

NW Maritime Center & Wooden Boat Foundation

30th Annual Shipwrights' Regatta
Saturday, February 27th 2021

Hosted by Port Townsend Sailing Association

Sailing Instructions

Regatta Format: The traditional format of this regatta has been impacted by the ongoing COVID restrictions. The Skippers' meeting and the Awards party at the NWMC have been suspended this year. Also, due to social distancing requirements, there are crew size, and hence, sail restrictions.

Skippers' Meeting: 10:00hrs. Sat., Feb. 27th. 2021. In the Boat Haven parking lot by the ramp to A/B dock. Restricted to one representative per boat. Masks and 6ft. distancing will be required.

Identification: Unless there are clearly visible sail #s, registrants must provide sufficient description for the Race Committee to easily identify their boat on the water.

Each boat shall approach the Committee Boat prior to the start and identify themselves and the class they intend to sail in.

Rules: All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 (Available on ptsail.org)

- Section 5 of the RRS will be disregarded and no protests granted. Infractions are to be handled on the honor system, according to RRS 44.1 and 44.2, except that the two turn penalty is reduced to one turn.
- Notify the Race Committee of withdrawals and DSQ's for scoring purposes.
- When encountering vessels not racing, the COLREGS take precedence.
- Boats receiving 5 or more horn blasts from a ferry will be disqualified. Boats may use their engine to keep clear of a ferry provided they do not improve their position in the race.
- There is no handicap - first boat over the line wins.

Additional Covid Rules:

- 1, For smaller boats, crews are limited to single handed, double handed, or households/"bubbles" racing together. For larger boats that can social distance aboard, crews are limited to five. Use of masks is required when and wherever a strict six foot separation can't be maintained.
- 2, Due to shorthanded crews, there will be no spinnakers/flying sails for all boats, except for center-board dingys, which normally fly a kite with 2 crew. Thunderbirds will use jibs, not Genoas.
- 3, There will not be any after-race parties or close socializing on the dock. Use of masks on the dock is required.
- 4, Please do not race if you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has!

Course: See course chart. The course will be two laps of an approximately 2 nm. triangle.

The Committee Boat (Sockeye) will be identified by an Orange flag.

All marks are to be left to port while rounding.

Boats MUST NOT cross the start/finish line at the end of the first lap. (mark 3 ? mark 1).

The course may be shortened to one lap by display of the 'S' flag from the Mark Boat in the vicinity of the Leeward mark. In which case boats will proceed to cross the finish line. If the "S" flag is accompanied by "C", the course is only shortened for the Cruising class.

Race Start: The first starting sequence begins at or after 12:00. The Start process and signals are detailed below.

The starting classes and order are:-

1, Racing - Flag "A" 2, Thunderbird - Flag "B" 3, Cruising - Flag "C"

Once the warning for the first start is sounded, boats not in the Starting Class **must** stay clear of the Starting area until their class flag is raised.

The Start of one class will be the beginning of the sequence for the next class (as the "A" flag comes down the "B" flag goes up).

The Race Committee will try to hail any boats over the line early, if they can be identified.

The start can be interrupted and delayed by the Postponement flag (2 horns up, 1 horn down). A start sequence will begin one minute after the postponement flag comes down

Finish time: Boats not finishing the course within two hours of their Start will be scored DNF.

Safety: --It is expected that all boats comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, NEARSHORE category.

--Racers should monitor VHF Channel 68. The Race Committee will generally **not** respond to calls during Start sequences.

--Boats retiring from the race are requested notify the Race Committee.

--Participants are encouraged to have NOAA chart 18464 "Port Townsend" on board.

Results &Awards: There is no awards ceremony/party this year. Winners and prizes (probably including the traditional whimsical awards) will be announced on-line at ptsail.org ASAP after the race.

Responsibility: Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race.) The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing, is hers alone. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and officials from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Warning from USCG: Do not approach within 100 yards of any US Naval Vessel, Washington State Ferry, tanker, or ship, or within 1000 yards of a Submarine. Violations are a felony and punishable by up to 6 years imprisonment and/or \$250,000 fine.

Also, Remember: – Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740 -- Paraphrased - "Don't mess with Orca!"

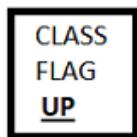
Starting Sequence and Signals for Shipwrights Regatta

“Start Time” is the time the sequence begins (baring a postponement) Races will be started using a **five minute starting sequence** as outlined below. GPS time is used and signals given on whole minutes. Classes will start in the following order: A - Racing, B - Thunderbirds, C - Cruising.

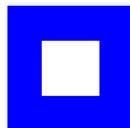
Starting sequence flags are as follows:

**RAPID
HORN
BLASTS**

ALERT: 1 minute before first Class start sequence begins and 1 minute before any other start if there has been a postponement between starts.
Alert horn signal (multiple blasts) will sound.

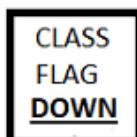


WARNING: 5 minutes before start
Class Flag raised (1 horn blast) -- stays up until start.

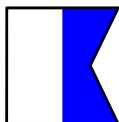


PREPARATORY: 4 minutes before start
Preparatory flag raised (1 horn blast)

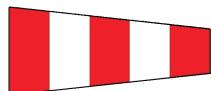
ONE MINUTE: 1 minute before start
Preparatory flag lowered (1 long horn blast)



START: *Class Flag* lowered (1 horn blast)
Boats from next class may enter the starting area.



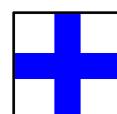
A class - Racing



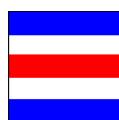
Postponement flag: New alert signal made 1 minute after flag is lowered (one horn blast)



B class. - Thunderbird



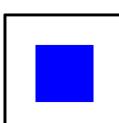
Individual Recall flag: Boats starting early **must round one end of the line and re-start**. (one horn blasts)



C class - Cruising



General Recall flag: Entire class must re-start. Alert signal made 1 minute after flag is lowered. (two horn blasts)



Shorten Course flag: Course is shortened to a single lap.



Mark Boat flag.

2021 Shipwrights' Regatta Course

Class starting order:

- A - Racing
- B - Thunderbird
- C - Cruising

Course: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Do NOT cross the S/F line at the end of the first lap UNLESS the Shorten Course Flag "S" is stationed at the Leeward Mark (#3), in which case the Finish Line must be crossed.

If "C" is flown with "S" it only applies to the Cruising class.

