



Seattle Yacht Club

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USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival / Northwest Youth Sailing Championship

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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 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall have precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the east entrance of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle (CYC).
- 2.2 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time. Any communication not governed by the rules is unofficial communication. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions posted on the official notice board will be posted by 0930 the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Friday

3:00 – 8:00 PM Registration / Check-in at CYC
4:00 – 8:00 PM Clinics / Practice Races

Saturday

9:00 – 10:30 AM Registration / Check-in at CYC
10:30 AM Competitor's Briefing
12:00 PM First warning signal
7:00 PM Dinner at CYC

Sunday

11:00 AM First warning signal
3:00 PM No warning signal after this time
After racing Awards presentation and raffle

- 4.2 Multiple races are scheduled each day.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a race committee signal boat while moored at Shilshole Marina within sight of dock X.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the removal of AP unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area is Puget Sound near Shilshole Bay Marina and Meadow Point.
- 6.2 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 display the Seattle Yacht Club burgee and a blue "R/C" flag or sign.

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Classes to race are Laser, Laser Radial, 420, FJ, 29er, O'pen BIC, Optimist, Vanguard 15, and other classes according to the Notice of Race.
- 7.2 Class flags will be the class logo on a white flag or a numeral pennant. Class flag assignments will be posted on the official notice board by 1030 on Saturday.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 The race committee signal boat will display a number placard to signal the course. Course descriptions are in Attachment A: Course Descriptions.
- 8.2 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the finishing line unless she is finishing. This changes RRS 28.2. A boat that fails to observe this restriction may exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1 but does not change RRS 44.1(b). A boat that fails to exonerate herself will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The finishing line and its marks is an obstruction and not a mark for a boat required to keep clear.



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9 THE START

- 9.1 The warning signal will be three minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal will be two minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.
- 9.2 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 buoy.
- 9.3 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. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.
- 9.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.
- 9.6 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to maintain the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark buoy.
- 10.2 The race committee may adjust the finishing marks to maintain the finishing line at any time without regard to RRS 33.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. In RRS P2.1, the word "first" is deleted and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty under 44.2. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 11.3 If a member of the protest committee sees an incident that they believe is breach of a rule in RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, they may make one sound signal immediately after the incident to indicate their opinion that a boat should take a penalty under RRS 44.1. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instruction 2.2.
- 11.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat as a result of information from a report from an interested party. This changes RRS 60.2 and 60.3.
- 11.5 A boat may not protest another boat for Sailing Instructions 9.5 and 15 and RRS 78. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 11.6 Penalties under Sailing Instructions 9.5 or 15 or RRS 78 may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finish time.
- 12.2 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat and 15 minutes after the first boat for other boats.
- 12.3 A boat that does not finish within her time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest for an incident that occurred while racing shall: (1) hail "Protest", when required, followed immediately by the sail number of the protested boat, (2) inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing or retiring from the race, and (3) inform the other boat again at the first reasonable opportunity after informing the race committee. The hearing will be held as soon as possible after the race, on the water if possible. The protest contents shall be made orally. The parties will be limited to approximately one minute of testimony each and no other witnesses. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.2, 63.2, and 63.6.
- 13.2 Other protests or requests for redress must be submitted to the race committee by the protest time limit. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board after racing each day. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the end of the last race for the class each day or 10 minutes after the posting of the time limit, whichever is later. Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise, hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if five or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 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 A4.2 and A9.
- 14.3 One race will constitute a series.

15 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- 15.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area each day before their first warning signal.
- 15.2 A boat that retires while racing or before racing for the day is over must orally notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
- 15.3 Competitors must wear Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) while on the water, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing.



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ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The course signal displayed by the race committee signal boat will identify the marks and their required sequence according to the table and diagram below. The required side for each mark is as shown in the diagram. The color for each mark is as shown in the diagram. Positions are approximate and the diagram is not to scale.

Course Signal

Mark Sequence*

1	Start – 1 – 3 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

***Note: Optimist class uses mark 1a instead of 1 and mark 3a instead of 3.**

