

# Reach for Hospice Regatta

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

1. Rules:

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) 2021 - 2024.

2. Notices to Competitors:

The sailing instructions with the course sheet and the Notice of Race will be posted online and available at the Skipper's Meeting.

3. Communication:

3.1 All competitors are recommended to carry a VHF radio. The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68/16. All emergencies will be handled on VHF Channel 16.

3.2 Official communications will be via signal flags. Horns may be used to direct attention to the signal flags.

3.3 Unofficial communications may be via hail or VHF channel 68. 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.

3.4 All boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to racing.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be presented at the skipper's meeting.

5. Signals made Ashore:

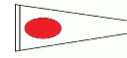
Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat or the Chase Boat located near the fuel dock of the John Wayne Marina. When the "AP" postponement flag is lowered after having been displayed ashore, all contestants shall proceed promptly to the starting area.

6. Schedule:

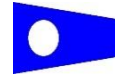
Registration starts at 9:30, followed immediately by the skipper's meeting at 10:30 in the SBYC meeting room. The starting sequence for the first race will begin at 11:55 with a noon start. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The goal is to have racing complete by 4:00 pm. Awards will be presented in the SBYC meeting room after the racing is over, most likely at 5:00.

7. Class Flags:

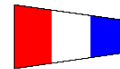
Code Flag 1 – PHRF A fleet (PHRF rating 135 or less)



Code Flag 2 – PHRF B fleet (PHRF rating 136 or more)



Code Flag 3 – Cruising Fleet (no spinnakers)



8. Racing Area:

The racing area will be within Sequim Bay.

9. Courses:

9.1. The top row of the Race Committee placard will be the course for the PHRF A fleet, and the second row of the placard will be the courses for the PHRF B fleet. The Cruising Class may sail the same course as the B class. If not, their course will be displayed on a whiteboard.

9.2. Each course will be signaled by a row of letters. Each letter designates a mark. The first letter displayed is the starting mark, the last is the finishing mark, and those in between are the rounding marks.

9.3. Mark descriptions and locations are outlined in the attached race diagrams.

9.4. Pass each rounding mark in the order displayed and on the same side as the starting mark. Finish between the finishing mark and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat.

9.5. Individual classes may be abandoned or shortened by displaying their class flag along with the appropriate race signal flag.

9.6 The start/finish line is restricted unless on a leg that starts or ends on the line.

10. The Start:

10.1. There may be two or three starts depending on the number of entries. The PRO will announce this at the skipper's meeting.

10.2. The start of the first class shall be the warning signal for the second unless the 'AP' flag is shown (usually in the case of a general recall).

10.3. The starting line will be between the pin and an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end.

10.4. 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 via VHF channel 68 or by a loudspeaker. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.2.

10.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.

10.6. A boat whose warning signal has not been made must avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.

10.7 The starting order for subsequent starts may be different from the first start.

10.7. The starting sequence shall be in accordance with R.R.S section 26.

11. The Finish:

The finish line will be the same line as the start line, which is between the orange flag on the race committee boat and the pin.

12. Time Limit:

The time limit for each race shall be 60 minutes. If at least one boat in the class finishes within the time limit, the limit is extended to 70 minutes for the remaining competitors. A boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A.4, and A.5

13. Protests:

Protest forms are available in the SBYC clubroom.

Yachts desiring to protest shall inform the Race Committee of their intent as soon as possible after their race. Protest forms shall be delivered on a US Sailing Protest Form to the Race Committee no later than one-half hour after the race committee boat docks. Parties to the hearing will be notified of the time and location of their hearing.

14. Scoring:

14.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Boats that are OCS, DNS, did not finish, retired, or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus one.

14.2. A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. All races will be scored with no drops. One race will constitute a series.

14.3. Corrected time will be calculated based on the Time-on-Time formula, rather than the Time-on-Distance formula.

14.4. All boats are required to have a PHRF rating. If a boat does not have a PHRF certificate, a temporary handicap rating will be assigned based on similar boats in the PHRF-NW directory. Skippers requesting a temporary handicap must notify the fleet captain ([johnthompson77@hotmail.com](mailto:johnthompson77@hotmail.com)) in advance so a handicap can be researched in advance. Temporary handicaps are not negotiable.

15. Safety:

15.1 The skipper of each boat is absolutely and inexcusably responsible for the safety of his or her boat and crew. The decision to participate in this regatta is strictly up to the crew of the boat as described in the RRS.

15.2 All participating boats must be equipped with at least the minimum Coast Guard required safety equipment in good working order.

15.3 All participants are required to wear life jackets.

15.4 Any boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day must notify the Race Committee in person or via VHF Channel 68.

16. Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the first place, second place, and third place in each class.

17. Responsibility:

17.1 The skipper of each boat is responsible for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of his or her crew. If action is taken under RRS 69, Allegations of Gross Misconduct, it may result in a competitor being excluded from further participation in SBYC racing programs.

17.2 Occasionally, sailboat racing has resulted in injury or loss of life. All competitors in SBYC events participate at their own risk. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure they understand and accept those risks, to decide whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event, to determine the seaworthiness of the boat; and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

17.3 Each boat is required to be presently covered by a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance.

18. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in SBYC-sponsored events entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

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## Racing Marks



All marks are left to port.

