of these Sailing Instruction conflict with those of the RRS, these Sailing Instructions will be used. Modifications to these sailing instructions, if any, will be posted at the OIYC club house and the club's WEB page prior to 2000 hours on November 6th, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY: Yachts will be PHRF rated and equipped as per the safety provisions of the PIYA Category II Equipment Standards. The skipper must be a member of a PIYA affiliated club, or if not from the PIYA area then from a similarly affiliated club in your race area.

ROCHE HARBOR: The community in Roche Harbor is very sensitive about having loud drunken sailors wandering about. There are to be no open containers except inside the resort, in the condos, or down on the docks where the fleet is moored. The docks are considered to be private property and alcohol is allowed there. Any trouble with crew members being disorderly or having open alcohol containers in public places may result in their yacht being disqualified from the race.

COMMUNICATIONS & CHECK IN: The race committee will monitor and broadcast on channel 72 VHF. All boats must check in with the race committee on channel 72 or sail by the stern of the committee boat at least 15 minutes prior to the first warning gun. Any boat retiring from the race must inform the race committee via VHF channel 72. All boats should monitor channel 16, and 72 during the race. If you can, include in your receiver scan Seattle Traffic on channel 5a and bridge to bridge on channel 13 which are important if you are in the vessel traffic lanes.

SAIL NUMBER BANNER: In addition to the requirements of the RRS Appendix G, all yachts shall display their official sail number on the lifelines facing the race committee while approaching or crossing a finish line. Size of letters and numerals shall be similar to that required in RRS Appendix G1.2 for sail numbers.

COURSE: San Juan County to PORT.

Saturday, November 7th Leg #1 - Start off Lydia Shoal. Leave Orcas Island, Sisters, Clark Island, Matia Island, Clements Reef and Clements Reef Buoy, Patos Island, Waldron Island, Skipjack Island, Stuart Island, and Danger Shoal buoy to port. Finish off of the NW corner of Pearl Island between the committee boat and the temporary orange pyramid buoy. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 34.3nm for the full course and 17.1nm for the shortened course.

Sunday, November 8th Leg #2 - Start off the south end of Mosquito Pass. Leave San Juan Island to port. Leave the Salmon Bank buoy to starboard or pass within 500ft of the buoy to Port.

Leave Lopez Island, Davidson Rock, Kellett Ledge, James Island, Blakely Island to port. Finish between the Lydia Shoal buoy and the temporary yellow flag on shore. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 31.4nm for the full course and 13.1nm for the shortened course.

Shortened Course - In the event of light air, the course may be shortened to finish off Alden Point, Patos Island (Leg #1), and the Salmon Bank buoy (Leg #2). The decision to use shortened course times is made automatically when an insufficient number of boats finish the long course in the prescribed time.

DIVISIONS: The following PHRF-NW ratings will be included in each division.

DIVISION M	multihulls	DIVISION X	-99 to 25
DIVISION 0	26 to 70	DIVISION I	71 to 90
DIVISION II	91 to 130	DIVISION III	131 and higher

THE START: The race will start in accordance with the RRS rule 26 using the 5-minute flag sequence. Each day there will be three starts separated by ten minutes. The first warning signal will be at 0835. GPS time will be observed. The starting times are as follows:

0840 - Code Flag One	- Divisions II and III
0850 - Code Flag Two	- Divisions 0 and I
0900 - Code Flag Three	- Divisions X & M

If the boats from the prior start have not substantially cleared the starting area then the sequence for the next start may be postponed until the starting area is clear. After 0835 boats not in their five minute sequence should stay well clear of the starting area to allow the Race Committee to clearly see the line to observe late starters or re-starters.

Saturday, November 7th Leg #1 - The start line will extend from Lydia Shoal buoy to the race committee flag on the race committee boat. Leave Lydia Shoal to port. If there are difficulties in anchoring the committee boat, start between the Lydia Shoal buoy and the yellow pyramid buoy set close to the committee boat.

Sunday, November 8th Leg #2 - The start line will be between the race committee boat, and an orange pyramid buoy. The race committee boat will be at the south end of Mosquito Pass.

RECALLS: Rule 29 - Individual recalls will be signaled by one blast after the start signal, the hoisting of the code X flag, and hailing of the yacht's sail number or name. If there were 5 or more boats OCS then a general recall may be signaled. A general recall is signaled by the first substitute flag and two horn blasts, then a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of the first substitute flag. The fleet recalled will be next to start. General recall, individual recall with sail numbers, and "all clear" signals will also be attempted on VHF 72 but the failure of the race committee to announce does not exonerate a boat from being over early. If a boat has properly checked in and has been observed to be over early (in the appropriate start sequence) by the race committee and they do not return to the line to clear, that boat upon their finish will be scored OCS and will be penalized the same as a DNF.

