



Seattle Yacht Club Tri-Island Series

Smith Island Race – April 24, 2010

Vashon Island Race – May 8, 2010

Blake Island Race – June 5, 2010

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 61.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and Appendix G2.
- 1.3 A boat rated by PHRF Northwest handicap rating class in consideration of water ballast will be allowed to use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.
- 1.4 Other changes to the RRS are noted elsewhere in these sailing instructions.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 The official notice board will be located at the south entrance of the Seattle Yacht Club Portage Bay clubhouse and optionally on the Seattle Yacht Club web site at www.seattleyachtclub.org. After the start of the Blake Island Race the official notice board will move temporarily to the party location at Anthony's Restaurant at Shilshole and return to its original location the following day.
- 2.3 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time by hail or over VHF 72. Any communication not defined by the rules is unofficial communication. No aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The race committee intends to repeat changes in sailing instructions on VHF 72 fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of the first warning signal each day. No aspect of this announcement, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Races start on the following dates:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>
Smith Island	April 24, 2010
Vashon Island	May 8, 2010
Blake Island	June 5, 2010

- 4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 0900 each day.

- 4.3 No warning signal will be made after 1300.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 There is no provision for signals made ashore.

6 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area is northern Puget Sound, Admiralty Inlet, and southeastern Straits of Juan de Fuca.
- 6.2 The starting line and finishing line will be in Shilshole Bay in the area between Meadow Point and the Shilshole Bay Approach Buoy.
- 6.3 The race committee signal boat will be the Seattle Yacht Club *M/V Portage Bay*. If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used. The race committee signal boat will fly the Seattle Yacht Club burgee and a blue "R/C" flag.

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The classes to race are PHRF Northwest, including Cruiser/Racer, and keelboat one-design classes.
- 7.2 The classes, class flags, and course assignments are shown in Attachment A: Classes and Course Assignments.
- 7.3 Class assignments for registered boats will be handled as a notice to competitors issued by Thursday at 1800 before each race. Subsequent changes to existing assignments may be made with the same provisions governing changes to the sailing instructions.
- 7.4 Class assignments for a late registrant may be made after the deadline for changes to the sailing instructions provided the boat flies her class flag from her backstay or the highest point on her stern while racing.
- 7.5 The short course is available to boats rating 75 and slower. The sport boat course is open to boats 33 feet and less rating faster than 75.

8 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 Boats may fly their class flag from their backstay or the highest point on their stern while racing. Boats may not fly a numeral pennant for another class while racing.



9 COURSES

Smith Island Race

Long Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round Minor Island to port, round Smith Island to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Short Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round Double Bluff Lighted Buoy 1 (LL #16525) to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Sport Boat Course: Same as short course (scored separately).

Cruiser/Racer Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round a temporary mark located off Edmonds at approximately 47° 53.0' N, 122° 24.0' W (47.88N 122.40W) to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Vashon Island Race

Long Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round Maury Island and Vashon Island to starboard, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Short Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round a temporary buoy north of Point Robinson at approximately 47° 24.0' N, 122° 23.0' W (47.40N 122.38W) to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Sport Boat Course: Same as short course (scored separately).

Cruiser/Racer Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round Blakely Rocks ("K") to port, round the Duwamish Head Light ("D") to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Blake Island Race

Long Course: Start by leaving the starting mark to port, round Blake Island to port or starboard, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

Short Course: Same as long course (scored separately).

Sport Boat Course: Same as long course (scored separately).

Cruiser/Racer Course: Same as long course, however, if the race committee displays flag "S" at the warning signal to signal an alternate short course, start by leaving the start mark to port, round Decatur Reef

