

Tacoma Yacht Club
Summer Vashon Regatta
Saturday, June 13, 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All competitors must follow the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of TYC in the Front entry.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Class flags may be modified at the Skippers' meeting.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the TYC flag pole located on the West of the clubhouse. This does not include starting signals, AP flag, or signals displayed as part of RRS 30 if there is no race committee starting boat and starts are conducted from shore.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore (as defined in SI 4.1), '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP rule.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 SKIPPERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 0900 In the TYC Lobby

- 5.2 One race is scheduled.
- 5.3 PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF Cruising classes warning 0955.
- 5.4 PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF Cruising classes will start together.
- 5.5 PHRF classes first warning at 1010. Multiple classes will start at the same time as indicated by the classes' class flag. SI 6.1
- 5.6 One design classes first warning at 1020.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags for each class will be as follows:
 - "0" flag PHRF Casual and Non-PHRF Cruising classes
 - "1" flag PHRF A and B
 - OD Class emblem flag or other flag or pendant.
Will be determined and announced at the Skippers' meeting.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 PHRF and Cruising classes:
 - 7.1.1 The PHRF and Cruising course will begin and end in front of the TYC clubhouse. A limiting mark (yellow or orange inflatable) will be anchored approximately ½ mile north of the ferry dock at the North end of Vashon Island (on Allen Bank). A North End Race Committee boat may be anchored approximately 100 yards north of the

limiting mark. If the North End Committee boat is on station, all boats must pass between the committee boat and the limiting mark.

7.1.2 There will be several possible courses depending on the conditions which will be signaled with placards from the RC boat (or dock if no RC boat—see SI 9.2) and announced over VHF. The intended course will also be announced at the Skippers' Meeting, but may be changed on the water. If the course is to be changed on the water the RC Signal boat will display code flag C and make announcements on VHF channel 72.

- Race clockwise around Vashon Island. Leave the limiting mark at the North end (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD**.
- Shorted course at Allen Bank (Option 1) leaving the mark at the North end (See SI 7.1.1 to **STARBOARD**.
- Shortened course to Olalla (option 2) and return to Tacoma Yacht Club (Option 2). Leave the limiting mark at Olalla (Approximate location 47.41874N 122.5392W) (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD** and return to finish line at Tacoma Yacht Club (See SI 10.1).
- Shorten course to Olalla (Option3). Leaving the limiting mark (Approximate location 47.4187N 122.5392W) (See SI 7.1.1) to **STARBOARD**.

8 COURSE SAFETY

8.1 **Ferry Boat Clearance at the north and south ends of Vashon Island the race course crosses ferry lanes.** All boats must maintain a minimum 500 yard distance from any FERRY BOAT regardless of its location and speed which has the right of way at all times.

8.2 Traffic Separation Lanes: As some of the race will be in or in the vicinity of the Traffic Separation Scheme, all skippers and crews are expected to be fully familiar with and comply with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea which includes the statement:

Skippers are reminded that vessels under sail DO NOT always have the right of way over power driven vessels. *"...a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane."*

Race participants are expected to yield to vessels in the traffic lane even to the detriment of competitive position. If a race participant needs to contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) they should use VHF Channel 14 if contact cannot be made on Channel 16.

9 START

9.1 Class starting sequence indicated by the class pennant, and may be announced over VHF 72.

9.2 The starting line will be either:

9.2.1 Between an orange flag on the Committee boat (anchored within .5 miles of the TYC clubhouse) and an Inflatable mark in the water approximately north of the committee boat.

PHRF and Cruising classes sailing the full course (SI 7.1) will leave the RC Boat to **Port** and the pin to **Starboard** when starting.

OD fleets will leave the temporary mark to **Starboard** and the RC Boat to **Port** if sailing course 2 of Attachment A, and the temporary mark to **Port** and the RC Boat to **Starboard** if sailing course 1 or 3.

9.2.2 Between an orange flag on shore on a point of land NE of the TYC Dry storage area (approximate location 47.3068N, 122.5094W) and a temporary mark set approximately 300 feet off shore of this point.

PHRF, Cruising, OD classes sailing the course defined in SI 7.1 will sail across the line leaving the temporary mark to **Starboard**.

- 9.3 Use of option SI 9.2.1 or SI 9.2.2 will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 9.4 The Race Committee will attempt to hail sail numbers on VHF Ch 72 of OCS boats. Failure of the Committee to do so, the timing or the order of the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 Finish will be between an orange or yellow inflatable buoy anchored approximately 100 yards off shore north of the Tacoma Yacht Club and an orange flag located on the TYC deck on the North side of the clubhouse.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 For classes sailing the full course there will be a time limit of ten (10) hours from each class's start time.
- 11.2 If the course is shortened, there will be a time limit of seven (7) hour from each class's start time.
- 11.3 Any boat not finishing within their time limit of their start time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 PHRF time corrections will be calculated using Time-on-Distance.
Non-PHRF and one-design class vessels will be scored based on where the vessel finishes in its respective class – meaning not based on a PHRF rating.

