



APRIL 12th-13th, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), the [prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association](#), and the [U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#) for "Nearshore", except as changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions. All boats, except those in the "Windseekers" class, must have a valid 2025 PHRF certificate or be listed on the current PHRF-NW roster.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T and Rule V1 in Appendix V will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The electronic [official notice board](https://oiyc.org/essr) is the online event site at oiyc.org/essr.
- 2.2. Changes to SI's and Notice to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board (See SI 3.1).
- 2.3. A competitor meeting will be held at 0900 in the courtyard above the marina docks. A representative from each competing boat shall attend. [DP]
- 2.4. The race committee will utilize VHF channel 68 for communications with competitors. Absence of radio communication, the failure of a boat to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made by the RC on the water by raising code flag L, with one sound. Changes will be announced on VHF 68. It is each boats responsibility to listen to the changes made on the radio. The changes will be repeated a minimum of three times. Boats must sail by the Signal boat and acknowledge that they understand the changes to the Sailing Instructions before the beginning of the starting sequence.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the base of the seaplane float.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP in the RRS.

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 12th	0900	Mandatory competitor meeting
	1030	First race warning
	1630	No warning signal will be made after
Sunday, April 25	1000	First race warning
	1500	No warning signal will be made after
	Approx 1545	Awards presentation on the docks

6. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 6.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of East Sound and Blakely Island. The race committee reserves the right to move the course to another location if conditions dictate.
- 6.2. The diagram in Attachment 1 identifies the relative mark locations.
- 6.3. The race committee may not use all marks or set all marks listed in Attachment 1 during the race.
- 6.4. Marks, S, A, B, C, D, if used, are to be left to port.
- 6.5. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course and announce it on VHF channel 68.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. A race committee vessel may use its engine to hold position. This shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 7.2. A limit buoy attached to the race committee signal vessel and the line attaching it shall be considered part of the mark.

8. THE START

- 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the start/finish mark.
- 8.2. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of individually recalled boats on VHF channel 68. Failure to do so, the timing, the order of the hails, the failure to hear the hail,

or any other issues regarding the hail shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the start/finish mark.
- 9.2. Boats who have finished and are no longer racing shall avoid the finishing area so as to not interfere with boats racing. [DP]

10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 10.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is three (3) hours after her starting signal on Saturday and two (2) hours on Sunday.
- 10.2. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. The post-race penalties and arbitration procedures of Appendix T shall apply.
- 11.2. Protest forms are available on the US Sailing Website as well as in the [mobile app version of the RRS](#)
- 11.3. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee signal boat within the protest time limit of 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. Protests may also be accepted by the Principal Race Officer, at their discretion within this time limit.
- 11.4. Arbitration meetings will take place 15 minutes after the protest time limit has expired. If all parties are available, arbitration may start earlier.
- 11.5. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning 30 minutes after the protest time limit at a location specified in the notice.
- 11.6. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 11.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 11.8. Requests for redress based on a score shall be delivered within 30 minutes of the scores being posted. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, TLE or BFD on the official notice board posting scores, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made within the protest time limit (SI 13.3). This changes Rule 62.2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores minus her worst score. This change Rule A2.1
- 12.2. PHRF classes shall be scored using Time-on-Time ratings. One-Design classes shall be scored by the order of finish.
- 12.3. Scores of DNS, DNC, OCS, UFD, BFD, DSQ, and DNE will be scored points equal to the number of boats that started the race +1. Scores of DNF, NSC, and RET will be scored the number of boats that finished the race +2, or the same number of points as DNS, whichever is less.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1. Before the first warning signal of each day of racing all boats shall sail by the committee vessel's starboard side and visually check in. [DP]

- 13.2. Boats shall not impede the safe passage of a stand-on vessel not racing and shall comply with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1968 (68 COLREGS).
- 13.3. Boats shall monitor commercial vessel traffic channels (VHF Channel 5 and 16). Boats should also monitor AIS if possible. [DP]
- 13.4. Boats shall comply with signals from a Race Committee vessel to alter course.
- 13.5. A boat that receives a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a stand-on vessel, may be subject to protest.
- 13.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications (except AIS data) not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top boat(s) in each class.
- 15.2. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

16. RISK, LIABILITY, AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 16.2. A boat's Person In Charge will accept full responsibility for the actions of the boat's crew during any activity related to this event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating keelboat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$400,000 per incident or the equivalent. [DP]

ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE DIAGRAM

Courses for each class will be defined by a placard on the committee boat bearing a number representing the class and a series of letters representing the course. Marks S, A, B, C, and D are to be left to port.

Marks W and X will be windward marks. Mark B may also be used as a jibe mark.

Mark L will be leeward marks, with Mark C potentially to windward of the signal boat.

Marks W L will be lime green pill shapes

Mark S/F X will be yellow tetrahedrons.

Blakely Shoal (R) is marked by a black/red caution buoy.

The positions of marks in the diagram are not reflective of any scale being used on the water. The Race Committee will attempt, when possible, to have equal distance legs when using marks W and L.

Courses:

WL: S/F → W → L → S/F

WL2: S/F → W → L → W → L → S/F

WL3: S/F → W → L → W → L → W → L → S/F

WX: S/F → W → X → S/F

WX2: S/F → W → X → W → X → S/F

WX3: S/F → W → X → W → X → W → X → S/F

