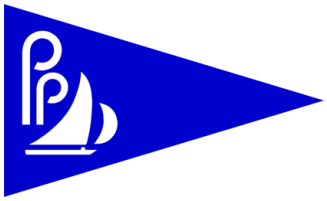
Percy Priest Yacht Club



Rookie Race - Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2. Changes will be made to the following RRS for the distance course classes: 29.1 (Individual Recalls), 32.2 (Shortening of Course after the Start), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 61 (Protest Requirements), 62.1(a) (Redress), 63.1 (Requirement for a Hearing), A2 (Series Score), A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and Race Signal AP (Postponement).

1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions Rule 60 (redress hearing participation), Rule 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing), and Rule 63.4 (Interested Party) will not apply.

1.4. All class rules, including measurement and weight rules will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which will be located on the windows of the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina building facing the deck.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

3.2. The schedule of races for the first day's races will not be changed.

3.3. Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day's racing will be posted by 1800 hours (6:00 pm) on the day before it will take effect.

3.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat at the dock.

4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP." This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP."

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The race schedule, dates of racing, number of races, scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day and the cut-off time for starting a race on the last day will be as stated in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board.

5.2. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag "AP" may be displayed before a warning signal is displayed.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Classes will be as defined in the Notice of Race.

6.2. A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape, or class logo or emblem. A description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board.

6.3. Reminder – as stated in the preamble to Race Signals, "When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class."

7. RACING AREA – The racing area will be the area covered by the distance courses used.

8. MARKS – Descriptions of the marks will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

9. COURSES – Descriptions and diagrams of the courses will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting order for classes for the first race will be posted on the official notice board. The starting order for subsequent races may be different depending on when classes are ready to start a new race.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

10.3. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee signal boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. A boat shall not pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat. A boat shall not touch the trailing mark while racing before starting.

10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS – When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may at its discretion attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. The hail may be by VHF radio on Channel 68, or by loud hailer or bullhorn. Such a hail is a courtesy hail only. Failure of the race committee to hail, failure of a boat to hear the hail, or the order or timing of the hail will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly and will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12. SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START – When a distance course is shortened after the start, a race committee boat will drop a new finishing mark in an obvious location within a leg of the course being sailed. The new finishing line will be between a staff displaying flag "S" (shortened course signal flag) on the race committee boat end and the new finishing mark at the other end. This changes RRS 32.2.

13. THE FINISH – A description of the finishing line will be posted on the official notice board or attached to these Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish will be as follows:

Saturday – The time limit for a race on Saturday will be the earlier of three (3) hours after the start of the class or 1600 hours (4:00 pm).

Sunday – The time limit for a race on Sunday will be the earlier of two (2) hours after the start of the class or 1300 hours (1:00 pm).

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored according to Sailing Instruction 16 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

14.3. If the time limit in Sailing Instruction 14.2 has expired for a class, the race committee may notify the boats that have not finished. If a boat has been notified that the time limit has expired, she shall immediately return to the starting area to prepare for the start of the next race if an additional race is to be sailed.

15. PROTESTS

15.1. A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. A boat may notify the race committee by sailing by the finish line race committee boat and stating its intention to protest or by using VHF radio on Channel 68. This changes RRS 61.

15.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be written and delivered to the protest committee chairperson within the protest time limit, which ends 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.

16. SCORING

16.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
16.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
16.3. For handicap classes, wind dependent Portsmouth handicaps assigned by PPYC will be used for scoring.
16.4. A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat in her class finished and that was still racing when the time limit expired and is not later disqualified or given redress, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that finished the race and not later disqualified. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS A4, A5, and A11.
16.5. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in Sailing Instruction 16.4, or retires (RET) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta.
16.6. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE, and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.
16.7. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

17. COURTESY BROADCASTS – The race committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio on Channel 68. Information given is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS –

18.1. Boats are required to check in by sailing astern on starboard tack, hailing their sail number to the Race Committee Signal Boat before the start of the first race each day and/or the first race following any postponement ashore.
18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. USE OF ENGINE PERMITTED AFTER GROUNDING – In accordance with RRS 42.3(i), a boat is allowed to use its engine to get clear after grounding as long as the boat does not advance its position while under power. Once a boat gets clear it must immediately stop its engine and continue sailing.

20. PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – **Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Percy Priest 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. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.**

22. INSURANCE – Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.

Addendum – Bee Fleet Course Sailing Instructions

Course Marks and Finish

A 1. MARKS

A 1.1. The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an orange tetrahedron at the port end.

A 1.2. The windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

A 1.3. The Jibe mark will be a green cylinder.

A 1.4. The finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at one end and an orange tetrahedron at the other end. The orange tetrahedron will be placed on the race committee signal boat's port side.

A 1.5. The optional mark in Sailing Instruction **Error! Reference source not found.** may be any shape or color.

A 2. COURSES

A 2.1. The course will be a Triangle made up of three legs. The course designation "T"" will be used. A leg is defined as any of the following:

- the distance between the starting line and the windward mark,
- the distance between the windward mark and the jibe mark,
- the distance between the jibe mark and the Start/Finish line.

If the optional windward offset mark described in A 2.2 is used, the distance between the windward mark and the windward offset mark is not a separate leg.

A 2.2. All courses may utilize an optional windward offset mark, which will be shown on the course board as "O" after the course designation. If a course uses a windward offset mark, there will be two windward marks. Boats must pass both marks by leaving them to port.

A 2.3. The starting mark, windward mark and jibe mark shall be left to port. The finishing mark shall be left to starboard.

A 2.4. The starting line and finishing line will be the same line. The starting mark and finishing mark will be the same mark.

A 2.5. The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark will be indicated on the course board following the "@" symbol.

A 2.6. Course Examples:

- "T @180" is a triangle course with three legs: a windward leg, a leg from the windward mark to the jibe mark and a leg from the jibe mark to the finish. The first mark is at approximately 180 degrees. There is no windward offset mark or leeward gate.
- "TO @180" is the same as a "T" course, except there is also a windward offset mark.
- Other courses that are not indicated here may be used by using the appropriate course designation.

A 2.7. The course designation will be displayed on the starboard side of the race committee signal boat before the warning signal of each class. Courses may be different for each class and each race. Boats should check the course designation immediately after their warning signal for each race.

DIAGRAM 1–Course Designation Example

T @195

In this example, the course is T (3 legs with no windward offset mark). The windward mark is at an approximate bearing of 195° from the race committee boat.

A 3. THE FINISH – The starting line and finishing line will be the same line. The starting mark and finishing mark will be the same mark.

Course Diagram Example

The following course diagram is an example of the courses that may be used.
Please read the written course descriptions for examples of other courses.