13 CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

- 13.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area prior to their first warning signal. Boats should check in by hail unless safety requires checking in using communication defined in SI 8.
- 13.2 A boat that retires while racing must orally notify the race committee as soon as possible after retiring by hailing or in a manner defined in SI 17. If unable to reach a committee boat by radio, please call 415-336-8011 and notify Race Chair Christophet Johanson of the boat class, Name and sail number of the boat retiring.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix V, Rule V1 applies (Penalty at the Time of an Incident).

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available at TYC or the US Sailing Web Site.
- 15.2 Protests MUST be delivered IN PERSON to Race Chair Mike Harter within 24 hours of the finish time of the last boat to finish or the race time limit, whichever is later.
- 15.3 In addition to following the rules of Part 5, a boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Committee of her intent over VHF Ch 72 or by calling and leaving a message with Race Chair Chris Johanson at 415 336-8011 within 30 minutes of her finish.
- 15.4 Protests will be heard at TYC as soon as possible and reasonable after they are filed. Every attempt to contact effected parties will be made at TYC and using the telephone number used on a boats registration.
- 15.5 If time does not allow a hearing on the day of the race the hearing will be conducted at the first available opportunity.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Safety requirements--PIYA SER "Nearshore+"
- 16.2 Life vests must be always worn.

- 16.3 Vessel in distress or person overboard must notify the Race Committee of the situation as soon as possible. (See SI 18) If you are unable to reach the Race Committee of VHF 72 or by phone, hail another vessel to request that vessel notify the Race Committee of the situation. (See SI 18)

17 SOUTHERN KILLER WHALE NOTIFICATION

- 17.1 Vessels may not approach within 1000 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.2 Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident killer whale at any point located within 1000 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale.
- 17.3 Boaters are obligated to move away if between 400 and 1000 yards of a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.4 Boaters, If you are within 400 yards of a southern resident killer whale, must disengage your transmission if motoring, luff sails, or stop paddling (if it is safe to do so) until the whale(s) move away.
- 17.5 Boaters shall not feed a southern resident killer whale.
- 17.6 This rule applies to all orca whales, not just southern killer resident whales.
- 17.7 A vessel violating this rule may be protested.

18 COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE

- 18.1 Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 18.2 The race committee's cell phone number is **415 336-8011**. Please leave a message if you reach voice mail.

19 USE OF MOTORS

19.1 MOTORS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR PROPULSION WHILE A BOAT IS RACING (AS DEFINED IN THE RRS) UNLESS FOR ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS LISTED BELOW. ALLOWABLE EXCEPTIONS WHERE MOTOR USE IS ALLOWED INCLUDE:

- 19.1.1 WHEN FOLLOWING RRS 1 (HELPING THOSE IN DANGER).
- 19.1.2 TO MOVE OUT OF THE WAY OF COMMERCIAL VESSEL TRAFFIC.
- 19.1.3 TO MOVE ANOTHER BOAT OR HERSELF OFF OF A GROUNDING.
- 19.1.4 TO GAIN STEERAGE TO PREVENT A BOAT FROM BEING PUSHED BY THE WIND OR CURRENTS INTO AN OTHERWISE CERTAIN AND IMMEDIATE GROUNDING.
- 19.1.5 TO GET A BOAT TO THE STARTING AREA FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT MORNING OR TO PREVENT A BOAT FROM BEING PUSHED BY THE WIND OR THE CURRENTS INTO THE RACE COMMITTEE BOAT AT THE START. IN THIS CASE, THE BOAT SHALL NOT START UNTIL FOUR MINUTES AFTER HER MOTOR HAS BEEN TURNED OFF.
- 19.1.6 TO CHARGE BATTERIES OR FOR OTHER ELECTRICAL USES OR HEAT, AS LONG AS THE ENGINE IS NOT PLACED IN GEAR.
- 19.2 IN NO CASE SHOULD THE USE OF THE MOTOR HAVE REDUCED THE DISTANCE A BOAT WILL NEED TO SAIL TO FINISH THE COURSE, NOR SHOULD THE USE OF THE

MOTOR PLACE THE BOAT IN A MORE FAVORABLE POSITION RELATIVE TO THE PREVAILING WIND OR CURRENT CONDITIONS OR HER COMPETITORS.

19.3 IN THE EVENT OF ANY USE OF THE MOTOR FOR PROPULSION WHILE RACING, THE BOAT'S SKIPPER SHALL REPORT BY RADIO TO THE RACE COMMITTEE THE FACT THAT THE MOTOR WAS RUN WHILE SHE WAS RACING. THE BOAT'S SKIPPER SHALL ALSO FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE PROMPTLY AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED THE RACE (WITHIN THE PROTEST TIME LIMIT). THIS REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE GPS COORDINATES AND THE TIME WHEN THE MOTOR WAS STARTED AND WHEN THE MOTOR WAS TURNED OFF WITH A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATER DEPTH, BOAT SPEED AND HEADING, CURRENT AND WIND CONDITIONS).

19.4 IF A REPORT IS NOT FILED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SHOWING THAT FAIR RACING WAS PRESERVED AS JUDGED BY THE EXCLUSIVE OPINION OF THE RACE COMMITTEE, THE BOAT MAY BE PROTESTED AND DISQUALIFIED.

20. AIS BROADCASTING

IF A PARTICIPATING VESSEL HAS THE ABILITY TO BROADCAST AIS, PER U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS, AIS MUST BE BROADCASTING DURING THE RACE.