

Round The County 2016

November 5th & 6th, 2016

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Orcas Island Yacht Club and Friday Harbor Sailing Club

SI Executive Summary*

Start: First warning at 0835 each day.

Course:

Saturday: Start at Lydia Shoal, leaving RC at PORT end of start. Leave county to Starboard. Take time shortened course and radio RC after crossing half-way point. Finish line between RC and mark at S end of Mosquito Pass.

Sunday: Start to NW of Pearl Island, leaving RC at STARBOARD end of start. Take time for shortened course after crossing half way point. Finish between Deer Point on Orcas and mark anchored off shore.

Short Course Finish Time: Must be recorded and should be emailed to rc2016@roundthecounty.com

Time Limit: Full Course must finish by 1800. Shortened Course must finish by 1600

Radio: RC/Fleet communication will occur on VHF Channel 67.

Radio RC when crossing ½ way line and when within 2 minutes of finish.

Phone: 801.784.3872 = 801.PUGET.RC

Finish Full & Short Course: Please radio via radio RC when less than 2 minutes out from finish line. (RC may not reply). RECORD your own GPS time and boats before and after.

Scoring: Short course finish time use triggered by number boats making (or not) full course distance. Confusing but works. Read details in SIs.

** Note: These are not the official SIs. If they are different than the SIs in any way, the SIs prevail. They are here for the sailors' convenience only. Check against the SIs and use at your own risk.*

1. Rules

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- 1.1.1. *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 56, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 76.1, and 86.3 and appendix G2.
- 1.1.2. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will not be in effect.
- 1.1.3. The rules of PHRF-NW for boats sailing under PHRF ratings.
- 1.1.4. The rules of the ORC for boats/fleet sailing under that handicap rule.
- 1.1.5. Boats with crew members or guests who are disorderly or have open alcohol containers in public areas (not including the docks) at Roche Harbor either Saturday evening or Sunday morning during the event may be protested by the race committee or Organizing Authority and subject to disqualification from the regatta. Further action may be pursued under RRS Rule 69 if appropriate.
- 1.1.6. These Sailing Instructions.

- 1.2. In any conflict between the Notice of Race, class rules, PHRF-NW Rules or ORC Rules and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.3. No boats may be removed from the water between the start of racing on Saturday, Nov 5, and finishing on Sunday Nov 6, except to make necessary repairs with race committee approval.
- 1.4. Boats must comply with current PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements for "Nearshore +" and additional requirements as stipulated in 16.1 of these sailing instructions.
2. Notices to Competitors
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at OIYC, and at the party barge at Roche Harbor on Saturday evening.
3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2000 on November 4th, 2016 at the OIYC and on the website at <http://roundthecounty.com>.
4. Communications
 - 4.1. The race committee will monitor and broadcast on channel 67 VHF.
 - 4.2. All boats should monitor channel 16 and 67 during the race.
 - 4.3. If possible, boats should also scan Seattle Traffic on channel 5a and bridge to bridge on channel 13, especially if she is in vessel traffic lanes.
 - 4.4. The race committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement.
 - 4.5. The race committee's cell phone number is **(801) 784-3872 (801.PUGET-RC)**. If you are unable to reach the race committee on channel 67, you may attempt to call and/or text message. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail. Include your boat name and sail number in any voice mail or text message.
 - 4.6. The race committee's email address is rc2016@roundthecounty.com. Include your boat name and sail number in any emails.
5. Check-in
 - 5.1. All boats **MUST** check in with the race committee by 0820 hours before the start of each day's racing. The race committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the race committee acknowledges her check-in.
 - 5.2. All boats shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the race committee starting boat and **hailing her class and sail number**, or by hailing the race committee on VHF 67 **with her class and sail number**.
6. Sail Numbers
If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the race committee ***IN WRITING***, stating her class, boat name, registered sail number, and alternate sail number ***prior to the race***. The race committee may reject any requested alternate sail number which is a duplicate of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction, or is denied approval by the race committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.
7. Sail Number Banners
In addition to the requirements of the RRS Appendix G, all yachts shall display their official sail number on the lifelines or freeboard facing the race committee (starboard side) while

approaching or crossing a finish line (both full course and shorted course finish lines). Size of letters and numerals shall be the same as required in RRS Appendix G1.2 for sail numbers

