

West Sound Sailing Association
Trophy Series

NOTICE OF RACE

The conduct of race participants is subject to the current local, state and federal COVID 19 mandates. Each skipper is responsible for his or her own vessel and their crew compliance with COVID 19 mandates. Skippers should familiarize themselves with the COVID 19 mandates in effect at the time of each scheduled race.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024** (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions, as they apply.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Safety Equipment Requirements for Category Nearshore.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 1.2, 35, 42.1, 52, 63.4, 78.2, A4.2 and A9 will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, as applicable.
- 1.4 Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet - Northwest (PHRF-NW) handicapping rules shall apply to Divisions I and II. For handicap information, see web site www.phrf-nw.org. (This rule does not apply to Division III)
- 1.5 Interference with Traffic: Interference with non-racing traffic is strictly forbidden. A report of interference by the traffic to the Race Committee is sufficient cause for protest. No sounds are required.
- 1.6 Code of Federal Regulations: Title 33 (Navigation and Navigable Waters), Part 334 (Danger Zone and Restricted Area Regulations) to the extent that they apply to the area sailed. Of particular interest is 334.1230, 334.1240 and 334.1244. These are available at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/>.
- 1.7 Yachts shall not approach within 100 yards of any US naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage, you must contact the U.S. naval vessel or the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM channel 16. See NOR 7.1.
- 1.8 Individual race announcements.
- 1.9 The following Standard Rules and Racing Instructions shall apply to all races except as may be amended by individual race announcements.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Series is open to members of US SAILING, PHRF-NW and all members of yacht clubs with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) affiliation.
- 2.2 A valid PHRF-NW rating is required for Divisions I and II. Division III requires a valid PHRF-NW rating or a rating assigned by the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter each race by completing the appropriate form and following the registration procedure given on each race announcement. Registration forms must be complete and accurate. **Participants failing to comply with these requirements will be subject to disqualification without a hearing** at the discretion of the Race Committee. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3. ENTRY FEES:

\$15.00	Standard Fee
\$10.00	PHRF-NW Member
\$9.00	PHRF-NW with US SAILING Membership

These fees must accompany your registration form. Checks are to be made payable to the Yacht Club listed on the registration form.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of Racing:

<u>SPONSORING YC</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Port Madison	Jim Depue Memorial Race	February 20
Port Orchard	Annual Spring Shakedown	March 27
West Sound Corinthian	Rich Passage Ramble	April 10
Poulsbo	Poulsbo Invitational	April 24
Port Orchard	Port Orchard Invitational	May 15
Bremerton	Blake Island	June 12
West Sound Corinthian	Brownsville Race	June 26

- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start for each race is given in the individual race announcements.

5 COURSES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF MARKS:

See the individual race announcements in this booklet.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS applies. The Series has seven (7) scheduled races, of which five (5) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.2 For each race of the series, a boat that did not finish (DNF) or retired after finishing (RAF) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished. A boat that was disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored points for the finishing

place one more than the number of starters for that race. A boat that did not start (DNS) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of starters for that race. This rule replaces Rule A4.2 and Rule A9.

- 6.3 Division III entries are not counted in the overall series for West sound Sailor of the Year.
- 6.4 A boat that is scored in the series may act as Race Committee boat and be scored her average score for her other races in the series excluding her worst score. It is her responsibility to ensure her score is appropriately averaged and to notify the WSSA Chairman of any discrepancy.
- 6.5 RRS Rule 78.2 is changed to read: "When a rule requires a valid certificate to be produced or its existence verified before a boat races, and this cannot be done, the boat may race provided that the race committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that the boat has a valid certificate (a signed entry form meets this requirement). If the certificate is not produced or verified before the end of the series, the boat shall be disqualified from all races of the event and excluded from the series scoring without a hearing. Boats whose finishing place is after the excluded boat will be scored one place higher in that race's series scoring.
- 6.6 A boat must compete in three (3) or more races to be qualified for and be included in the series.

7 MANUAL POWER

- 7.1 A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. However, a boat with a crew of one (1) (single hand) may use an automatic steering device. The crew of one (1) (Single hand) must wear a personal flotation device at all times during racing. This changes RRS Rules 1.2 and 52.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 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. However, a boat may contact commercial or private traffic to determine their intent or to confirm that the boat will not impede the commercial or private vessel under current or foreseeable circumstances.
- 8.2 Channel 72 may be used for Race Committee announcements before and during racing. It is recommended that all boats monitor channels 14, 16 and 72. Channel 72 may, when not racing, also be used for pre-race check in, notification of competitor retirement, etc.

