

Addendum to Distance Course Sailing Instructions

Courses, Marks and Finish

A 1. COURSES

- A 1.1. Distance Courses will be either B, D, L, I, W, or X or any combination of these (BD, LI, DID, etc.).
- A 1.2. **Course Diagrams (Attachments A, B and C)** – See the course diagrams on Attachments A, B and C. Attachments A, B and C do not show the optional windward mark. The written course descriptions below will control when determining the course.
- A 1.3. **Optional Windward Mark** -- At the option of the race committee, a mark may be set to windward of the starting line to create a windward first leg. If the optional "windward mark" is used, the race committee will indicate the required side on which the windward mark shall be left by posting either the letter "P" for port or "S" for starboard. The bearing to the mark will be indicated after the "@" symbol. See Diagram 1 for an example. The optional windward mark will be a mark of the course only on the first leg of the course and shall be rounded only once.
- A 1.4. **Course B ("Bridge" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward the bridge leaving "Bear" Island to STARBOARD. Pass any RED and GREEN channel markers on the required side. A channel marker that is missing or has drifted substantially from its normal position does not have a required side. Round the last GREEN channel marker nearest the bridge leaving it to PORT. Sail back to the finishing line, passing the RED and GREEN channel markers on their required side, and leaving "Bear" Island to PORT.
- A 1.5. **Course D ("Dam" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward the dam leaving "Luau" Island, "Stone" Island and the "Grouped" Rock Markers (northeast of "Luau" Island) to PORT. Round "Goose" Island to PORT. Sail toward "Luau" Island leaving the "Grouped" Rock Markers, "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island to PORT and continue sailing back to the finishing line.
- A 1.6. **Course L ("Low Water Dam" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward "Stone" Island (between Elm Hill and Hamilton Creek) leaving it, "Luau" Island and the "Grouped" Rock Markers (northeast of "Luau" Island) to STARBOARD. Sail toward the dam rounding "Goose" Island to STARBOARD. Sail back toward "Luau" Island leaving the "Grouped" Rock Markers, "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island to PORT. Continue by sailing back to finishing line.
- A 1.7. **Course I ("Island" Course)** -- Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) toward "Bear" Island and leave it to STARBOARD. Then sail a southwesterly heading toward "Pig" Island (the island south of "Bear" and "Raccoon" Islands). Round "Pig" Island to PORT. Sail back to the finishing line leaving "Bear" Island to PORT.
- A 1.8. **Course W ("Wednesday Night" Course)** -- This course will be used only if the water level is sufficient. Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) to the "Single" Rock Marker (white buoy) that is east of "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island. Round the "Single" Rock Marker to PORT. Continue sailing leaving all of the "Grouped" Rock Markers to PORT. Sail back to the finishing line leaving "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island to PORT.
- A 1.9. **Course X ("Short" Course)** – Course X is a short course that uses an inflatable mark as the rounding mark (see A 2 for a description of the mark). If this course is used, the inflatable mark will be placed in the general area north of "Bear" Island and east of "Stone" Island. Sail from the starting line (or optional windward mark) to the inflatable mark. Round the inflatable mark to PORT and sail back to the finishing line.
- A 1.10. **Single Rock Marker** -- The single rock marker east of "Luau" Island and "Stone" Island has a required side only on Course W.
- A 1.11. **Combination Courses** (BD, LI, DID, etc.) -- When the course to be sailed is a combination of two or more courses, sail them as one course without returning to the starting/finishing line between courses. For example if the course is LI, sail Course L exactly as stated above, but instead of returning to the starting/finishing line, continue sailing and sail Course I exactly as stated above.
- A 1.12. **Optional Inflatable Mark Instead of Island** – At the option of the race committee, an inflatable mark may be used as the rounding mark instead of the island indicated in any of the course descriptions above. If used, a written notice will be posted on the notice board describing the course(s) affected and giving a description of the mark to be used.

A 1.13. **Course Designation** – The course will be displayed on the starboard side of the race committee boat before the warning signal of each class (see Diagram 1 below for an example). Courses may be different for each class and each race.