Lighted Buoy 2 off Restoration Point (LL #16835) to port, and finish by leaving the finishing mark to port.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2 If the warning signal for a succeeding class is made with the starting signal of a preceding class, and if the preceding class has a general recall, then the class flag of the succeeding class will be removed and the start of the succeeding class will be considered abandoned without further signal.
- 10.3 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 72. 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).
- 10.4 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 10.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.
- 10.6 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to hold position on the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may adjust or maintain the position of the finishing mark at any time without regard to RRS 33. If a race committee boat is attached to the finishing mark while boats are on the last leg of the course, that race committee boat shall display flag M as in RRS 34(b), but shall not be required to make repetitive sound signals. This changes RRS 33 and 34.
- 11.3 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to adjust or maintain the size and orientation of the finishing line at any time, including while anchored. This changes RRS 33 and 34.
- 11.4 The race committee signal boat may display a flashing green and yellow light when on station at the finishing line after sunset.
- 11.5 Boats approaching the finishing line to finish after dark shall illuminate their sail number for identification.
- 11.6 If the race committee signal boat is missing at the finish, a boat finishes by passing within 100 yards offshore of the Meadow Point Buoy (LL #16765) when the buoy bears 90 degrees magnetic. If a boat finishes when the race committee signal boat is missing, to be scored as finishing she shall note her finishing time accurately to the second (e.g. using GPS time) and her finishing position in relation to any nearby boats and report them



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to the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
This changes US Sailing prescription to RRS 34.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Time limits are the maximum allowable time from each boat's starting signal to her finish time.
- 12.2 Time limits for each race and course are as follows:

Smith Island Race

Long Course: 30 hours
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: 12 hours
Cruiser/Racer Course: 8 hours

Vashon Island Race

Long Course: 19 hours
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: 12 hours
Cruiser/Racer Course: 7 hours

Blake Island Race

Long Course: 8 hours
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: 8 hours
Cruiser/Racer Course: 8 hours (6 hours for alternate short course)

- 12.3 Boats that do not finish within their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing must orally notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after retiring or finishing by hail or VHF 72 until she receives an oral confirmation from the race committee that the notification was received. This changes RRS 61.
- 13.2 Written protests and requests for redress must be delivered to the front desk of the SYC Portage Bay clubhouse, except for Blake Island Race written protests must be delivered to a representative of the protest committee located near the official notice board within the protest time limit.
- 13.3 The protest time limit is at 1800 the Sunday after the start of the race, except for Blake Island Race the protest time limit will be at 1800 the day of the race or 60 minutes after the protesting boat finishes, whichever is later.
- 13.4 Hearings will be held on the Tuesday following the race at 1900, except Blake Island Race protests will be heard at 1830 on Saturday following the race or 90 minutes after the last finish, whichever is later. Hearings will be located at the SYC Portage Bay clubhouse, except hearings for the Blake Island Race on the day of the race will be at a nearby location identified on the official notice board.
- 13.5 A boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of sailing instructions 10.5, 11.3, or 13. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 13.6 Penalties under sailing instructions 10.5, 11.3, 13 and 15 may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be scored in class and course overall for each race and the series.
- 14.2 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), or is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, DGM, BFD) will be scored the number of finishers plus one. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9.
- 14.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 14.4 One race constitutes a series.
- 14.5 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using the Time on Distance method.
- 14.6 If the race committee does not shorten course under RRS 32, Shortening or Abandoning after the Start, a shortened course option is available to boats on all courses that sail to a predetermined shortened course option finishing line (the "short line") and subsequently retire. Boats using this option must reach the short line within 80% of their full course time limit and report their finishing time to the race committee when they retire as per Sailing Instruction 15.2 within the full course time limit. Boats should record their shortened course finishing time accurately to the second (e.g. using GPS time) and at the time she finishes as per RRS definition of "finish" at the short line, except that as a boat approaches the short line for this purpose she must leave any mark that bounds the short line on the required side. Boats using the shortened course option will be considered finishers and will be scored in class and overall based on their time and the distance for the shortened course in sequence starting immediately behind boats finishing the full course that are not subject to Sailing Instruction 14.2. For races using handicaps based on time on distance, the distance will be based on the shortest navigable distance along the course to the short line. The location of the short line is as follows:

Smith Island Race

Long Course: A line on which the Minor Island Light (LL #16380) bears 180 degrees magnetic.

Short Course / Sport Boat Course: A line from the rounding mark extending past the mark on which the mark bears 180 degrees magnetic.

Cruiser/Racer Course: A line from the rounding mark extending past the mark on which the mark bears 180 degrees magnetic.

Vashon Island Race

Long Course: A line on which the Point Robinson Light (LL #17070) bears 270 degrees magnetic.



