



2021 Burke Thomas Trophy  
Organizing Authority: Northwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (NWISA)  
Host: Corinthian Yacht Club  
October 2-3, 2021  
Shilshole Bay Marina  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the NWISA District Rules.
- 1.2 US SAILING Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress.
- 1.4 Appendix P will apply.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 No student below the level of 9th grade shall be eligible to compete in the Radial or Full rig fleets.

## **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice white board located near the launch dock.

## **4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 These sailing instructions may be amended as necessary. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:15 am on Saturday or 9:00 am Sunday, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a race committee boat while at the dock.

## **6 RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Racing will take place on the waters adjacent to the Shilshole Bay Marina.

## **7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 7.1 Awards will be made as soon as possible after racing. (See NoR for the rest of the schedule.)

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams attached in Appendix A show the courses.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The weather and gate marks are orange. The offset mark is white. The start and finish mark is green.
- 9.2 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may move the original mark as soon as practicable. However, no mark shall be moved once any boat is on the leg that it terminates.

## **10 START/FINISH**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).
- 10.2 The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and a green buoy at the port end.
- 10.3 The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and a green buoy at the port end.
- 10.4 Boats starting later than three (3) minutes after their starting signal will be scored as DNS.

## **11 RECALLS**

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b). The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c).

## **12 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 12.1 Protest procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 12.2 Only the Race Committee or Jury, not a competitor, is permitted to protest a boat for breaking Sailing Instruction 13, 14 and 15. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **13 COACHING**

- 13.1 On the water coaching is permitted at this event. Race committee will designate an area on the water where a competitor may receive coaching.
- 13.2 Coaches shall comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Race Committee or a Judge.
- 13.4 Coaches will have to supply their own coach boats.
- 13.3 All coaches will double as markset/safety boats. Each coach shall bring a working VHF radio and monitor channel 69. All coaches are expected to assist the PRO as directed.

## **14 DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

- 14.1 [DP] Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the jury and may include adding points to a boat's score in the race or the series.

## **15 SAFETY**

- 15.1 [DP] All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a US Coast Guard approved life jacket. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 15.2 [DP] A boat retiring from a race shall attempt to notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course or, when that is not possible, a race official, immediately after arriving on shore.
- 15.3 [DP] Furthermore, the Race Committee reserves the right to send any boat ashore who poses a risk to itself or others.

## **16 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

## **17 BREAKDOWNS**

17.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

17.2 Breakdown requests shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). The protest committee will follow the guidelines in ISSA PR Appendix 3.

17.3 Limit on Redress for Breakdowns - The award of breakdown points (BKD) to a boat, shall be limited to two races when six or more races are sailed, one race when less than six races are sailed. This changes ISSA PR 9.e.iv.

Contact the regatta chair Annie Sorensen for any questions.

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