

# Dale Jepsen One Design Regatta

## Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC)

September 17-18, 2016

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC), 2625 Harbor Loop, Bellingham, WA 98225.
- 1.3. This event is restricted to ISAF Regulation 20, Category "A" advertising.
- 1.4. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the downstairs foyer of the BYC clubhouse.
- 1.5. Any Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB before 0900 hours on the day they take effect, except any changes to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 hours the day before they take effect.
- 1.6. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the BYC flagpole located in front of the Clubhouse. Should code flag "AP" be signaled from the flagpole, the Warning Signal for the first race will be 60 minutes or later from the time the "AP" is lowered. This amends RRS "Race Signals."

#### 2. Class and Start Sequences

- 2.1. A minimum of five (5) entries shall constitute a class. The division assignments, combined starts, and initial start sequences will be announced at the skippers' meeting and will also be posted in an amendment to these Sailing Instructions. This event is open to one design classes. A Portsmouth-rated class may be formed to accommodate class boats having insufficient numbers to form an individual class.
- 2.2. Class flags will be numeral pennants and will be announced at the skippers' meeting and will be posted in an amendment to these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. A skippers' meeting shall be held at 0900 hours on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the BYC Clubhouse.

#### 3. Racing Area and Starting Times

- 3.1. Races shall take place on or in the vicinity of Bellingham Bay.
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will attempt to run a total of eight races for all Classes. On Saturday the first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours. On Sunday the first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1030 hours.
- 3.3. The Warning Signal for subsequent races for a class will be made approximately five (5) minutes after the last boat in the preceding race has finished.
- 3.4. On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1430 hours.

#### 4. Courses

- 4.1. All courses are windward/leeward and are described in Addendum A. Note that all turning marks shall be left to Port.
- 4.2. The start line and the finish line are restricted unless a boat is starting or finishing a race. This means that from the time a boat rounds the first rounding mark until she rounds the last rounding mark, she shall not cross either the start or finish line. A competitor may exonerate herself from this infraction by executing a two-turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. A boat that fails to exonerate herself will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

#### 5. Marks

- 5.1. All Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys or balls.
- 5.2. The start/finish line will be between an orange flag on the Signals Boat and either an orange flag on a pin boat, or an orange or yellow inflatable buoy or ball.
- 5.3. Should a leg of the course be changed, the original mark will be moved to the new location.

## 6. Check-In

- 6.1. The code flag "L" will be displayed on the Signals Boat approximately 45 Minutes prior to the Warning Signal for the first race each day and removed approximately ten (10) minutes prior to the Warning Signal for that race.
- 6.2. All boats must "Check-In" by sailing close by the RC Signals Boat, hailing and being acknowledged by the RC.

## 7. Start

- 7.1. There will be 3 minute rolling starts which consist of a horn at 3 minutes (Class Flag Up), a horn at 2 minutes (P flag up), a horn at one minute (P flag down), and a long horn blast at the start (Class Flag Down) . The previous class start signal will be the next class 3 minute signal. This amends RRS Rule 26.
- 7.2. The RC Signals Boat may sound a series of horns as an alert one minute prior to the Warning Signal for the first class. Failure of the RC Signals Boat to make the alerting horns or failure of a competitor to hear the horns shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1.
- 7.3. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall stay well clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle whose long axis is the length of the starting line and whose short axis is one half the length of the starting line (See Addendum A).
- 7.4. An orange stand-off ball may be deployed behind the RC start and/or finish boats. No boat shall contact this standoff ball or its connecting rope. A boat violating this provision may exonerate herself by taking a one-turn penalty.
- 7.5. The starting order will be displayed using the class number and course letter on the Course Board located on the starboard side of the Signals Boat (Addendum A). The class numbers will be displayed in order of the starts, reading from Top to bottom. Lines may be reused after a listed class has started. If a line is being reused, the line below it will be blank to distinguish it from lower lines that may list classes that have not started and are earlier in the starting order. **Classes may be started in any order.**
- 7.6. A boat starting later than three (3) minutes after the Starting Signal for its class will be scored DNS.
- 7.7. If the Race Committee intends to start another race on the same day, the Finish Boat will display the Second Substitute without a sound signal as boats are finishing.

## 8. Recalls

- 8.1. The RC signals Boat **may** attempt to hail the sail numbers of those boats that are on the courses side of the starting line (OCS) at the starting signal with a hailer/megaphone. Failure of the boat to see or hear its recall notification and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1 (a).
- 8.2. If the Warning Signal for a succeeding class is made with the Starting Signal of a preceding class, and if the preceding class has a General Recall, then the class flag of the succeeding class will be removed and the starting sequence of the succeeding class will be considered postponed without further signal. This amends Rule 27.3. The Warning Signal for the new starting sequence for the recalled class will be made one minute following the removal of the First Substitute (one sound), and the starting sequence for any succeeding classes will follow the new start of the preceding class.
- 8.3. In the event that the "I" Flag is used as the preparatory signal for a class, it will remain in effect for the duration of that day of racing for that class.

## 9. Time Limits

- 9.1. The first boat in a class must finish within 60 minutes of her Starting Signal. All other boats in the class must finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in her class or they will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This amends Rule 35 and Appendix A4.
- 9.2. Boats withdrawing from a race after the Starting Signal must, whenever possible, notify any RC boat in a timely manner of their withdrawal.

## **10. Protests and Request for Redress**

- 10.1. Protest forms will be available on the BYC ONB or from any RC boat.
- 10.2. Completed Protest Forms must be delivered to the Protest Table located near the ONB within the time limit, which is one (1) hour after the Signals Boat has docked. The actual docking time for the RC Signals Boat will also be posted on the ONB.
- 10.3. Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of protest hearing times in order to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will begin as soon as possible in a designated location at the BYC clubhouse.
- 10.4. A list of boats that have withdrawn from the race(s) will be posted before the protest time limit.

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. One race may constitute a Regatta.
- 11.2. Boats will be scored using the low points scoring system.
- 11.3. Excluded Races ("Throwouts")
  - if fewer than 5 races are completed, no race scores will be excluded (no throwouts).
  - If 5 to 9 races are completed, a boat's series score will exclude her worst excludable score. (1 throwout).
  - If 10 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will exclude her two worst excludable scores. (2 throwouts).
- 11.4. The score (prior to application of other penalties) for boats scored "TLE" will be scored by the Race Committee, without a hearing, points equal to the number of boats that sail the course and finish within time limit, plus one. This changes RRS A11.
- 11.5. Daily results will be posted on the ONB and/or on the window at the lower entrance to the BYC clubhouse at the conclusion of each day's racing. The OA will also make every effort to post scores on the regatta website at the conclusion of racing each day.

## **12. Safety**

- 12.1. The responsibility for insuring that a boat complies with Rule 1 is vested solely with each boat owner/operator. The Organizing Authority assumes no responsibility in this regard.
- 12.2. RRS 40 is replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, at all times when on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Inflatable flotation devices are not acceptable."

13. **Gross Misconduct** - Boat owners and /or operators are responsible for the conduct of themselves and their crew both on and off the water. Should the Protest Committee, through a hearing, determine that an owner and/or operator or their crew is guilty of Gross Misconduct, the owner and/or operator is responsible for any damages caused by this misconduct. This is in addition to the penalties imposed under Rule 69.

14. **Trophies and Prizes** - Trophies and prizes will be awarded as per the Notice of Race.

15. **Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (Rule 4). The Organizing Authority, its Race Committee, its Officers, its Members and its Employees will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after this regatta.