8. Classes

The classes will be divided based on boat type and PHRF-NW ratings as follows

DIVISION ORC	All ORC
DIVISION M	All Multihulls
DIVISION 0	PHRF 50 and faster
DIVISION 1	PHRF 50 to 69
DIVISION 2	PHRF 70 to 84
DIVISION 3	PHRF 85 to 110
DIVISION 4	PHRF 111 to 144
DIVISION 5	PHRF 145 and slower

9. Course

San Juan County shall be left to STARBOARD

9.1. Saturday, November 5th, Leg #1

9.1.1. Start off Lydia Shoal

The start line is between Lydia Shoal buoy and the RC flag on the RC boat anchored east of Lydia Shoal. Leave the committee boat to port. If a yellow pyramid buoy is set close to the committee boat, the start line is between the Shoal buoy and the yellow pyramid rather than the flag on the RC boat.

9.1.2. Leave Blakely Island, James Island, Kellet Ledge, Davidson Rock, Colville Island, and Lopez Island to starboard.

9.1.3. Short Course Finish Line is from Cattle Point Lighthouse to Salmon Bank Buoy and extending 100 yards past the Salmon Bank Buoy. The bearing of the line from Salmon Bank Buoy to Cattle Point Lighthouse is 003 degrees magnetic. Be aware that **NOT** all parts of this line are navigable by all boats. Follow SI 9.3 at this point.

9.1.4. Leave Long Island and San Juan Island to starboard

9.1.5. Finish off the south end of Mosquito Pass between the RC Flag on committee boat and a temporary orange pyramid buoy. Leave the committee boat to starboard.

9.1.6. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 31.4nm for the full course and ~~14.86nm~~ 18.3nm for the shortened course.

9.2. Sunday, November 6th Leg #2

9.2.1. Start off the NW corner of Pearl Island

The starting line is between the RC flag on the committee boat and a temporary orange pyramid buoy. Leave the committee boat to starboard.

9.2.2. Leave Danger Shoal buoy, Stuart Island, Waldron Island, Skipjack Island and Patos Island to starboard.

9.2.3. Short Course Finish Line is from where the race committee is located at Alden Point on Patos Island and lying at a compass bearing of 163° magnetic extending ½ mile from shore. Boats must pass within ½ mile of shore at Alden Point. Follow SI 9.3 at this point.

9.2.4. Leave Clements Reef Buoy, Clements Reef, Matia Island, Clark Island, Sisters and Orcas Island to starboard. Finish off Deer Point on Orcas Island, between a yellow

pyramid buoy about 0.4 nm from shore at approximate GPS coordinates N48°36'07.4" W122°47'22" and an observer on shore at Deer Point on Orcas Island with the approximate GPS coordinates of N48°36'15" W122°47'55". Every attempt will be made to have a light attached to the yellow pyramid.

9.2.5. The distance of this leg used in scoring is 34.3nm for the full course and 17.14nm for the shortened course.

9.3. Light Air Shortened Course

9.3.1. Boats MUST record their GPS times and the nearest boat ahead and behind at the shortened course/half way points so that they are available in the event they were missed by the race committee and be prepared to report them upon request.

9.3.2. Boats should radio the RC on channel 67 with their boat name, sail number ASAP after reaching the ½ way line See SI 11.1.

9.3.3. The decision to use the shortened course times is made automatically when an insufficient number of boats finish the long course in the prescribed time. See Sailing Instruction 14.

