

2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR PTSA SAILING EVENTS

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, with no protests granted.

IDENTIFICATION

Each boat shall approach the race committee before the start and identify themselves.

START/FINISH LINE

The starting and finishing line will be between the "RC" pennant on the committee boat and the starting side of the orange inflatable Pin. If the RC pennant is absent use the class flag.

When races are started from City Dock, the S/F line will be between the "RC" pennant on the dock and the permanent PTSA buoy "C". (The buoy is considered the "pin")

SHORTENING COURSE:

Normally the only time a course will be shortened is when a multiple lap course is being used. The course can be changed to a single lap, indicated by flying the shortened course flag from the committee boat or dock. In a multi-lap race ALL BOATS MUST pass through the START-FINISH line on EACH LAP. This is the ONLY time it is okay to cross the S/F line during a race except when starting or finishing or if "F" is designated as a rounding mark.

STARTING ORDER:

The order of starting will be A, B, then C. Starts will be called according to the number of boats present in each class. If more than one class is starting together, BOTH of their flags will be held up at the beginning of the sequence (5 minutes) and dropped at their start.

COURSES:

The course will be signaled by a row of letters displayed from the committee boat or from City dock. The first letter displayed is the starting pin ("S") and the last is the finishing pin ("F"), and those in between are the rounding marks, "F" may be designated as a rounding mark. Start in the direction of the first mark after "S". Pass each mark in the order displayed and pass it to Port unless the letter is underscored and striped, in which case it is to be passed to starboard. There will be one course for the A and B class boats and one for the C class. The C class course (smaller boats) will be differentiated by a placard with the C class flag painted on it at the beginning of their letter board.

All courses are to be sailed once around, except when a number, such as “2”, follows the designation of a course. A number signals a multiple-lap course. Sail the course as many times as is indicated by that number and cross the finish line in between laps, in case the course is shortened.

The red Point Hudson bell buoy is to be passed on the outside, or left to shoreward, except when being rounded (in which case the letter board will indicate how it is to be rounded)

Should a “2” precede the letters on the letter board there will be two races. Boats that have finished the first race must stay clear of the finish line until the last boat has finished. Boats should check the letter board before the second start in case the course has been changed.

TIME LIMIT:

A boat not finishing within 2 hours of it’s start will be scored DNF (did not finish).

SCORING:

Across the line finish times will be posted for all boats racing. Rated boats will also have their results handicapped.

RADIOS:

All boats are encouraged to have radios and monitor channel 68. When there are long delays in starting, the RC will keep the fleet informed by radio in advance of a potential start time. Also, if a boat withdraws from a race or has difficulties they should notify the RC. The RC cannot respond to radio calls during a starting sequence.

FERRIES:

Any boat(s) suspected of being the cause of a Ferry’s 5 or more horns (danger) during a race, will be disqualified from that race.

A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE COAST GUARD:

Do not approach within 100 yards of any Washington State Ferry, tank ship, or naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards, you must contact the vessel on channel 16 (or 13 if it is a tank.) You must operate at minimum speed (okay so we’re sail boats) within 500 yards of any of the above vessels. Offenses are punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines. AND you will be disqualified from the race.