



BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

2017 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 5, 2017 – August 30, 2017

- 1 **RULES** - The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these instructions.
- 2 **SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**
 - PHRF boats must meet the PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) “Near shore”
 - One Design boats must meet the safety requirements specified in their class rules.
- 3 **ENTRIES** – Registration must be completed as described in the NOTICE OF RACE.
- 4 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 4.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the *Official Notice Board* (ONB) located on the window at the downstairs entrance to the BYC Clubhouse. General communication to the race fleet may be made via email to racers who have registered their email address with the Race Committee (RC); however E-mails will not be considered official notices.
 - 4.2 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change in the sailing instructions shall be posted 6 hours before the start.
 - 4.3 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm in front of the BYC Clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered.
- 5 **SCHEDULE, CLASS ASSIGNMENTS & CLASS FLAGS**
 - 5.1 The warning signal[s] for the first race of the Wednesday Series will be 1800 hrs. Subsequent races each evening will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.
 - 5.2 Class Flags will be as follows:

Etchells -	Flag bearing Etchells Class Logo
PHRF A	Numeral Pennant #1
PHRF B	Numeral Pennant #2
 - 5.3 PHRF Class assignments will be posted on the ONB prior to the first night of racing.
 - 5.4 Any Changes to the above class assignments will be at the discretion of the Racing Fleet Captain and posted on the ONB prior to the start of a new series.
 - 5.5 Participation in the Open Class shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Open Class boats are eligible for “Boat of the Year” award.

6 **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be Bellingham Bay.

7 **COURSES**

7.1 Keelboat Series course numbers and descriptions are attached in the Appendix. Course numbers will be displayed on the starboard side of the Race Signals boat.

7.2 All turning marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated on the Course Chart.

8 **MARKS** - Marks for the courses are described in the Appendix for Race Series or in each Long Distance Race Addendum respectively.

9 **THE START**

9.1 One or more classes may be combined for a start at the discretion of the Race Committee, subject to change and posted on ONB.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and mark "S."

9.3 A boat whose Warning Signal has not been made, and is not racing, shall stay well clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4 **RECALLS** - The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers or boat names of those boats that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) with a hailer or on VHF Channel 68. Failure of a boat to see or hear the recall notification, and the timing and order of such notifications, shall not be grounds for redress under RRS Rule 62.1(a).

10 **FINISH**

10.1 The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Signals boat and the Starting mark "S."

11 Any boat that withdraws must inform the Race Committee as soon as it is safe to do so.

12 **TIME LIMIT**

12.1 On Wednesday Night races RRS 35 is modified as follows: If one boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finishes within two hours after the class starting signal, all boats in that class that finish within two hours and twenty minutes after the class starting signal shall be scored. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 **PENALTIES** -

13.1 **PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT** – Rule 44.1 in part is changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.' Other conditions of RRS 44.1 remain in effect.

14 **PROTESTS**

14.1 Notification of intent to protest must be made by notifying the Race Committee or by contacting a member of the Protest committee via cell phone within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing.

14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the BYC and given to the Protest Committee at the BYC within 45 minutes of the posted docking time of the RC Signal Boat.

14.3 Notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at BYC either immediately after racing or as scheduled by the Protest Chairman

15 **VHF COMMUNICATION**

15.1 The Race Committee may attempt to communicate announcements on VHF Channel 68. Unless prohibited by class rules, competitors are encouraged to monitor this channel.

15.2 Failure to receive announcements shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

16 **SCORING – See Notice of Race**

17 **AWARDS – See Notice of Race**

18 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate 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 racing.**