2025 LAST CHANCE REGATTA

October 25, 2025

Presented by the

PORT TOWNSEND SAILING ASSOCIATION

<u>Sailing Instructions</u>

<u>Skippers' Meeting and Late Registration: October 25, 2025 (PTSA Clubhouse)</u>:

10:00AM Saturday: Registration, Check-in, and Class Assignment

- All Skippers must check in.
- Class breaks will be announced at registration. Each Class will have a unique color streamer (distributed at Registration).
- These races will not be handicapped, so a valid PHRF rating is not required.
- Registrants without Sail #'s must provide sufficient description of their boat for someone unfamiliar with it to quickly identify it on the water.

11:00AM Saturday: Skipper's Meeting (mandatory)

- Recognizing the possibility of dangerous weather in this season, the race may be postponed or canceled at this point, based on participant consensus and confirmed by PTSA leadership. If early forecasts are extreme, PTSA may postpone the event prior to the scheduled event date. Any early changes will be posted on PTSAIL.ORG and sent to all skippers that have pre-registered.
- Any changes to the published courses and/or SI's will be announced.
- An attempt will be made to match boat-less Crew with willing Skippers and vice versa.

<u>Rules:</u> All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028 except as modified herein.

- **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. **Exception:** A <u>disputed</u> incident involving <u>injury</u> or <u>serious</u> damage may be brought to the PTSA Board for adjudication. Their decision shall be final.
- The two-turn penalty is reduced to one turn.
- Notify the Race Committee of withdrawals and DSQ's via VHF 68 or by sail-by.
- When encountering vessels not racing, the COLREGS take precedence.
- Boats identified as causing 5 or more horn blasts from a ferry will be disqualified. Boats <u>may</u> use their engine to keep clear of a ferry provided they do not improve their position in the race.

<u>Classes:</u> Depending on registration, there will be four classes:

RACING	**-** Blue streamer
THUNDERBIRD	**-** One Design fleet- No streamer
CRUISING	**-** Red streamer
INSHORE	**-** Green streamer

<u>Check-in on the course:</u> Each boat shall approach the Committee Boat at least 5 minutes prior to the first WARNING and identify themselves (no VHF check-ins). HOWEVER, keep well clear of the Committee Boat while it is maneuvering to anchor. No check-ins will be acknowledged during that time <u>or</u> <u>after</u> the first Warning signal.

Course: See attached course chart and Instructions

The Course will be a triangle, leaving all marks to Port. The RACING, T-BIRD, and CRUISING Fleets will sail the course twice around. The INSHORE will sail the course once around. The course length will be determined by prevailing conditions. DO NOT pass through the Start/Finish line to start the second lap unless the course is shortened by the **'S'** flag flying from a mark boat at the leeward mark. In the absence of a Mark Boat the **'S'** flag will be raised on the Committee Boat before the first boat rounds the Leeward Mark. There is one race scheduled for this event.

Race Starts: The first Starting Sequence begins at or after 13:00 hrs.

The RRS standard 5 minute sequence is in effect with the addition of an ALERT signal (6 horn blasts- no flag) one minute before the WARNING for the first starting class. The START for one class will be the WARNING (5 minute) signal for the next class.

Start Order	Class	Flag	Streamer
1	Racing	"A"	Blue
2	Thunderbird	T-bird	None
3	Cruising	"B"	Red
4	Inshore	"C"	Green

- The Race Committee uses GPS time and makes signals only on whole minutes.
- Once the WARNING for the first start is raised, boats not in the Starting Class **must** stay clear of the starting area until their CLASS flag is raised.
- The Race Committee will make every attempt to hail any boats over the line early (OCS). It is the individual skipper's responsibility to restart if they believe they are OCS.
- The start can be interrupted and delayed by raising the Postponement flag with TWO horn blasts.
- A new start sequence will begin ONE minute after the Postponement flag comes down, with six horns (alert).

Time Limits: Boats not finishing their course within 3 hours after their start will be scored DNF.

Safety:
- All boats should comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, NEARSHORE category.
- All boats should monitor VHF 68. The Race Committee may not answer calls during start sequences.
- Most VHF announcements to the whole fleet will be preceded by 3 long horn blasts to attract attention.
- Boats retiring from a race should notify the Race Committee by VHF or sail-by

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.

Reminder: Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740 -- Don't mess with Orca! (Seen in the bay recently)

PTSA LAST CHANCE REGATTA COURSE

One race is planned. All marks are to be rounded to <u>PORT.</u>

The First Three Classes will sail the same Course

<u>Triangle Course</u>-   S – W – J – L – W – J – L – F

* Do <u>**NOT**</u> cross the S/F Line at the start of the second lap.

1ˢᵗ. Start: **RACING** Class   **"A"** Class Flag **; Blue** Streamer

2ⁿᵈ Start: **THUNDERBIRD**   **T-BIRD** Class Flag; no streamer

3ʳᵈ. Start: **CRUISING** Class   **"B"** Class Flag; **Red** Streamer

4ᵗʰ. Start: **IN-SHORE** Class   **"C"** Start Flag; **Green** Streamer.

<u>INSHORE Course:</u>   <u>Single</u> lap of the Triangle course
S – W – J – L – F

<u>Time Limits</u>:- Boats not finishing a race in 3 hours
will be scored DNF.