

# Whidbey Island Race Week 2011

## July 17 – 22, 2011

### Sailing Instructions

Conducted by Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle

Hosted by Oak Harbor Yacht Club

Produced by Clear Ahead Marine Productions

Organizing Authority: Clear Ahead Marine Productions

#### 1. Rules

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

1.1.1. *The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing* The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 76.1, 76.3 and 86.3 and appendices F and G2.

1.1.2. The class rules of any fleets sailing in one design classes.

1.1.3. The 2011 Racing Rules of PHRF-NW for boats sailing under PHRF ratings, modified so that radar reflectors are not required.

1.1.4. These Sailing Instructions.

1.2. In any conflict between the Notice of Race, class rules, PHRF-NW Rules and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7.

1.3. No boats may be removed from the water without prior written approval of the Race Committee between 1000 on Monday, July 18, 2011 and the completion of racing on Friday, July 22, 2011.

1.4. RRS 34 (b) is changed to read, "substitute an object displaying flag M" striking out "~~and make repetitive sound signals.~~"

**1.5. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, for infringements of Rules of Part 2 that occur more than three boat lengths from the starting line, a rounding mark or the finish line, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.**

#### 2. Notices to Competitors and Race Headquarters

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is a clearly identified section of the South window on the ground floor of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

2.2. Race Headquarters will be in a trailer located in the fenced in area of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

#### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Classes, Class Identifications, and Handicap Ratings.

4.1. The competitors will be organized into separate fleets and will race with their assigned fleet.

4.1.1. The classes will be designated P0, P1, P2... P10. Class flags will be the numeral pennants for the class number, except class 10, which will be the German flag.

4.1.2. Class assignments, made by Clear Ahead Marine Productions and shown on the official entry list, will be distributed with registration materials at check-in on July 17.

4.1.3. Changes to the assignments on the printed official entry list will be posted on the official notice board by 1000 on Monday, July 18 2011 and Signal Flag 'L' will be flown from the OHYC flag staff.

- 4.2. Each boat shall fly from its backstay the color streamer assigned to its class. The color streamer will be provided with the boat's registration material with a list of color/class assignments.
- 4.3. Notice of any errors in handicap ratings or other registration information must be brought to the attention of the Race Committee, in writing, before 1000 of the day following the day that error was posted. **Races may or may not be rescored, at the discretion of the Race Committee, if changes are brought to its attention outside of this time limit.**
5. Radio Communication

VHF channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications with the fleet. The Race Committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement.
6. Signals Made Ashore
  - 6.1. Signals displayed ashore will be displayed from the Oak Harbor YC flag staff.
  - 6.2. An AP displayed ashore will be displayed at least 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning of the day.
  - 6.3. When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals definitions. This changes the Race Signals definitions.
7. Schedule Of Races
  - 7.1. The Race Committee will attempt to conduct one or more races each day of the regatta as conditions permit.
  - 7.2. The warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 1200 each day. Subsequent races may immediately follow each race.
8. Daily Check-in
  - 8.1. All boats **MUST** check in with the Race Committee before the start of each day's racing. The Race Committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the Race Committee acknowledges her check-in.
  - 8.2. All boats shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Starting Boat and hailing her class and sail number, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF 72 with her class and sail number. After the first warning, boats may only check in on VHF 72.
9. Racing Area

The starting line will be located within five (5) nautical miles of the red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.
10. Starting Procedures
  - 10.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
  - 10.2. The race committee may hail on channel 72 and/or may signal with a series of short horn blasts before the beginning of a starting sequence.
  - 10.3. The starting order for each race will be displayed using class number placards on the Race Committee boat's reader board. See Sailing Instruction 11, Courses. The class placards will be displayed in the order of the starts reading from left to right and from top line to bottom line. Lines may be reused after all listed classes on the line to be reused have started, starting from the top line. If a line is being reused, the line below it shall be blank to distinguish it from lower lines that may list classes that have not started and are earlier in the starting order. Race Committee may start classes in any order.
  - 10.4. If the warning signal for the next class is made with the starting signal of the preceding class, and if the preceding class has a general recall, then the class flag of the next class will be removed and the start of the next class will be considered postponed without further signal. This changes RRS 27.3.

