

WEST SOUND CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Standard Sailing Instructions for Sinclair Inlet Races

Effective 1/17/2023

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race/regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS).
- 1.2. All yachts shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), category “Nearshore”. These requirements are available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
- 1.3. The Racing Rules of Sailing rule A5.2 and 35, will be changed. The change appears under paragraph 11, Time limit, and paragraph 15, Scoring, in this Sailing Instruction. Additional rules may be changed by the Notice of Race.
- 1.4. Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet - Northwest (PHRF-NW) handicapping rules shall apply. For handicap information, see web site www.phrf-nw.org.
- 1.5. The following Standard Rules and Racing Instructions shall apply to all races except as may be amended by individual Notice of Race.
- 1.6. Interference with Traffic: Interference with non-racing traffic is strictly forbidden. A report of interference by the traffic to the Race Committee is sufficient cause for protest. No sounds are required.
- 1.7. Yachts shall not approach within 100 yards of any US naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage, you must contact the U.S. naval vessel or the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM channel 16.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. See Notice of Race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Committee Boat.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. No signals will be made ashore. All signals will be from the Committee Boat or Marina breakwater.

5. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG(S)

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be given in the Notice of Race.

- 5.2. The class (division) flags are:

Class	PHRF-NW Rating	Division Flag
1	140 and under	signal pennant 1 (white with a red dot)
2	141 and over	signal pennant 2 (blue with a white dot)
3	No Flying Sails (NFS)	signal pennant 3 (vertical red, white, and blue)

- 5.3. The order of starts is given in the Notice of Race.

5.4. Number of races is given in the Notice of Race.

6. RACING AREA

6.1. The racing area will be Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard

7. COURSE[S] and MARKS

7.1. The courses:

Course	Marks ("N" start order, reverse order for "S" start)	Distance (nm)	Notes
A	1-4-1-2-1	2.88	
B	1-5-1-2-1	4.10	
C	1-4-1-3-1	3.88	
D	1-6-1-2-1	4.80	
E	1-4B-6-4B-1-2-1	4.94	4B = Pass MK 4 to south
F	1-6-1-3-1	5.80	
G	1-7-1-2-1	7.74	
J	GET COURSE FROM RC	Determined by RC	

7.1.1. If J placed prior to Course letter, use #8 Mark instead of #2 mark. (Example JA1S = A course, but using Ross point mark #8 instead of Navy mooring #2, 1 lap, south start).

7.2. Description of marks:

Mark	Description
1	Club buoy (start line) set off the Port Orchard Marina breakwater
2	Navy mooring buoy west of the Shipyard, white with black stripe. Approximate Lat/Long: 47-32'-47" N, 122-39'-33" W
3	Cylindrical mooring buoy, Northeast of Suldan's Marina, near N 47 34.2458', W 122 40.1747'. Best described as Old water tank with barge possibly attached.
4	Club Buoy near location "L-2"
5	Radar target (RA) "3"
6	Point Herron Light
7	Radar target (RA) "5"
8	Club Buoy approx ¼ mile west of Ross Point

Possibly add a mark (#8 Club Bouy West of POYC) – J before Course denotes to use 8 instead of 2.

7.3. Approximate bearings and distances between marks are given in section 16 Chartlet.

7.4. The Race Committee will display the course, number of laps and the start direction. The Race Committee may select multiple courses. The crossing of the finish line for the first lap is considered to be the start of the second lap. For example:

G 1 S	course G, 1 lap, southwest start	(1s-3s-1p-6s-1s)
G A 2 S	course G, 1 lap, course A, 2 laps, southwest start	(1s-3s-1p-6s-1s-2s-1p-4s-1s-2s-1p-4s-1s)
G 2 A N	course G, 2 laps, course A, 1 lap, northeast start	(1p-6p-1s-3p-1p-6p-1s-3p-1p-4p-1s-2p-1p)

- 7.5. N = northeast start and leave all rounding marks, except mark 1, to PORT. Leave mark 1 by sailing between the committee and mark 1 as in a start or finish.
- 7.6. S = Southwest start and leave all rounding marks, except mark 1, to STARBOARD. Leave mark 1 by sailing between the committee and mark 1 as in a start or finish.
- 7.7. If J placed prior to Course letter, use #8 Mark instead of #2 mark. (Example JA1S = A course, but using Ross point mark #8 instead of Navy mooring #2, 1 lap, south start).

8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Naval Ships and shipyard piers, 100 yards off of.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the committee and an orange club buoy at the other end.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the committee and an orange club buoy at the other end.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. See NOR for the applicable time limit. Rule 35 will be changed by the NOR for each race.
- 11.2. Racers who withdraw before finishing shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. In a multiple race regatta, racers who finish a race and decide to retire from racing shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.

12. USE OF ENGINE

- 12.1. Engines shall not be used except as necessary to avoid non-racing traffic or to aid in the rescue of a boat or crew. The yacht's skipper shall report (in writing) all details to the protest committee (see 14), which may then give redress. Note: starting the engine in advance of a possible danger but not placing it in gear, does not relieve the yacht for the reporting requirements. This states the circumstances where propulsion is permitted as required in RRS Rule 42.3.

13. ALLOWED RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. A BOAT MAY CONTACT Navy, commercial or private traffic to confirm that they are not going to interfere with that traffic in the foreseeable future. Such communications may only be used to ascertain what action the traffic would like the boat to accomplish. Use channels 13, 14 and 16 as appropriate.
- 13.2. Boats may Monitor Channel 72 for communications to and from Race Committee.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. The Race Committee shall be notified as soon as possible of the intent to protest. Protests shall be delivered to race committee within one hour after the last boat finishes.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Scoring system and number of excluded races are given in the Notice of Race unless the RRS provides the correct information.
- 15.2. For each race, a boat that did not finish (DNF) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished. A boat that was disqualified (DSQ) or did not start (DNS) shall be

scored points for finishing place one more than the number of starters for that race. A boat that did not compete (DNC) shall be scored points for finishing place one more than the number of series starters. This rule changes Rule A5.2.

16. SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE NOTIFICATION

16.1 Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.

16.2 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.

16.3 Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale.

16.4 Boaters may not feed a southern resident killer whale.

16. Chartlet:

