

2010 Reach For Hospice Race Sequim Bay Yacht Club

Entry and Sailing Instructions

RULES

The Series will be sailed under the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing (USSA).

CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Rule 1.2 is modified to read, “each competitor is required to wear a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.”

Rule 30.1 (around the end rule) will be in effect for this race, and the I-Flag will be flown to so indicate (yellow with black circle)

Rule 44.1 shall be changed so that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may exonerate herself by a single penalty turn. The remainder of this rule will be retained as written.

Rule 52 “Manual Power”. This rule will be modified to allow the use of autopilots for single-handers or crews of two if they elect to race with flying sails. Otherwise, the balance of this rule is retained as written.

ENTRY

Participants may enter by completing a registration form and making a minimum \$50 donation to Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC).

RATINGS

The races will be scored in accordance with PHRF-NW ratings. Corrected time will be computed using a time-on-time basis. A temporary rating will be calculated for boats without a PHRF-NW rating.

CLASSES

There will be two Classes. Boats will be divided into A & B Divisions based on PHRF ratings, with a dividing line of 135. Boats that choose not to use flying sails will race with appropriate adjustment to their PHRF ratings for no flying sails. Any boat in the B-Division may choose to compete in the A-Division, but at a rating equal to the breakpoint between the two Divisions.

SKIPPERS MEETING and REGISTRATION

Registration will start at 10:30 am in the SBYC Clubroom with a skippers meeting to follow at 11:00 in the great room. Final description of the courses will be given at this meeting and any modifications to the instructions will be made at this meeting.

COURSES

All competitors are required to avoid the area in the vicinity of the entrance to John Wayne Marina as well as the approach channel.

The courses will be laid out in a windward/leeward pattern using existing SBYC Marks. All marks are left to Port unless the Race Committee signals a reverse course by flying the “R” flag (Red with a Yellow cross). Then leave the marks to Starboard.

START LINE

The start-finish line is between two orange flags, one on the RC boat and the other at the pin end of the line. Crossing the line is required when starting, finishing, or starting the next lap of a multiple lap race.

Crossing the start line is prohibited at any other time during the race and will result in disqualification.

ON-THE-WATER CHECK-IN

Before the warning signal of the first start, it is required that participating boats pass astern of the RC boat and report boat name and/or sail number.

START TIME

Racing will commence at 12:30 p.m.

START PROCEEDURE

Three races will be attempted. Both A and B classes will start together. When boats finish, they are obligated to clear the start area and to avoid competitors still on the course.

Start Sequence: 6 minutes prior to start: Three short blasts will be given to get the attention of the participants.

5 minutes prior to start: Red flag up with one horn blast. Timing sequence begins for the

4 minutes prior to start: "I" flag goes up with one horn blast.

1 minute before start: "I" flag comes down with one horn blast.

Start: Red flag comes down with one horn blast to start the race

This sequence will be used to start successive races after all yachts have finished.

The following flags may be used to indicated changes in the starting sequence:

Postponement of the race – the "AP" pennant (red and white vertical stripes);

General Recall – the "First Substitute" pennant (yellow with blue border);

Over Early (individual yachts) – the "X" flag (white with blue cross).

Slow Yachts: In the event a yacht is unable to sail the course in a time commensurate with its rating for whatever reason, it is obligated to withdraw so that the other competitors can achieve the maximum possible races for the day.

CHANGES DURING THE RACE

Changes in the course during a race will be communicated by hailing on Channel 69 and appropriate horn blasts along with the display of an appropriate flag on the RC boat. The "S" flag indicates a shortened course (white with blue square); the "N" flag indicates that the race is abandoned (blue and white checker board).

TIMING THE FINISH

Time-on-time will be used. The RC may use rounding times as finish time, but only if more than half of a class are unable to reach the finish line in the allowed time for the race and only if all boats in the class had their times taken at a given mark.

The final standings of all boats will be determined by their combined performance in the races.

TIME LIMIT

Any boats failing to finish by **4:00 PM** will be scored DNF. Any boat abandoning a race should notify the RC (using VHF channel 69 or verbal hail)