- 10.5. 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 and/or on VHF 72. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.6. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.7. The Race Committee starting boat and/or finish boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting line with engine, including while anchored.
- 10.8. Starting Line  
The starting line will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a Red or Orange mark to the left of the RC Boat when facing up wind.

## 11. Courses

- 11.1. Courses will be signaled by a sequence of letters following class number placards of the classes that are to sail that course. Each letter designates a mark to be left to port (except finishing marks or gates {see SI 11.5}). The first letter is the starting mark. The last is the finishing mark. Mark descriptions and relative locations are indicated on the attached course diagram.
  - 11.1.1. New marks, as provided for in Sailing Instruction 12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be the same color and shape as the original mark, but will be ringed with a black band.
- 11.2. There may be separate Race Committee boats for the start and the finish of the course. When this is done, the starting boat will be CYC-Seattle's red boat YC-V. The finish boat will be the white motor vessel *Gopher Baroque*.
  - 11.2.1. A race finishing at *Gopher Baroque* will have the letter "F" as the last mark of the course.
  - 11.2.2. A race finishing at YC-V will have the letter "M" as the last mark of the course.
- 11.3. Starting Committee Boat Reader Board Example:

P0 P1 P2	SABCF
P3 P4 P5	SABUM
P6 P7 P8 P9	SXZXF

- 11.4. Gate at Leeward Mark: When a gate (two marks similar of shape and color) is present at a leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either the port gate mark to port or the starboard gate mark to starboard. A gate at one leeward mark shall not imply that all leeward marks are gates.
- 11.5. All marks other than Gates, M and F will always be left to Port.
- 11.6. ***From the time a boat rounds the first rounding mark until she rounds the last rounding mark, she shall not cross either the starting or a finishing line set from either Race Committee boat. A competitor may exonerate herself from this infraction by executing a 2-turns penalty in compliance with rule 44.2 at the first reasonable opportunity after violating this Sailing Instruction. This changes RRS 28.1. A boat that fails to exonerate herself may be scored DNF without a hearing and may be protested by a competitor if she is not properly scored. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.***
- 12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course
  - 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

- 12.2. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 12.3. **NOTE: As different classes are sailing different courses, you should only round a new mark if a change was signaled at the previous rounding mark in accordance with RRS 33.**
- 12.4. A change in the direction of the next leg of the course will be signaled with green or red shapes. See RRS 33(a)(2).

### 13. Distance Race

- 13.1. **If flag “D” is flying from the Race Committee Starting Boat throughout the starting sequence, all classes but *One Design Fleet(s) P4 (Melgas 24)*, ... [This list of fleets may be amended with a change to the SIs prior to the 2100 hours on Sunday, July 17, 2011] will sail a distance race and will use alternate mark descriptions as indicated in the attached Distance Race Course Diagram.**
- 13.2. **A boat’s finishing position in the distance race will be counted TWICE when calculating overall results. This race will count as two races toward determining if there will be a throw-out. If a throw-out is allowed, ONE-HALF of the points scored in the distance race may be thrown out as a boat’s discard. This changes RRS A2.**

### 14. Finish Line

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between an Orange or Yellow flag on the Race Committee finish boat (YC-V or *Gopher Baroque*, depending on the course) and the course side of a Yellow mark to the right of the RC Boat when facing up wind.
- 14.2. If the finish of the course was designated as an F on the reader board, the finish boat will be *Gopher Baroque*.
- 14.3. If the finish of the course was designated as an M on the reader board, the finish boat will be the RC Signal Boat YC-V.
- 14.4. The race committee may adjust or maintain the position of the finishing mark at any time without regard to RRS 33.
- 14.5. The race committee finishing boat may maneuver, with engine at any time, including when anchored, to adjust or maintain the length and orientation on the finishing line. This changes RRS 33 and 34.

### 15. Abandoning After Start

- 15.1. RRS 32.1 is modified to provide that the Race Committee may abandon a race in progress when a change in the weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.
- 15.2. Races may be abandoned for some classes while other classes continue racing. Classes whose race has been abandoned will be broadcast on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will fly Code Flag “N” above the class number pennant of those classes abandoned. This changes RRS 32

### 16. Time Limit

- 16.1. For all races except the Distance Race, the first boat in a class must finish within 2 hours of her starting signal. All other boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish or they will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35.
- 16.2. In the distance race (see SI 13) the time limit shall be 5 hours for the first boat in each class. All other boats must finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in their class to finish or they will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35.

