

2016 Thunderbird Class Northwest Regional Championship

September 3rd & 4th, 2016
Port Townsend, Washington
Organizing Authority: Port Townsend Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the International Thunderbird Class Association (ITCA).
- 1.2. The only US Sailing Prescriptions that apply are RRS 61.4, Appendix R, Appendix T, and the prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.
- 1.3. The event is open to all Thunderbird class yachts possessing a current measurement certificate. Skippers must be ITCA members with 2016 dues paid.
- 1.4. In the event that the Notice of Race conflicts with these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**--Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the First Federal Commons at the NWMC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the first race in which it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located on the First Federal Commons.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing:

5.1.1. Saturday, September 3	0900	Skipper's Meeting
	1000	Close of On-Site Registration
	1100	First Race Warning
	1800	Regatta Dinner
5.1.2. Sunday, September 4	1000	First Race Warning
	ASAP after racing	Awards Presentation & Refreshments
- 5.2. Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing for today." No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday.

6. **CLASS FLAGS**—The Class Flag will be code flag "B". A red swallow tail flag.

7. **RACING AREA**—The racing area will be located on the waters of Port Townsend Bay, southwest of the ferry terminal.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Courses will be signaled from the committee boat using letter placards to represent the marks of the course.
- 8.3. If Mark "O" is absent it shall be disregarded.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks "W", "O" and "L" will be temporary yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The Starting and Finishing mark will be an orange cylinder.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes prior to the Starting Signal.
- 10.2. One minute prior to the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4. The race committee may use its engine to hold position, and may do so even when apparently anchored.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying Flag "C" alone. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signals to maintain the original course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The start and finish line will be the same line

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**—The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty.'

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for all races will be 45 minutes
- 14.2. The time limit for all races will be 75 minutes.
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize Appendix T. Section B (post race penalties) and Section C (expedited hearings) shall apply.
- 15.2. Written protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 45 minutes after the docking of the race committee boat. Docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.3. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.
- 15.4. Breaches of instructions 1.3, 10.4, 17, 19, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest or redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- 16.2. The number of races scheduled is 9.
- 16.3. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 16.4. Excluded scores (throw-outs):
 - 16.4.1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 16.4.2. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one (1) worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Boats shall not impede the safe passage of a stand on vessel not racing and shall comply with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a stand on vessel, may be subject to protest and possible disqualification.
- 17.2. 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 Ch. 16 (or 13 if a tank ship). You must operate at a minimum speed within 500 yards of any of these vessels. Do not approach within 1000 yards of an escorted submarine without contacting the escort on Ch. 16. Offenses are punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines.
- 17.3. Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740 makes it illegal to:
 - 17.3.1. Cause a vessel or other object to approach, in any manner, within 200 yards of a southern resident Orca whale.
 - 17.3.2. Position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident Orca whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes intercepting a southern resident Orca whale by positioning the vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale.
 - 17.3.3. Fail to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident Orca whale.
 - 17.3.4. Feed a southern resident Orca whale.
- 17.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (on-the-water or on-shore) as soon as possible.

18. **RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**—By entering and competing in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right to use and show from time to time at its discretion, any motion or non-motion images and live, recorded or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition, without compensation.

19. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**—Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top boats.
- 20.2. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 21.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

Attachment A

Upwind Finish

A = S-W-O-L-F

A2 = S-W-O-L-W-O-L-F

Downwind Finish

B = S-W-O-F

B2 = S-W-O-L-W-O-F

