

Bellingham Yacht Club

2005 Tuesday Night Dinghy Racing

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 This Regatta shall be governed by the "*The Racing Rules of Sailing*" (RRS) 2005-2008.
- 1.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located on the window of the downstairs entrance to the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC) Clubhouse.
- 1.3 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1500 hrs on the day they take effect.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore will be flown from the BYC flag pole located at the Clubhouse.

2. Classes and start sequence

- 2.1 A minimum of three (3) boats shall constitute a class.
 - Class A - Byte's
 - Class B - Opti's
 - Class C - Laser's
 - Class D - Others
- 2.2 Start sequence and class flags:
 - Class A - Green flag
 - Class B - Blue flag
 - Class C - Yellow flag
 - Class D - White flag
- 2.3 Classes may be combined at the discretion of the race committee.

3. Racing area and warning times

- 3.1 The Racing area will be in Bellingham Bay in the vicinity of the central entry to Squilicum Harbor.
- 3.2 The Race Committee shall attempt to run two (2) or more races each evening. Code flag "second substitute" shall be flown from the Signals Boat to indicate that an additional race will be run. The first Warning Signal will be made at 1800 hrs unless code flag "AP" is made.

4. Courses

- 4.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward. **Note that all marks are to be left to Port.** The course to be sailed shall be posted on the starboard side of the Signals Boat prior to the three minute Warning Signal. Course "W" indicates an upwind start/finish, course "L" indicates a downwind start/finish. The number following "W" or "L" indicates the number of laps to be sailed. I.e., a posted course of "W1" indicates an upwind start/finish sailed once around.
- 4.2 Do not sail through the start/finish line unless you are starting or finishing. Boats violating this rule shall be scored "Did not finish" (DNF). Boats sailing multiple laps shall sail through the start/finish line when beginning subsequent laps.

5. Marks

- 5.1 Marks #1 and #3 shall be yellow inflatable. Mark #2 shall be an orange inflatable
- 5.2 The start/finish line shall be between an orange flag on the Signals Boat and an orange tetrahedron or an orange flag mounted upon a pin boat.
- 5.3 Two weather marks will be deployed. Classes "A" and "B" will round the inner mark (Mark #2), all other classes will round the outer mark (Mark #1)

6. Start

- 6.1 The Warning Signal for each succeeding class shall be made **after** the Starting Signal for the preceding class.
- 6.2 The Class Flags are as described in 2.2.
- 6.3 Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a square area behind the starting line whose four sides are equal in length to the starting line.
- 6.4 The starting signals shall be in accordance with Appendix "Q" of these instructions.

6.5 Visual signals shall also be made in accordance with the RRS except the Class flag will go up at three minutes, the prep flag will go up at two minutes, the prep flag will be lowered at one minute and the class flag will be lowered at the starting signal. This amends RRS #26.

7. Recalls

7.1 The Signals Boat will attempt to hail the sail numbers on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal with a hailer (megaphone). Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

8. Time limit

8.1 The time limit for each race is 40 minutes. Once a boat has properly finished within the time limit, all other boats in her class have an additional 20 minutes in which to finish. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This amends RRS #'s 35 and A4.1.

9. Protests

9.1 Protesting boats must notify the Signals Boat after the race, but before leaving the racing area, of the name/sail number of the boat being protested.

9.2 Any boat that does a penalty turn shall report this to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, providing the sail number of the boat for whom she did the turns. This amends RRS #'s 31.2 and 44.2.

9.3 Protest forms will be available from the Signals Boat and from the Official Bulleting Board.

9.4 Completed Protest forms must be delivered to the Race Committee within the time limit which is one hour (1) after the Signals Boat has docked. The actual dock time will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

9.5 Notices will be posted within thirty minutes (30) after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible in a designated location within the BYC.

9.6 Notices of protest by the Race Committee will be posted in accordance with RRS #61.1(b).

9.7 A list of boats that have withdrawn from the races will be posted before the protest time limit.

9.8 Protest will be heard in the order in which they were received whenever possible.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix "A" will apply.

10.3 Race results will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the end of each day.

10.4 Boats **NOT** racing one design shall be scored using the Portsmouth scoring system.

11. Safety

11.1 The responsibility that a boat complies with Rule #1 is vested solely with the boat operator. The BYC assumes no responsibility in this regard.

11.2 USCG personal floatation devices (PFD's) must be worn by all competitors from the time the boat leaves the dock until it returns to the dock.

12. Gross Misconduct

12.1 Boat 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 operator or crew is guilty of Gross Misconduct the operator will be held responsible for any damages caused by this misconduct. This is in addition to the sanctions imposed under Rule #69.

13. Prizes

13.1 To be announced.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (Rule 4). The Bellingham Yacht Club, it's Race Committee, it's Officers, it's Members and it's Employees will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this regatta.