### 17. Retiring From a Race

- 17.1. Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee before leaving the race course by hailing her or on VHF 72 and receive acknowledgement from the Race

Committee. A boat that fails to report that she is retiring will be scored DNS without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5.

## 18. Protest Arbitration.

(This changes RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66)

- 18.1. Arbitration hearings will be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving rules of Part 2 of the RRS and not more than two boats, unless the arbitrator deems the protest is inappropriate for arbitration.
- 18.2. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render his/her decision in one of the following ways:
  - (a) The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn and it shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protestor disagrees, the protest goes to a jury for hearing.
  - (b) One or more boats broke a rule. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40% Scoring Penalty, calculated as in RRS 44.3 (c), and the protest will be withdrawn, or submitting the protest to a jury for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be resubmitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed, or submitted for redress.
  - (c) The arbitrator decides the matter should go to the jury for a hearing.
- 18.3. When the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest.

## 19. Protests and Redress

- 19.1. Protests forms are available at race headquarters and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2. The protest time limit will be ONE HOUR from either the RACE COMMITTEE BOAT'S DOCKING (YC-V) at the Oak Harbor Marine, OR WHEN A RED SIGNAL FLAG IS HOISTED WITH ONE SOUND AND FLOWN FROM THE OHYC FLAG STAFF in the event the YC-V is delayed on the water. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board at least 45 minutes before the time limit is reached.
- 19.3. All protests filed will be posted on the official bulletin board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit. This constitutes notice per RRS 63.2, in conjunction with SI 19.4 and 19.5. **This also constitutes reasonable attempt to notify all boats as required by US Sailing Prescription to rule 63.2.** A protested party may obtain a copy of the protest at Race Headquarters for up to 90 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 19.4. Hearings are scheduled for the morning following the race at 0830 except for Friday, July 22. The hearing order will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 except Friday, July 22. Hearings on Friday, July 22 will begin as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires. Notice of hearing order will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiration of Protest Time on Friday, July 22. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.
- 19.5. Hearings will be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
- 19.6. Requests for redress for alleged scoring errors must be filed no later than one hour after the posting of race results on the official notice board if results are posted by 2100 on the day of racing. If results are posted after 2100 on the day of racing, requests for redress must be filed by 1000 the following day. This modifies RRS 62.2.

## 20. Time Allowances

PHRF-NW time allowances will be calculated using PHRF-NW handicaps as assigned by the PHRF-NW Handicappers or Clear Ahead Marine Productions, and as shown on the entry list; using **time-on-distance**. This changes the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 64.3b.

## 21. Scoring

- 21.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, as modified below, will be used.
- 21.2. Scores of RAF, DNF, and TLE shall be scored the number of finishers plus one. This modifies RRS A4.2
- 21.3. Three races completed will constitute a series for this regatta.
- 21.4. If seven or more races are completed (or 6 races, one of which is the distance race) a boat's worst score will be discarded, except if that score is in the distance race, in which case only one-half of the scored points will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

**22. Inspections**

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification for compliance with PIYA Category III or Class Rules at any time during the regatta.

**23. Awards**

Daily and series awards for first, second, and third places will be presented. Special awards for outstanding competitors as determined by the Race Committee and/or Race Organizers may be presented during the awards ceremonies.

**24. Disclaimer of Liability**

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

## Course Diagram (NOT TO SCALE)

### Mark Descriptions:

**YC-5** RC boat at Start and alternate Finish (M)

*Gopher Baroque*, The alternate RC boat at Finish (F). May be Windward or Leeward of Leeward Marks C and U, or between Marks C and U. May be left or right of position in diagram.