DIAGRAM 1–Course Designation Example

L @225 S

In this example, the course is L ("Low Water Dam"). The **windward mark** is at an approximate bearing of 225° from the race committee boat and is rounded to starboard (leave the mark on your starboard side).

A 1.14. **The starting and finishing lines will be separate lines set on opposite sides of the race committee boat.** The starting mark will be set on the race committee boat's port side and the finishing mark will be set on the race committee boat's starboard side.

A 1.15. **Restricted Lines and Obstructions**

A 1.15.1. To keep the starting and finishing lines clear of other boats at all times, these lines are restricted while sailing the course. Only boats starting or finishing may cross these lines. After starting correctly, a boat shall not cross the starting line while sailing the course. After starting correctly, a boat shall not cross the finishing line while sailing the course, except to finish.

A 1.15.2. A restricted line is designated as an obstruction as defined in the RRS. The combined length of both lines, from the starting mark on one end to the finishing mark on the opposite end, is a continuing obstruction.

A 1.15.3. When sailing the course:

- (a) The marks on either end of the restricted line obstruction are not marks of the course.
- (b) The entire restricted line obstruction is not a mark of the course and may be passed on either side.

A 1.15.4. **Racing Rules that Apply or Do Not Apply at the Restricted Line Obstruction**

- (a) RRS 18 (Mark-Room) does not apply.
- (b) RRS 19 (Room to Pass an Obstruction) will apply.
- (c) RRS 20 (Room to Tack at an Obstruction) will only apply at the race committee boat. Except for the race committee boat, the restricted line obstruction is not considered to be a safety issue as referred to in RRS 20.3. Therefore RRS 20 does not apply at any part of the line except at the race committee boat.

A 1.15.5. A boat that crosses a restricted line may only exonerate herself for one infringement during the regatta by following the procedure in Sailing Instruction A 1.15.7. A boat that does not exonerate herself or that crosses a restricted line more than once during a regatta will be scored Did Not Finish for that race.

A 1.15.6. **Exceptions to the Restricted Lines**

- (a) Neither line is restricted to a boat that is in her starting sequence or that is complying with RRS 29 (Recalls). However, this does not modify RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule) if applicable.
- (b) Neither line is restricted to a boat that is forced to cross the line because she is not given room she is entitled to under RRS 19 or RRS 20 (if RRS 20 applies). A boat that is forced to cross the line by another boat must successfully protest the boat that failed to give the required room. A successful protest occurs if the other boat does the required penalty turns or if it is disqualified in a protest hearing.
- (c) The finishing line is not restricted to a boat that is complying with RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule) while starting or a boat that is complying with RRS 44.2 (Turns Penalties) immediately before finishing.
- (d) With a hearing, the protest committee may allow other exceptions not anticipated by these Sailing Instructions.

