

West Sound Sailing Association

Trophy Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012** (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions, as they apply.
- 1.2 All yachts are highly recommended to comply with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Category III safety requirements. These requirements are available at www.ussailing.net/piya/new/cat_cert.html as a certificate.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules of Sailing (42.1, 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.
- 1.5 The following Standard Rules and Racing Instructions shall apply to all races except as may be amended by individual race announcements.
- 1.6 Individual race announcements.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all members of Yacht Clubs with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) affiliation.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter each race by completing the appropriate attached form and sending it, together with the required fee to the address indicated and by the date given on each race announcement or to the race committee. The registration forms and fees must be received by the race committee, no later than thirty (30) minutes **prior to** the first warning on race day, unless otherwise specified in the individual race announcements. Registration forms must be complete and accurate. **Participants failing to comply with these requirements will be subject to disqualification** at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3. ENTRY FEES:

\$15.00	Standard Fee
\$10.00	PHRF Member
\$9.00	US SAILING Member

These fees must accompany your registration form. Checks are to be made payable to the Yacht Club 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 28
Port Orchard	Annual Spring Shakedown	March 28
West Sound Corinthian	Rich Passage Ramble	April 11
Poulsbo	Poulsbo Invitational	April 25
Port Orchard	Port Orchard Invitational	May 16
Bremerton	Blake Island	June 6
West Sound Corinthian	Brownsville Race	June 27

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) 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 two 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. A boat that did not compete (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of series starters. This rule replaces Rule A4.2 and Rule A9."

6.3 Boats must enter in two or more series races to be included in the series scoring.

7 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Channel 72 may be used for Race Committee announcements before and during racing. It is recommended that all boats monitor both 16 and 72. Channel 72 may also be used for pre-race check in.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded for each race as identified in the race announcement for that race.
- 8.2 **TROPHIES & AWARDS:** WSSA trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place in each Division. First overall will receive the perpetual *West Sound Sailor of the Year Trophy*. 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. Boats must be registered with PHRF-NW for all trophy series races to be eligible for trophies.
- 8.3 **RACE RESULTS:** Individual series race results and standings will be posted on WSSA web site (www.kitsapsailing.com) 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 notices to competitors in writing. 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 as follows:

DIVISION I	140 and under	Pennant 1 (<i>white w/red oval</i>)
DIVISION II	141 and over	Pennant 2 (<i>blue w/white oval</i>)
DIVISION III	No Flying Sails	Pennant 3 (<i>red, white, blue</i>)

5.1 The order of start shall be Division I, Division II and Division III unless modified by a General Recall. See GENERAL RECALL.

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. However, boats in Division III (NFS) move to the appropriate flying sails division when they no longer qualify for NFS.

6 SCORING

6.1 See Notice of Race paragraph 6.1 and 6.2. 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:

<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.
- 7.5 **PROTESTS:** Protests 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 at the first opportunity. Hearings will be scheduled as required and with notification of parties.
- 7.6 **SHORTENED COURSE:** The course may be shortened at any mark of the course. Code flag "S" shall signal a shortened course.
- 8 **USE OF ENGINE:** Engines shall not be used except as necessary to avoid non-racing traffic or to aid in the rescue of a boat or crew. The yacht's skipper shall report (in writing) all details to the race committee, which at its discretion may then redress the yacht's time. 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 **FINISH PROCEDURE:** The finish line shall be crossed in the normal direction from the last mark. This rule shall apply to shortened courses also.
- 11 **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".

SAFETY

Each skipper/owner is solely responsible for the safety of his/her own vessel and crew.

INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

Interference with Commercial, Military or any other non-racing traffic is strictly forbidden, and may result in disqualification. USCG instructions state: "A yacht shall give way to a commercial vessel when such vessel indicates lack of room by blowing one prolonged blast of its whistle or in the case of a tug with tow, one long and two short blasts."