Short Course / Sport Boat Course: A line from the rounding mark extending past the mark on which the mark bears 000 degrees magnetic.

Cruiser/Racer Course: A line from the first rounding mark extending past the mark on which the mark bears 000 degrees magnetic (use Blakely Rock Light).

Blake Island Race

Long Course: After rounding the Blake Island mark, a line through the Decatur Reef Lighted Buoy 2 off Restoration Pt. (LL #16835) and to the Alki Pt. Light (LL #16915) on which Decatur Reef Buoy bears 279 or 099 degrees magnetic and Alki Pt. Light bears 099 degrees magnetic.

Short Course / Sport Boat Course: Same as long course.

Cruiser/Racer Course: Same as long course, however, if the race committee displays flag "S" at the warning signal, the short line is a line on which the first rounding mark bears 000 degrees magnetic.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- 15.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area before the first warning.
- 15.2 Boats that retire from a race must orally notify the race committee as soon as possible after retiring by hail or VHF 72.
- 15.3 Boats racing in handicap rating classes must comply with the then current Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards according to the race category requirements identified below. The text of the PIYA regulation is available from Seattle Yacht Club, other PIYA member yacht clubs, and the PIYA web site at www.ussailing.net/piya

Smith Island Race

Long Course: PIYA Category II
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: PIYA Category III
Cruiser/Racer Course: PIYA Category III

Vashon Island Race

Long Course: PIYA Category II
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: PIYA Category III
Cruiser/Racer Course: PIYA Category III

Blake Island Race

Long Course: PIYA Category III
Short Course / Sport Boat Course: PIYA Category III
Cruiser/Racer Course: PIYA Category III

- 15.4 For the purpose of interpreting PIYA regulation 3.8, the study located at http://www.ussailing.org/safety/Studies/radar_reflect_or_test.htm will serve as a guide. Furthermore, radar reflectors with minimum dimension of less than 6 inches will be considered to not meet the requirement.
- 15.5 Boats must be operated in accordance with the Puget Sound Sailboat Safety Regulations, available in the Seattle Yacht Club Sailboat Race Book.
- 15.6 Boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- 15.7 The race committee may inspect a boat or its equipment at any time before or after racing for compliance with safety requirements.
- 15.8 It is recommended that all participants wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) while on the water.
- 15.9 A boat that uses its propulsion engine under RRS 1.1 and 42.3(f) or to move to a safe position if it is in danger of being run down by a vessel not participating in the race must either retire or file a request for redress. The request for redress must include the reason for using the propulsion engine and distance and direction traveled. When hearing the request for redress the protest committee will adjust the boat's time or score to remove any advantage that may have been gained in the race. This defines the circumstances in RRS 42.3(h) and changes RRS 62.1 and 64.2. This does not restrict a boat from requesting redress under RRS 62.1(c) for the same incident.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Seattle Yacht Club, 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. It is the responsibility of each skipper to competently inform their crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure their crew understands and accepts those risks, to decide whether their crew is competent and their equipment adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

17 AWARDS

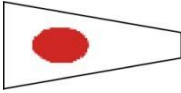
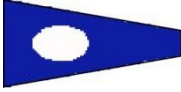
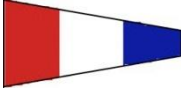




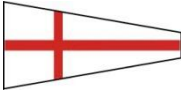

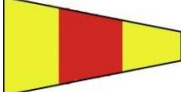
- 17.1 Awards will be presented for first place overall for each of the courses in each race; first, second, and third overall for the series for each course; and first in class for the series for each course.



Attachment A: Classes and Course Assignments

Class Flags are International Code Flags depicted in RRS Race Signals. The Class Flag Illustration shown here may not be an accurate color reproduction.

>>> NOTICE: The race committee intends to start classes for each course together. <<<

Class	Class Flag	Class Flag Illustration	Course
1	Number 1		Long Course
2	Number 2		Long Course
3	Number 3		Long Course
4	Number 4		Long Course
5	Number 5		Short Course
6	Number 6		Short Course
7	Number 7		Short Course
8	Number 8		Short Course
9	Number 9		Sport Boat Course
0	Number 0		Racer / Cruiser