

**WEST SOUND CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB 31st
ANNUAL AROUND BAINBRIDGE ISLAND RACE
DOUBLE-HANDED RACE
SATURDAY, May 19, 2018**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020** (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions, as they apply.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, (SER), category “Nearshore” Hand Held VHF 3.8.2 not required. All competitors must wear PFDs. A radar reflector shall be displayed at all times at least 13 feet (4 meters) above the waterline.
- 1.3 Any type of self-steering apparatus may be used during this event, but competitors must maintain a watch on deck at all times.
- 1.4 Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet - Northwest (PHRF-NW) handicapping rules shall apply except membership in PHRF-NW is not required. For handicap information, see web site www.phrfnw.org.
- 1.5 The Race Committee must be notified if any sail numbers other than the main sail number will be used. The main sail number will be the only sail number used for identification, having others will aid in identification.
- 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 Code of Federal Regulations: Title 33 (Navigation and Navigable Waters), Part 334 (Danger Zone and Restricted Area Regulations) to the extent that they apply to the area sailed. Of particular interest is 334.1230, 334.1240 and 334.1244. These are available at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/>.
- 1.8 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices, if any, will be posted at <http://wscyc.net> by 1800 Friday before the race. Should additional notices be required, oral changes may be given only on the water by the RC and are to be the same to all competitors. The race shall be postponed until all competitors receive said notice.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race committee, during check in or registration, may provide changes to the Sailing Instructions in writing. Should additional changes be required, the race shall be postponed until all competitors receive said changes. Changes may also be posted on <http://wscyc.net>.

4.1 SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 4.2 Registration: 30 minutes before the first warning.
- 4.3 Dates of Racing: May 19, 2018
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 9:00 am.

5. DIVISIONS

- 5.1 Division splits will be determined based on the number of entrants. They may include Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails, and Flying sails may be divided into two divisions.
- 5.2 In an effort to promote youth sailing, up to 2 kids, 12 years of age or younger can crew on the race and not count to your official crew numbers (double handed).
- 5.3 For non-flying sails (NFS) divisions, no headsail may be used that is not affixed to a permanent headstay for the entire hoisted height. Whisker poles may not exceed 80% of the LP of the largest rated headsail in accordance with PHRF Rules. A headsail must be lowered onto the deck before another is hoisted.
- 5.4 For flying sails (FS) divisions, intention to sail in optional flying sails divisions must be clearly indicated on the race registration form. NFS restrictions for changing headsails listed above do not apply to FS classes. However, PHRF rules governing FS boats are applicable.

6. RACING AREA: Rich Passage, Puget Sound, Agate Passage and Port Orchard.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 Start between a buoy off of the Brownsville Marina breakwater and an orange flag at the Race Committee, sail around the island either clockwise OR counterclockwise, and finish at the Brownsville Marina start/finish line.
- 7.2 Course distance is 24.2 nautical miles. Provisions for shortening the course will be the 47.621 N parallel near Wing Point on the East side of Bainbridge Island which is halfway around the island. Yachts will be required to log GPS times and boats around them when crossing on provided log sheet.

8. LOG REQUIREMENTS:

- 8.1 All boats are required to record the following information on the form provided with these Sailing Instructions:

- Exact GPS time the hull crosses the 47.621 N parallel near Wing Point on the East side of Bainbridge Island.
- Boats ahead of your boat.
- Boats behind your boat.
- Direction you went around the island.

8.2 Every boat must turn in completed log if they do not complete the long course. See specific instructions on the log sheets attached. Failure to comply will result in being scored DNF for the day. If a boat completes the long course, that boat will not be required to submit their log.

9. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- 9.1 The *start/finish* line is a WSCYC buoy off the Brownsville Marina breakwater and an orange flag on the breakwater or committee boat.
- 9.2 *Bainbridge Island* shall represent itself.

10. STARTS:

- 10.1 If there are division splits, separate starts for each division will be provided; otherwise there will be one start.
- 10.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, a combined start with separate scoring for each division may be provided.
- 10.3 (per RRS, rule 26, and repeated here for information only)

Race shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5	Division flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 10.4 The starting line will be between staff displaying an orange flag and an orange buoy starting mark.
- 10.5 A placard displaying “N” or “S” by the race committee will indicate north or south start.

11. THE FINISH:

11.1 The finish line is the same as the start line. However, the race committee may reposition the orange buoy in preparation for the finish. Boats rounding Bainbridge to starboard shall cross the finish from the south, and boats rounding Bainbridge to port shall cross the finish from the north.

11.2 **TIME LIMITS:** The full course time limit shall be twelve (12) hours for the first boat to finish and fifteen (15) hours for each division. The shortened course time limit shall be six (6) hours for the first boat to finish and eight (8) hours for each division. If no boats finish within the full course time limit of twelve (12) hours for each division, shortened course times will be used for scoring that division. Boats that do not finish within the shortened course later time limit or if no boat finishes within shortened course earlier time limit will be scored as DNF.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protests and requests for redress will be made per Part 5 of the **Racing Rules of Sailing**. The race committee shall be notified of a boat's intent to protest or to file for redress at the first opportunity. Hearings shall be scheduled as required and with notification of parties. The race committee shall accept all protests and requests or refer a yacht to the appropriate place for filing.

13. SCORING: Time on distance scoring will be used.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

14.1 Check-in before warning and Check-out after finishing or retiring is required.

14.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15. USE OF ENGINE: Engines shall not be used except as necessary to avoid non-racing traffic, a dangerous situation 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 SI 7.5), 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 from the reporting requirements. This supersedes RRS Rule 42.1.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: In fairness to all competitors, the Race Committee will not answer hails or radio calls from contestants other than for emergencies or withdrawals. However, contestants may communicate with the Race Committee if called by them, but this communication should be limited to position on the course or conditions.

17. SELF STEERING: Any type of self-steering apparatus may be used during this event, but competitors must maintain a watch on deck at all times.

18. PRIZES: WSCYC prizes will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place for each division.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, 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 race.

20. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Attached:

Halfway Log Sheet

**WEST SOUND CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND RACE
SINGLE/DOUBLE-HANDED RACE
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Halfway Log

This log sheet is only required for boats that completed the short course, but did not complete the long course.

- Use GPS time in hh:mm:ss format for marking your time crossing **47.621 N** parallel. Record your time as accurately as possible when crossing.
- Please record boats ahead and behind as well as sail numbers when crossing the halfway.
- Turn in log to race committee on day of race or Email ALL information on log to wscyachtclub@yahoo.com by 1800 on the Sunday following the race.

Your Boat Name _____ Your Sail
Number _____

Rounding Bainbridge to PORT or STARBOARD? (circle one)

Boats Ahead (list closest first)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Boats Behind (list closest first)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____