- 9 **PROTEST COMMITTEE:** The Protest Committee may include competitors in the race. Competitors who are considered interested parties only because they sailed in the regatta (provided their position in the overall standings – or in their class – cannot be affected significantly by the decision of the Protest Committee) may serve on the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.4. Competitors in the race who are members of the Protest Committee will not, wherever practical, be participants in the same class as any of the parties to the protest.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded for each race as identified in the race announcement for that race by the sponsoring yacht club.
- 10.2 **PRIZES & AWARDS:** WSSA prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place based on the number of qualifiers in each Division. The number of prizes is determined by one half of the number of qualifiers, rounded down. The perpetual ***West Sound Sailor of the Year Trophy*** is awarded to the lowest overall scored finisher from Divisions I and II (see NOR Rule 6.2). Division III entries are eligible for Division III awards only. Series ties will be decided in favor of the yacht with the most first place finishes. If still tied, then in favor of the yacht with the most second place finishes, etc. If still tied, then in favor of the yacht with the best finish in the last race. Except for Division III, boats must be registered with PHRF-NW to be eligible for WSSA series prizes.
- 10.3 **RACE RESULTS:** Individual series race results and standings will be posted on WSSA web site (www.wscyc.net and follow links) as soon as they are made available.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

1 RULES, DOCUMENTS, SCHEDULE OF RACES, COURSES

See Rules (1), Schedule (4.1), and Courses and Description of marks (5) in the Notice of Race. See also Changes to the Sailing Instructions (4) of these instructions

2 REGISTRATION

Registration procedures are given in the individual race announcements in this booklet and Notice of Race 2.2

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The race committee, during check in or registration, will provide any additional notices to competitors should additional notices be required, the race shall be postponed until all competitors receive said notice.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race committee, during check in or registration, will provide changes to the Sailing Instructions in writing. Should additional changes be required, the race shall be postponed until all competitors receive said changes.

5 DIVISIONS: Divisions shall be based on PHRF-NW ratings or “cruising” as follows:

DIVISION I	115 and under	Pennant 1 (<i>white w/red oval</i>)
DIVISION II	116 and over	Pennant 2 (<i>blue w/white oval</i>)
DIVISION III	Cruising	Pennant 3 (<i>red, white, blue</i>)

- 5.1 The order of start shall be Division III, Division II and Division I unless modified by a General Recall. See GENERAL RECALL. **Should the Race Committee choose to have only one start, the Division I (Pennant 1) and the First Substitute (General Recall) flags will fly before the scheduled time of the first warning. The warning signal for the single start shall be delayed until the scheduled time for the last warning and shall be indicated by the dropping of the First Substitute flag.** The start shall be signaled by the dropping of Pennant 1. This changes RRS Rule 26."

- 5.2 Boats shall register with the same rating throughout the series unless a change in assigned PHRF rating causes a change in handicap. Boats will remain in the same Division throughout the series regardless of handicap rating changes.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 See Notice of Race paragraph 6.1 through 6.6. The series has seven (7) scheduled races, five (5) must be completed to constitute a series.

- 7 **SIGNALS:** Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

7.1 **STARTING SEQUENCE:** (per RRS, rule 26, and repeated here for information only)

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Signal Flag</i>	<i>Sound</i>
5 minutes	Warning	Division flag raised	1 sound
4 minutes	Preparatory	‘P’ flag raised	1 sound
1 minute	One-minute	‘P’ flag removed	1 long sound
0 minute	Start	Division flag removed and next Division flag raised	1 sound

NOTE: The warning signal for each succeeding Division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding Division. For the order of start, see Divisions above.

7.2 **POSTPONEMENT:** A postponement may be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3.

7.3 **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:** Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. The hailing of sail numbers or the yacht name for yacht(s) over the line early by the race committee is optional. However, responsibility for a correct start remains with the skipper.

7.4 **GENERAL RECALL:** A general recall for the starting division shall be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2. Warning signal for the recalled class shall be concurrent with the start signal of the last scheduled class. This changes RRS Rule 29.2.

7.5 **PENALTY SYSEM**

The ‘Two Turn Penalty’ is replaced with a ‘One Turn Penalty’ thus modifying Rules 44.1 and 44.2. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

7.6 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Protests and requests for redress will be made per Part 5 of the **Racing Rules of Sailing**. The race committee shall be notified of a boat’s intent to protest or to file for redress at the first opportunity. Hearings shall be scheduled as required and with notification of parties. The race committee shall accept all protests and requests or refer a yacht to the appropriate place for filing.

7.7 **SHORTENED COURSE:** The course may be shortened at any mark of the course. Code flag “S” shall signal a shortened course. Note: Division III can be shortened independently of Divisions I and II as they are not scored together with I and II in the overall west sound sailor of the year award.

8 **USE OF ENGINE:** Engines shall not be used except as necessary to avoid non-racing traffic, a dangerous situation or to aid in the rescue of a boat or crew. The yachts skipper shall report (in writing) all details to the protest committee (see SI 7.5), which may then give redress. Note: starting the engine in advance of a possible danger but not placing it in gear, does not relieve the yacht from the reporting requirements. This supersedes RRS Rule 42.1.

9 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** In fairness to all competitors, the Race Committee will not answer hails or radio calls from contestants other than for emergencies or withdrawals. However, contestants may communicate with the Race Committee if called

by them, but this communication should be limited to position on the course or conditions.

- 10 **TIME LIMIT:** All yachts must finish within the time limit specified in each race announcement. Yachts not finishing within the allotted time will be recorded as "DNF". This changes RRS Rule 35.