

# ROUND THE COUNTY 2006 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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**RULES:** The race will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Yacht Racing Rules, the prescriptions of the USSA, 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 Racing Rules, these Sailing Instructions will be used. Modifications to the sailing instructions, if any, will be posted at the OIYC club house prior to 2000 hours on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Yachts will be PHRF rated and equipped to 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 their race area.

**ROCHE HARBOR:** The community in Roche Harbor does not want 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 and hail them prior to the first warning gun. Any boat retiring from the race must inform the race committee via VHF channel 72.

**COURSE:** San Juan County and its many islands to starboard.

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Start off of Lydia Shoal and leave Orcas Island, Blakely Island, James Island, Kellet Ledge, Davidson Rock, Colville Island, Lopez Island, and Long Island to Starboard. **Leave the Salmon Bank buoy to Starboard** and (if properly on station) the committee boat to port. Record and preserve your halfway time when the Salmon Bank buoy and the Cattle Point Lighthouse are in a line with your observer. Use GPS time. The line between the Salmon Bank buoy and the Cattle Point Lighthouse is excluded. Continue with San Juan Island to starboard and finish at Mosquito Pass. Not included as marks of the course are Belle Rock and The Bird Islands. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 31.4nm.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Out of Roche Harbor, start off of the NW corner of Pearl Island. Leave the Danger Shoal buoy, Stuart Island, Waldron Island, Skipjack Island, and Patos Island to Starboard. Record and preserve your halfway times when the Alden Point Light is lying 160 degrees magnetic from your observer. Use GPS time. Continue by leaving to starboard the Clements Reef buoy, Clements Reef, Matia Island, Puffin Island, Clark Island, and the Sisters Islands and then finish at Lydia Shoal. Not included, as marks on this leg are the Peapod Rocks. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 34.3nm.

**Shortened Course:** In the event that an insufficient number of boats complete the long course on either day, the race may be scored from the shortened course times recorded at the Salmon Bank Buoy on Saturday and/or at Alden Point on Sunday.

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

DIVISION M	multihulls	DIVISION X	-75 to 29
DIVISION 0	30 to 69	DIVISION I	70 to 99
DIVISION II	100 to 129	DIVISION III	130 and slower

**THE START:** The race will start in accordance with Racing 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 – Division II and III  
0850 – Code Flag Two – Division 0 and I  
0900 – Code Flag Three – Divisions X and M

**THE START:** 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 restarters.

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** - The start line will extend from Lydia Shoal Buoy to the red flag on the Race Committee Boat. Leave Lydia Shoal to starboard. If the Race Committee has difficulties in anchoring their boat, the start will be between the Lydia Shoal buoy and the yellow pyramid buoy set close to the committee boat. The warning gun for the first start will be fired at 0835 if not postponed. GPS time will be observed.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** - The start line will be set off of the N.W. corner of Pearl Island between the RC Boat, and a red pyramid marker. The warning gun for the first start will be fired at 0835 if not postponed. GPS time will be observed.

**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 OCS by the race committee and they do not return to the line to clear, then the boat upon their finish and at the choice of the race committee will be either scored DSQ or by being penalized by adding 1 hour to their uncorrected elapsed time.

**USE OF MOTORS:** Motors should not be used after a boat's 4-minute warning signal and 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 the 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 and scored DSQ.

**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).

**THE FINISH:** \*\*\*\*THIS NEXT PART HAS IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS\*\*\*\*

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** – The finish line will be located at Mosquito Pass between the Committee boat and the red pyramid buoy. Please hail the RC on Channel 72 as you approach the finish area.

The half course line will be **south** of the Salmon Bank Buoy. **Leave the Buoy to Starboard** and the committee boat to Port. Pass between the committee boat and the Salmon Bank Buoy. Record your own time and report your passing to the race committee on channel 72. If the committee boat is not properly set on station south of the Salmon Bank Buoy, pass the Salmon Bank Buoy to Starboard and record your time when sighting the Salmon Bank Buoy to be in line with the Cattle Pass Light House. Please make a record of the name of the boats finishing before and after your finish. Recording and preserving your own GPS mid-point time is **MANDATORY**.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** – The finish line will be on a line extending from Lydia Shoal Buoy in the direction of Obstruction Pass light to a yellow pyramid buoy. Leave Lydia Shoal to port. Again please contact the race committee as you approach the finish.

The shortened course finish line extends north from Alden Point Light on Patos Island. If the committee boat is on station, pass between the boat and Alden Point. If the committee boat is not on station, pass within 1/2 mile of Alden Point. Record your time when setting 160 degrees magnetic to the Alden Point Light, and report your passing to the race committee on channel 72 if possible. Please make a record of the name of the boats finishing before and after your finish. Recording and preserving your own GPS mid-point time is **MANDATORY**.

**TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for both days is 1800 hours for the full course distance and/or 1600 for the intermediate/short course distance. These time limits are fixed and will not be extended regardless of a delay in the start of the race. 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 or by cell phone if the number has been made available.

**SAFETY:** Boats must comply with 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 cancelled a race, nor the fact that other boats are still racing, should be interpreted to mean that conditions are necessarily safe for all vessels. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

**SCORING:** Scoring will be based on the combined times over the two days. The yacht with the fastest corrected time wins. Handicapping will be scored on a Time on Distance formula.

- 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 monohulls reach the full course finish line before 1800 hours, the results for that leg will be calculated on the full course for the overall scoring. In that case, boats not completing the full leg will be scored DNF for overall scoring. Within a division, if no boat finishes the full course, division scoring on that leg will be calculated using the half course finish times. If there are no finishers on one leg of the course, only the leg with finishers will score.
- 4) A DNF will receive a score equal to the slowest corrected finish time plus one hour.
- 5) There will be overall and divisional scoring.

**PROTESTS:** The protest committee will hear protests at the conclusion of each leg of the race. 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. There are perpetual trophies for fastest total elapsed time, first overall corrected, and first in each division.