9.3.4. If possible boats should email their shortened course time and the boat(s) immediately in ahead and behind to the RC at rc2016@roundthecounty.com by 1800 hours each day to facilitate scoring. A photograph of GPS with time position at this point can be used as evidence in a scoring inquiry or redress hearing.

9.3.5. Leg #1 (Saturday) Shortened Course finish line extends South from Cattle Point Lighthouse on San Juan Island to Salmon Bank Buoy and extending at a bearing of 183° magnetic. *Observe the water depth when close to shore. Record and preserve your GPS halfway time (a photo of your chart plotter in excellent evidence in a redress hearing if required)* when your boat's GPS LON is equal to or greater than ~~122° 53.560W~~ 122° 58.176W.

9.3.6. Leg #2 (Sunday) Shortened Course finish line extends from Alden Point, Patos Island at a bearing of 343° magnetic. *Observe the water depth when close to shore. Record and preserve your GPS halfway time* when the boat's GPS LON is equal to or less than 122° 58.260W.

10. Starting Procedures

10.1. Races will be started using [RRS Rule 26](#).

10.2. There will be a delay between one starting signal and the warning for the next start.

This delay will be 5 minutes if possible, but may be more or less as conditions require.

10.3. The first warning is scheduled for 0835.

10.4. The starting order and class flags will be:

Code Flag ONE

Divisions 3, 4 and 5

Code Flag TWO

Divisions 1 and 2

Code Flag THREE

Divisions ORC and M and 0

Note that slower boats start first!

10.5. The race committee may hail on channel 67 and/or may signal with a series of short horn blasts before each warning signal.

10.6. If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly and/or on VHF 67. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 10.7. A boat starting later than 30 minutes after the **third** (last) start will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.8. Boats that are not intending to start should radio and inform the race committee of their intentions so the RC can proceed to the finishing area.
- 10.9. The race committee starting boat and/or finish boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting line with engine, including while anchored.

11. Finishing Procedures

- 11.1. When approaching a full course finish line please radio the race committee on VHF channel 67 as you approach (*less than 2 minutes out*) with your boat's name, sail number, and identifying features. On the shortened course line, radio the RC ASAP after crossing the ½ way line. The race committee will not answer your hails or confirm your finish, but they will be depending on your radio reports to correctly identify your finish.
- 11.2. **Recording your own GPS finish time and the names of the boats in front and behind you at both the finish and the short course line is MANDATORY.** To facilitate scoring, if possible please email this to rc2016@roundthecounty.com with boat name and sail number.
- 11.3. If it is dark when you finish, please use a high powered lamp to illuminate your sail numbers for at least 30 seconds before and after you finish.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1. For the full course boats must finish by 1800 hours.
- 12.2. For the shortened course boats must finish by 1600 hours.
- 12.3. Boats that do not finish the course by these time limits will be scored DNF. This changes RRS Rule 35.

13. Use of Motors

- 13.1. Motors shall not be used while a boat is racing (as defined in the RRS) unless for one of the exceptions listed below.
- 13.2. Allowable exceptions where motor use is allowed.
 - 13.2.1. When following RRS Rule 1, *Helping Those in Danger*.
 - 13.2.2. To move out of the way of commercial vessel traffic.
 - 13.2.3. To move another boat or herself off of a grounding.
 - 13.2.4. To gain steerage to prevent a boat from being pushed by the wind or currents into an otherwise certain and immediate grounding
 - 13.2.5. To get a boat to the starting area for the first time that morning, however in this case, the boat shall not start until 4 minutes after her motor has been turned off.
- 13.3. In no case should the use of the motor have reduced the distance a boat will need to sail to finish the course, nor should the use of the motor place the boat in a more favorable position relative to the prevailing wind or current conditions or her competitors.
- 13.4. In the event of any use of the motor while racing, the boat's skipper shall report by radio to the race committee the fact that the motor was run while she was racing. The boat's skipper shall also file a written report with the race committee promptly after they have finished the race (within the protest time limit). This report shall include the GPS coordinates and the time when the motor was started and when the motor was turned off with a full description of the circumstances and other relevant information (such as, but not limited to, water depth, boat speed and heading, current and wind conditions).