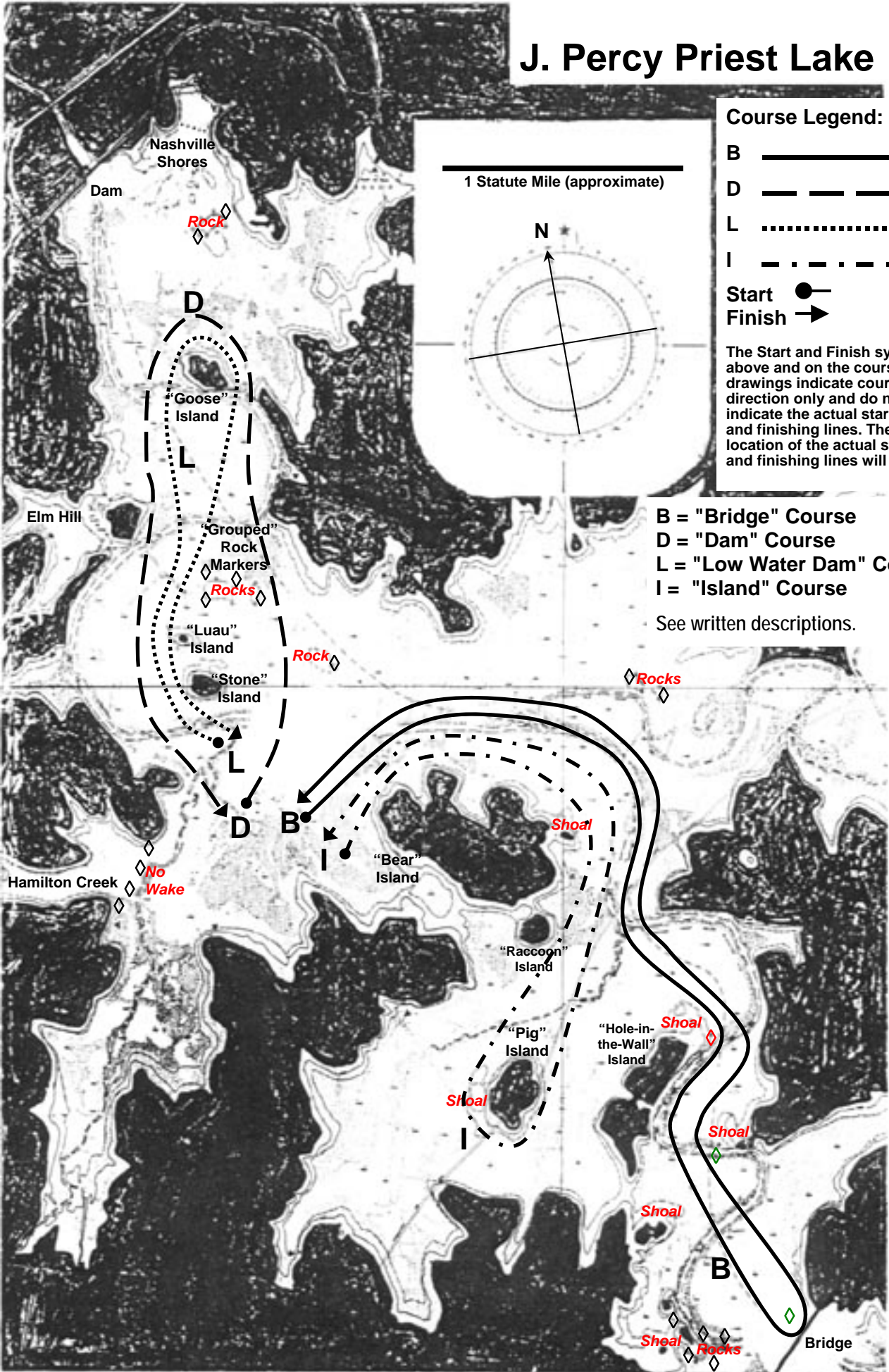
A 1.15.7. **Correcting a Restricted Line Infringement (one time only)** – A boat that crosses a restricted line while sailing the course may only correct the error one time during a regatta by taking a Two-Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident). The penalty may be taken at any time before completing the leg of the course on which the infringement occurred. This changes RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) and 44. The error is not correctable by the procedure indicated in RRS 28. Do not attempt to "unwind the string." Crossing a restricted line a second time in an effort to correct the error will be a second infringement and will result in the boat being scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 28.

A 2. MARKS

- A 2.1. The starting mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- A 2.2. The optional windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- A 2.3. The finishing mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- A 2.4. The rounding mark on Course X ("Short Course") will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- A 2.5. The optional mark in Sailing Instruction 10.3 may be any shape or color.
- A 2.6. Other marks of the course will be channel markers (Course B only), rock markers (Course D & L only) and islands as indicated in the course descriptions in A 1. See the course diagrams on Attachments A, B and C (Attachments A, B and C do not show the optional windward mark).

- A 3. THE FINISH** – The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby distance course finishing mark (see A 2 for a description of the finishing mark). As stated in the definition of *Finish* in the RRS, cross the finishing line "in the direction of the course from the last mark" regardless of which side of the committee boat the mark is on.

