

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Equalizer Regatta 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: 29.1 (Individual Recalls); 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course); 35 (Time Limit and Scores); 61 (Protest Requirements); 62.1(a) (Redress); A2 (Series Scores); A4 (Low Point and Bonus Point Systems); A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee); A11 (Scoring Abbreviations); and Race Signal AP (Postponement).

- 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be located on the lakeside windows at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.

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 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 unless a change has been posted. The Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board.
- 5.2. It is the intention of the race committee to run a maximum of five races on any given day.
- 5.3. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (blue and white pennant), with no sound, while boats are finishing.
- 5.4. 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. 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 within three miles of the harbor entrance to Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.

8. COURSES

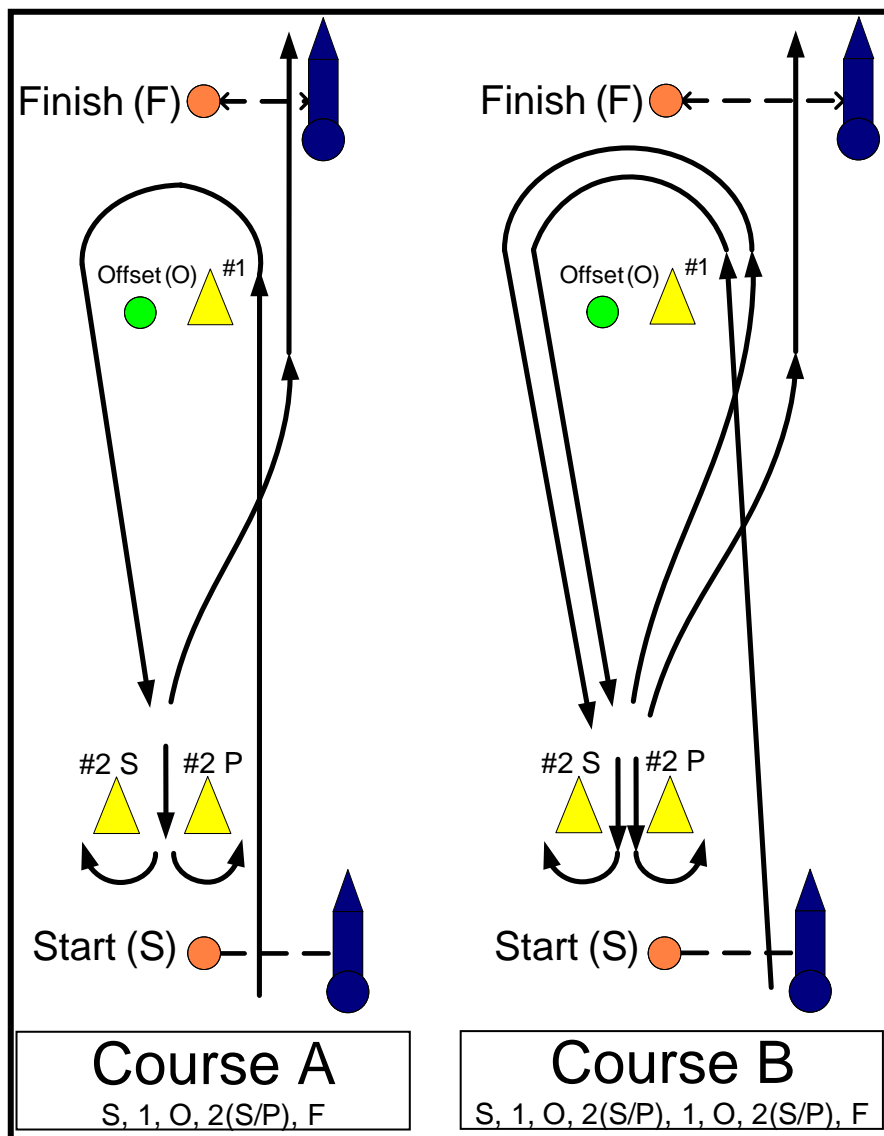
8.1. All courses will be windward/leeward in configuration.

8.2. Two courses are available: "COURSE A" and "COURSE B".

8.2.1. COURSE A is windward/leeward/windward course (once around, finish to windward).

8.2.2. COURSE B is windward/leeward/windward/leeward/windward course (twice around, finish to windward).

8.2.3. Course Diagrams:



- 8.3. All courses may utilize an optional windward offset mark "O". If a course uses a windward offset mark, there will be two windward marks. Each boat must pass both marks by leaving them to port.
- 8.4. All courses may utilize an optional leeward gate "G". If a course uses a leeward gate, there will be two leeward marks comprising the gate. Each boat must pass between the two leeward marks (through the gate) from the direction of the previous mark and round either of the marks.
- 8.5. When sailing the finish leg, marks of the course are not obstructions and do not have a required side.
- 8.6. The course designation, "A" or "B"; and if used, the optional windward offset mark, "O", and optional leeward gate, "G", will be displayed on the starboard side of the race committee boat before the warning signal of each class. Courses may be different for each class and each race.
- 8.7. The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark will be noted on the course board following the "@" symbol.
- 8.8. Course Designation Example: "BOG @345" means "Course B with a windward offset mark and a leeward gate. The first mark is at approximately 345 degrees."

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2. Marks of the course will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.3. The optional offset mark "O" will be a green cylinder.
- 9.4. The finishing mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.5. The optional mark in Sailing Instruction 10.3 may be any shape or color.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official notice board.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee 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 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. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.
- 10.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is not visible from the previous mark of the course or if the change of position is more than 20°, the change will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.3. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is visible from the previous mark of the course and the change of position is 20° or less, the change may not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12. RECALLS – When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats by VHF radio on Channel 68. 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).

13. THE FINISH – The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for a race is two hours for the first boat in a class to finish.
- 14.2. Boats in a class failing to finish within 30 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, 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 no more races will be sailed for the day, she shall immediately clear the course.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat at the first reasonable opportunity of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.
- 15.2. Protests shall be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end of "Protest Filing Time," which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later. These times will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.
- 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. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in Sailing Instruction 16.3 or retires after finishing (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta.
- 16.5. 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.
- 16.6. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

17. COURTESY BROADCASTS – The race committee will 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 – A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

20. 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.

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