



# NOTICE OF RACE: THREE FORT FIASCO

Race Date: May 17, 2025

Venue: Port Townsend Bay and vicinity

Organizing Authority: PORT TOWNSEND SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 1. RULES

1.1. This event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028*

1.2. The following documents, available on the PTSAIL.ORG Racing Page will apply unless specifically overridden by this document, and are considered incorporated by reference into this NOR.

- (a) 2025 PTSA General Sailing Instructions
- (b) 2025 PTSA Safety
- (c) 2025 PTSA Intro to Racing with PTSA

## 2. SPECIAL FIASCO RULES

2.1. For purposes of this race, "*Sail the Three Fort Fiasco*" is defined as "A boat *Sails the Three Fort Fiasco* provided a string representing her track, from the time she begins to approach the start line until she finishes:

- (a) crosses the start line, in either direction, no earlier than her assigned start time and no later than 10 minutes after the last assigned start time; then
- (b) touches the three marks of the course, in any order and in either direction; then
- (c) finishes by crossing the finish line in either direction."

2.2. RRS 28.1 is deleted and replaced with "A boat shall *Sail the Three Fort Fiasco*."

2.3. RRS 28.2 is deleted and replaced with "A boat may correct any errors in *Sailing the Three Fort Fiasco*, provided she has not *finished*."

2.4. RRS 32.1(b) is deleted.

2.5. In rules RRS A5.1(a), A5.3 and A6.1, "*sail the course*" is replaced with "*Sail the Three*

*Fort Fiasco*."

2.6. In RRS A5.1, add the following standard penalties without a hearing [this changes 60.5(b)(3)]:

(a) A boat shall be given a +10-minute elapsed time penalty if she starts before her assigned start time. Abuse of an OCS i.e. starting significantly early is cause for DSQ. If you are OCS, do NOT try to restart. Accept the 10-minute penalty and continue to your first mark.

(b) All participants MUST remain 50 yards clear of the Start Line prior to 5 minutes before their assigned start time. Boats violating this are subject to a + 5-minute penalty.

(c) After a boat starts, the Start Line is restricted meaning you cannot cut through the Start/Finish Line while racing from one mark to another. Violators are subject to a 10-minute penalty. Only cross the Start/Finish Line 2 times, once when you start and once when you finish. Any additional crosses will result in a 10-minute penalty.

*[Informational] Our goal is to have each boat get a chance to cross the start line without interference from boats with much later start times, and to keep what is potentially a crowded line from being even more congested with over-early boats trying to re-start. It's supposed to be a Fiasco, not chaos. From 5 minutes before the first start, until 5 minutes before your start, please keep well clear of the starting line. From 5 minutes before your assigned start, you can get close to the starting line. However, do NOT cross between the Committee Boat and the Start Line Buoy prior to your assigned start time.*

### **3. ENTRY CRITERIA**

3.1. The Three Fort Fiasco is open to:

(a) Any monohull with a valid 2024/ 2025 PHRF certificate. If you do not have a valid PHRF rating, the PTSA PHRF committee will assign you one upon your registration.

(b) Any multihull at least 19 feet length overall and at least 8 feet wide with a valid PHRF Certificate.

### **4. Course**

4.1 The course consists of three marks: 1 in the vicinity of Fort Worden, 1 in the vicinity of Fort Townsend and 1 in the vicinity of Fort Flagler. These marks can be rounded in any order and either direction. Exact mark locations will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4.2 The Start Finish Line will be in the vicinity of the Port Townsend City front near the PTSA Race Mark "C". Exact location will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

### **5. SCHEDULE**

5.1. One race is scheduled.

5.2. The time of the first assigned start is 1 PM. This is a “pursuit style” race (reverse handicap) so each registered boat will have its own start time.

5.3. An in-person competitor’s meeting will be held at the PTSA Clubhouse (Boat Haven vicinity of the boat ramp) at 10:30 AM on race day. The final start time list and any other last-minute changes will be posted at the competitors’ meeting. Attendance at this competitor’s mtg is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

## **6. RISK STATEMENT, RELEASE AND RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

6.1. RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds, rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

6.2. The Port Townsend Sailing Association 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 these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the PTSA, its officers, volunteers, and vendors, from any and all liability associated with such participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6.3. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the regatta without compensation.

6.4. By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all crew members.