

2005 Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of *US Sailing*, the rules and regulations of *PHRF or other One Design classes* (except as any of these rules are altered by these sailing instructions), and these sailing instructions. *The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* and right of way rules apply between boats sailing under these rules and a vessel that is not. The races are designated as *PIYA Category III and PIYA Category IV*, except when in conflict with class rules, or when a more restrictive Category is specified in individual race instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the registration form, as provided by the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC). To be eligible to participate, all yachts (except one design as stated above) must present a copy of their current 2005 PHRF certificate, be a member of the BYC or other affiliate club, and have paid the appropriate registration fees. The registration fee is \$100.00 for BYC members and affiliate clubs members. Any registered yacht who brings in two new yachts to participate for this year will be entitled to a reimbursement of their registration fee.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the hallway, downstairs, near the Ward Room of the BYC.

4. CHANGES

Any change in the sailing instructions will be before 1700 hours for Wednesday races and before 0900 hours for long distance races. Changes will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day prior to a race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm in front of the BYC. Code flag "AP" (With two horn blasts) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after the "AP" (with one horn blast) is lowered.

6. CLASS DESIGNATION

Each PHRF yacht will display it's class ribbon flown from the backstay. Ribbon colors and class flags are as follows:

PHRF 139 and under	Start 1	PHRF Div.I	Blue	Code Flag D
One Design	Start 2	Etchells	N/A	Code Flag E
PHRF 140 and over	Start 3	PHRF Div.II	Yellow	Code Flag F
Cruise/Novice/Open	Start 4	PHRF Div.III/Cruising	Red	Code Flag G

Note: Changes to the above class breaks will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule and descriptions of races are as follows:

NUMB BUM SERIES	(4 Wednesday night races)	April 6,13,20,27
SPRING SERIES	(5 Wednesday night races)	May 4,11,18,25, June 1
SUMMER SERIES	(5 Wednesday night races)	June 8,15,22,29, July 6
HEAT WAVE SERIES	(5 Wednesday night races)	July 20,27, August 3,10,17
LONG DISTANCE SERIES	(5 Weekend races)	April 3, May 14, June 25-26, Sept. 24, Oct. 1

FALL SERIES (MAYBE) (5 Wednesday night races) Sept. 7,14,21,28, Oct. 5
Frostbite, Moore Invitational, Jack & Jill, Marmetta Cup, and the Commodores Cup races use different rules but are included as part of your registration. Please be sure to attend the skippers meetings for these races. The skippers meetings are held at gate #3 near the BYC one hour prior to the start of each race. Please see the calendar included with your race packet.

Women on the Water and PITCH are NOT a part of these series of races.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Bellingham Bay and as shown and described in the long distance series instructions.

9. MARKS

Marks for the courses as described in the instructions are:

A	Yellow Delta Inflatable	RC	Race Committee Boat
B	Yellow Delta Inflatable	S/F	Orange Cylinder
C	Orange Can Inflatable	OF	Outfall Buoy
PP	Post Point Buoy	PF	Point Francis Buoy
SR	Starr Rock Buoy		

10. RACE COURSES

10.1 The course numbers are described on the attached diagrams and will be displayed on the committee boat. Should any discrepancy exist between the course diagrams and the written instructions, the written instructions are official.

10.2 Long distance courses are described in the attached sheets. Mandatory attendance at skippers meetings for the *Vendovi*, *Around Lummi*, *Jack Island*, and *Governors Point* races will be held at Gate #3 at 0900. The skippers meeting for *Point Roberts* will be held at gate #3 at 0800. Course changes and/or marks will be discussed at that time.

11. THE START

11.1 Starting will be in order of class.

11.2 Warning signal for Wednesday night racing is scheduled for 1800 hours:

1800	Warning Signal	(Class Code Flag)	1 Sound
1801	Preparatory Signal	(Code Flag P)	1 Sound
1804	One Minute	(Code Flag P Down)	1 Sound
1805	START	(Class Flag Down)	1 Long Sound

Starting sequence will continue in 5 minute intervals until all yachts have started.