**S** ORANGE or RED Start Mark

**X** RED Weather Mark

**U** RED Leeward Mark

**Z** RED Leeward Mark, 0.3 Nautical Miles, or less, to **weather** of RC Boat

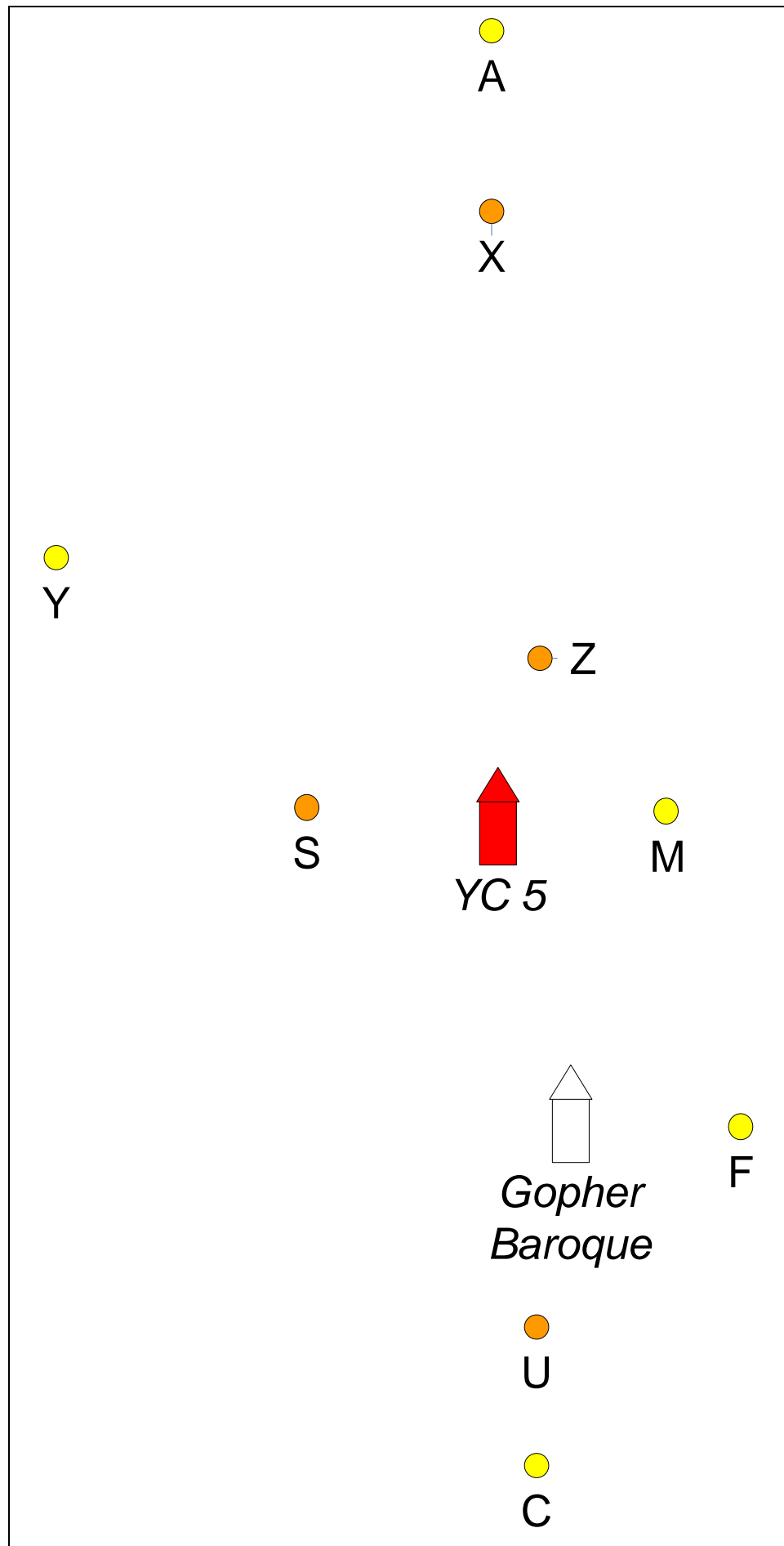
**A** YELLOW Weather Mark

**Y** YELLOW Mark which may be Windward or Leeward of the position shown in the diagram

**C** YELLOW Leeward Mark

**F** YELLOW Finish Mark at Finish Boat, *Astarte*

**M** YELLOW Finish Mark at Signal Boat, YC-5



## Distance Course

### Mark Descriptions:

- A** Temporary YELLOW mark set approximately 1/2 mile North of Baby Island  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 07.026  
W122 31.777
- X** Temporary RED mark set approximately 1/3 mile West of "6", FL R 6s 15ft at Onamac Point  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 11.027  
W122 32.625
- C** Temporary YELLOW mark set between Polnell Point and Utsalady Point  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 16.108  
W122 31.404
- S** ORANGE or RED Start mark off YC-5
- F** YELLOW Finish mark off *Alternate RC Finish Boat*, in the vicinity of red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.