USE OF MOTORS: Motors should not to be used after a boat's 4-minute warning signal or until after a boat has finished or withdrawn. The exceptions to this rule are: to rescue a person in the water, to assist vessels in immediate distress, to move out of the way of commercial vessel traffic, to move a boat off of a grounding, or to gain steerage to prevent a boat from being pushed by wind or current into an otherwise certain and immediate grounding. In no case should the use of the motor have reduced the distance a boat will need to sail to finish the course nor should the motor be used to place a boat in a more favorable position relative to the prevailing wind or current conditions. At the start a motor can be used past its warning signal to get to the boat out to the starting area, however the boat should not then cross the starting line until 4 minutes after the motor has been turned off. In the event of any of these circumstances the boat's skipper will report by radio to the race committee the fact that the motor was run after the boat's warning signal. The boat's skipper shall file a written report with the race committee, promptly after they finish the race. The report shall include the GPS coordinates and the time when the motor was started and when the motor was turned off with a full description of the circumstances and other relevant information such as water depth, boat speed and heading, and current and wind conditions. If a report is not filed clearly showing that under the circumstances fair racing was preserved as judged by the exclusive opinion of the race committee, the boat will be disqualified.

BOATS FAILING TO START: The race committee may need to proceed to the next finish position, therefore boats that have not started prior to 30 minutes from the time of the last start will be scored DNS (did not start). Boats that have not started should hail the race committee and inform them of their intentions.

THE FINISHES: When approaching a finish line or a halfway finish please hail the race committee on channel 72 as you approach the finish area (less than 2 minutes out please) and convey your boat's name, sail number, and identifying features. Do not expect that the race committee will answer your hails or confirm your finish time, especially if the finish area is busy. They will be listening to your radio reports and will be depending on that information to get your sail number correctly. **Recording and preserving your own GPS crossing time and the names of the boats finishing in front and behind you is MANDATORY.** If it is dark when you finish, please use a high power lamp to illuminate your sail numbers for at least 30 seconds before and after you finish.

Saturday, November 7th – The full length finish line will be located at the northwest corner of Pearl Island, on a line between the committee boat and an orange pyramid buoy. Leave the committee boat to starboard.

The shortened course, or half way finish line, extends north from Alden Point light on Patos Island. The race committee will be on shore at the Alden Point Light. Pass within 1/2 mile of Alden Point Light and record your GPS time when the Alden Point Light is setting 160° from your boat.

Sunday, November 8th Leg #2 - The finish line will be on a line extending from Lydia Shoal Buoy in the direction of an observer on shore at Deer Point with the approximate GPS coordinates of N48°36'15" W122°47'55".

The shortened course finish line will extend 1.5nm from the Salmon Bank buoy north in the direction of the Cattle Point Light House. Leave the buoy to starboard or within 500ft to Port. The race committee will be on shore at Cattle Point. The Cattle Point Light House sets 003° magnetic from the Salmon Bank Buoy. The Salmon Bank Buoy is set 183° magnetic from the Cattle Pass Light House. Use those angles and a GPS clock to mark your finish time. Be aware that not all parts of this line are navigable by all boats.

TIME LIMIT: The time limit for both days is 1800 hours for the full course distance and/or 1600 hours for the intermediate/short course distance. These time limits are fixed and will not be extended or shortened regardless of a delay in the start of the race or other circumstances. Boats that do not finish before the governing time limit will be scored DNF. If you withdraw from the race, call the race committee on channel 72 VHF.

SAFETY: Boats must comply with PIYA Category II requirements of the Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards. Please be aware that at times you will be sailing in the Vessel Traffic Lanes. Watch out for commercial traffic! Seattle Traffic is on channel 5A. The race committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone due to unsafe conditions. However, the fact that the race committee has not canceled a race, nor the fact that other boats are still racing, should be interpreted to mean that conditions are necessarily safe for all vessels. It is the responsibility of the individual yacht to decide when conditions are unsafe for their vessel and to take appropriate safety measures.

SCORING: Scoring will be based on the combined times over the two days, (corrected or elapsed, as applicable). The yacht with the fastest time wins. Handicapping will be scored on a time on distance basis.

- 1) If no boats reach the shortened course finish line by time limit, all boats will score DNF for that leg.
- 2) If one or more boats reach the shortened course finish line by time limit and none reach the full course finish line, results are calculated on the shortened course distance. Boats not reaching the shortened course line will score DNF for that leg.
- 3) If five or more boats out of the entire fleet have finished the full course within the time limit, results will be calculated using the full course. Boats not reaching the line by 1800 will be scored DNF for overall scoring. However, divisional scoring will be calculated on short course finishes, if there are no divisional full course finishers
- 4) OCS and DNF will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time plus one hour. DNS and DSQ will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time plus two hours. Retired after finishing (RAF) will be scored as a DNF.
- 5) There will be overall and divisional scoring.

PROTESTS: The protest committee will hear protests at the conclusion of each leg of the race. If you are going to protest please inform the race committee immediately after finishing. On Saturday deliver protests to the race committee at the pavilion at Roche Harbor as soon as possible after finishing. On Sunday deliver protests to the race committee at the OIYC clubhouse on Orcas Island as soon as possible before 7:30PM.

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented at the awards banquet, Sunday night following the race at the OIYC clubhouse.