13.5. If a report is not filed as described above, showing that fair racing was preserved as judged by the exclusive opinion of the race committee, the boat may be protested and disqualified.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. Scoring will be based on the combined times over the two days, (corrected or elapsed, as applicable). The yacht with the fastest time wins. Handicapping will be scored on a time on distance basis for PHRF boats and time on time for ORC boats.
- 14.2. There will be overall scoring for the PHRF monohulls and divisional scoring for all boats. ~~ORC boats with a valid PHRF certificate will be included in the overall scoring.~~
- 14.3. Boats not reaching the shortened course finish line by time limit will be scored DNF for that leg.
- 14.4. Per division and per leg, if no boat finishes the full course within the time limit then that division for that leg will be scored on the half course times.
- 14.5. In the ORC and Multihull divisions, per each division and per each leg if one or more boats finish the full course then the division for that leg will be scored on the full course and boats in that division not finishing the full course will be scored DNF.
- 14.6. In the monohull PHRF divisions, if from this group at least 5 boats finishes the full course for a given leg, then per each division and per each leg if one or more boats finish the full course then that division for that leg will be scored on the full course and boats in that division not finishing the full course will be scored DNF. If 5 boats from this group of divisions does not finish the long course then all boats in this group will be scored on the short course.
- 14.7. Per division and per leg OCS and DNF will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time for the division plus one hour and DNS and DSQ will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time for the division plus two hours. For the overall time calculation OCS and DNF will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time for all boats included in the overall calculation plus one hour and DNS and DSQ will be scored with a time equal to the slowest corrected finish time for all boats included in the overall calculation plus one hour plus two hours. Retired after finishing (RAF) will be scored as a DNF.

15. Protests and Redress

- 15.1. The protest committee will hear protests at the conclusion of each leg of the race.
- 15.2. A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee by VHF or in person when finishing or at the time limit, whichever is earlier.
- 15.3. The protest time limit will be 1.5 HOURS from the time of the last boat to finish or 1930 hours, whichever is earlier.
- 15.4. On Saturday, November 5, deliver protest to the race committee at the party barge at Roche Harbor prior to the time limit and as soon as possible.
- 15.5. On Sunday, November 6, deliver protests to the race committee at the OIYC clubhouse on Orcas Island prior to the time limit and as soon as possible.
- 15.6. All protests filed will be posted on the official bulletin board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. This constitutes notice per RRS 63.2, in conjunction with SI 15.7. **This also constitutes reasonable attempt to notify all boats as required by US Sailing Prescription to rule 63.2.** A protested party may obtain a copy of the protest at Race Headquarters for up to 90 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 15.7. Hearings will be scheduled for the evening after racing concludes. The hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.

16. Safety

- 16.1.** The boat must meet the current PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements for "Nearshore +" and after dusk have jacklines installed and require the crew to wear life jackets having lights, whistles, and tethers. The additional items in the PIYA SERS 3.1.4, 3.2.1, 3.14, and 3.24.1 are required for this race.
- 16.2.** Be aware that at times you will be sailing in the **Vessel Traffic Lanes**. Watch out for commercial traffic! Seattle Traffic is on channel 5A. Traffic in Boundary Pass and the west-side of San Juan Island is handled by Victoria Traffic on channel 11. The race committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone due to unsafe conditions. However, the fact that the race committee has not canceled a race, nor the fact that other boats are still racing, should not be interpreted to mean that conditions are necessarily safe for all vessels. It is the responsibility of the individual yacht to decide when conditions are unsafe for their vessel and to take appropriate safety measures.

17. Inspections

The race committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification for compliance with PIYA Category "Nearshore +" and those extensions added by these sailing instructions at any time during the regatta.

18. Awards

Trophies will be presented at the awards banquet, Sunday night following the race at the OIYC clubhouse.

19. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.