11.3 One or more classes may be combined for a start at the discretion of the race committee.

11.4 Starts will be in accordance with *Racing Rule 26*, using the signals described above in *Rule 11.2*.

11.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and the port end marked "S"

11.6 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.7 A yacht shall not start later than 30 minutes after her starting signal.

12. RACE COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL

12.1 Yachts hitting the Committee Boat, or causing another boat to hit the Committee Boat, will be disqualified from the race.

12.2 Verbal harassment of the Race Committee before, during, or following a race will not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will lead to disqualification from the race under *Racing Rule 69*. A second violation of this rule will result in disqualification

from the series.

13. RECALLS

13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *Racing rule 29.2*.

13.2 When a General recall has been signaled, starts for succeeding classes will follow the new start.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE

14.1 A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee boat that will display a Code "C" flag. The Race Committee will give the approximate compass bearing to the new mark and sound a horn periodically. The change will be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg, even though the new mark may not yet be in position.

15. FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

15.2 Any yacht who withdraws or fails to finish, must inform the Race Committee or have another yacht relay such action to the Race Committee.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit shall be 120 minutes for each class from its respective starting signal. Yachts failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored a "Did Not Finish". If a yacht finishes within the time limit of her respective class there will be a fifteen minute grace period for the remaining yachts in that class to finish.

16.2 Time limits for individual long distance races are listed in the instructions for each race in the series.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the BYC and lodged with the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the committee boat has docked.

17.2 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17.3 Decisions of the jury will be final in accordance with *Racing Rule 3*.

17.4 The protest committee may penalize without a hearing, a yacht that has broken

Racing Rule 42, provided a member of the committee or its designated observer has seen the incident.

18. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

The 720 degree turn penalty, *Racing Rule 44.1, 44.2* will apply.

19. RADIO AND MOBILE PHONE COMMUNICATION

A yacht shall not make or receive special radio or mobile phone communications concerning the race, not available to all yachts.

20. SCORING

20.1 The low points scoring system. *Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules* will apply.

20.2 There will be one throw-out allowed per series, provided that 5 races are completed in a series. However, a DSQ will not be allowed as a throw-out, and must be used as part of the series scoring calculation.

20.3 Yachts not starting, finishing, or disqualified shall be scored as follows:

DNS = number registered in class plus 1

DNF = number of starters plus 1

DSQ = number of starters plus 1

20.4 A committee of BYC sailors shall be selected by the Sail Fleet Captain to calculate and select the Best “Boat of the Year”, based on the following criteria:

20.4.1. Performance and participation in BYC sponsored races:

Each Wednesday Series	1 st = 8 points
	2 nd = 6 points
	3 rd = 4 points
Participating	= 2 points
Each Long distance Race	1 st = 4 points
	2 nd = 3 points
	3 rd = 2 points
Participating	= 1 point
Total to be weighed at 50%	

20.4.2. Performance and participation in other sponsored races:

Series and distance	1 st = 8 points
	2 nd = 6 points

	Participating	3 rd = 4 points = 1 point
Single Races		1 st = 4 points 2 nd = 3 points 3 rd = 2 points
	Participating	= 1 point
Trans-Ocean		1 st = 16 points 2 nd = 12 points 3 rd = 8 points
	Participating	= 4 points
Total to be weighed at 30%		

20.4.3. Any special consideration in racing performance or participation (at the direction of the committee) to be weighed at 20%.

21. LONG DISTANCE RACES

21.1 Attendance and registration at the skippers meeting is mandatory.

21.2 Time sheets must be returned or reported to the BYC office within 48 hours after the finish of each race. This can be done online by going to www.byc.org and logging your time on the “self reported times” of the race results page.

21.3 Failure to report your time within the time limit will result in a DNF.

22. PRIZES

Results will be presented at the Bellingham Yacht Club following Wednesday races for all yachts. Annual awards will be presented at the yacht club on Wednesday, November 16th, at 1900 hours.