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Course Legend:

- B
- D
- L
- I

Start

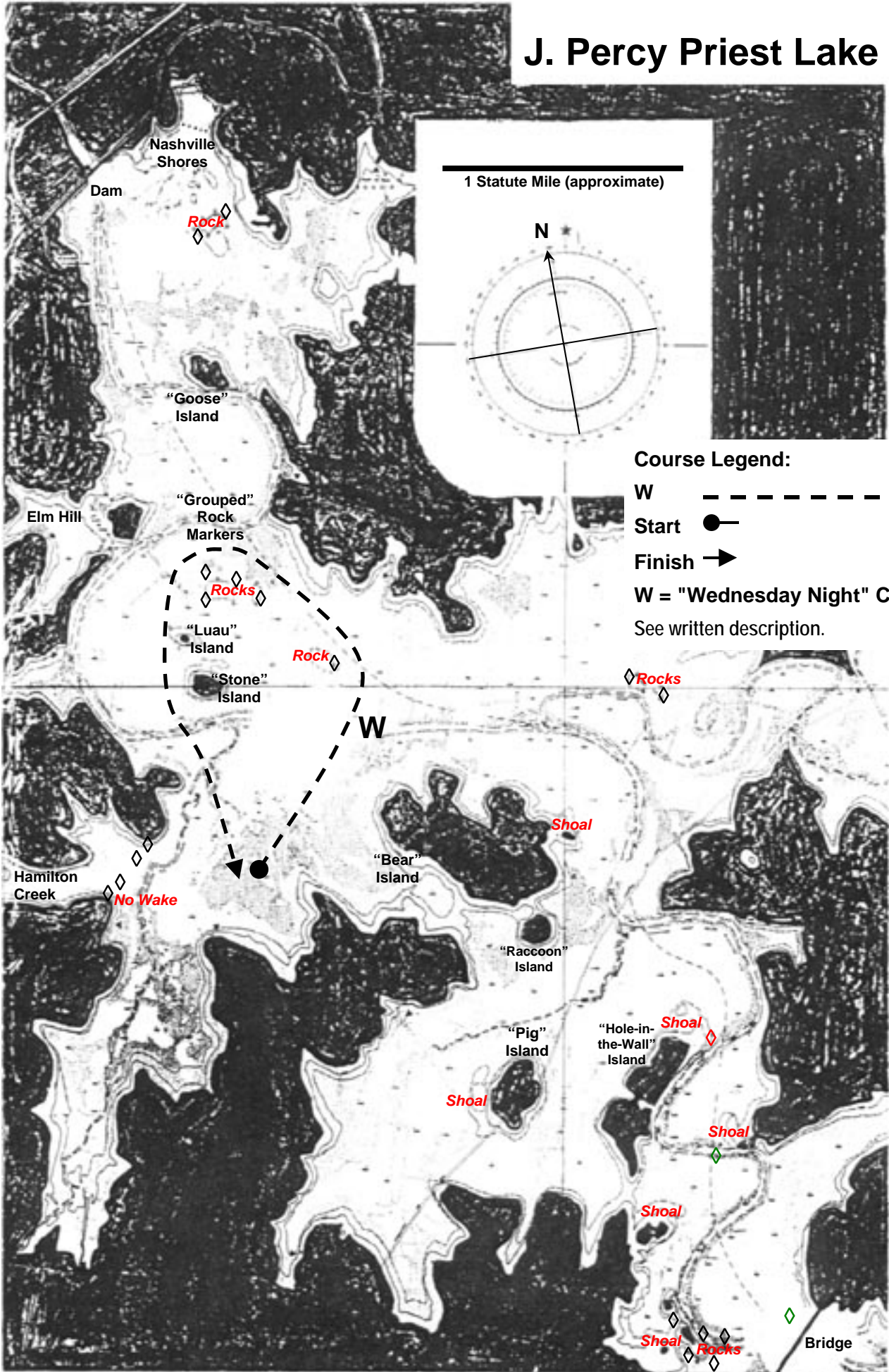
Finish

The Start and Finish symbols above and on the course line drawings indicate course direction only and do not indicate the actual starting and finishing lines. The location of the actual starting and finishing lines will vary.

- B = "Bridge" Course
- D = "Dam" Course
- L = "Low Water Dam" Course
- I = "Island" Course

See written descriptions.

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