

35th Annual Shipwrights Regatta

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Presented by the Port Townsend Sailing Association and the NW Maritime Center

Sailing Instructions

Skippers' Meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, February 21, 2026, At the PTSA clubhouse in the Nomura Building directly opposite the boat ramp at Boat Haven.

Check-in and Same Day Registration: 9:15AM – 9:55 AM

- All skippers must check-in prior to the Skipper's Meeting
- Final Class designations will be posted
- Colored streamers designating the assigned class will be distributed at check-in

Identification:

- Registrants must provide sufficient description for the Race Committee to easily identify their boat on the water (sail number is sufficient).
- Prior to the start, each boat shall check in with the Committee Boat and identify themselves and the class in which they intend to sail. Keep well clear of the committee boat when it is maneuvering to anchor.

Rules: All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2025-2028 (available on [ptsail.org](https://www.ptsail.org) on the racing page.

- 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 disqualifications (DSQ's) for scoring purposes.
- When encountering vessels not racing, the COLREGS take precedence.
- Boats receiving five 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 for each class wins.**

Finish time: Boats not finishing the course within 2.5 hours of their start will be scored "Did Not Finish" (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 to notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68.
- Participants are encouraged to have NOAA chart 18464 "Port Townsend" on board.
- This year's event will include a dinghy fleet. Dinghy sailors should take extra precautions when maneuvering around larger boats and remain clear of the start/finish line except when starting/ finishing.

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Results & Awards: There will be an awards party after the race at the NW Maritime Center. Pizza and beer provided (thanks to our supporters).

Responsibility: Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. (See the Racing Rules of Sailing part 3, 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 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 - "Stay clear of any whales"

Course: (See course chart below)

- The course will be a triangle of approximately 2 NM.
 - The RACING CLASS (A) will sail 3 laps (~6 NM)
 - The THUNDERBIRD CLASS will sail 3 laps (~6 NM)
 - CRUISING 1 and 2 will sail 2 laps (~4 NM)
 - CRUISING 3 (Inshore/ Dinghies) will sail 1 lap (~2NM) or multiple Windward Leeward. TBP
- The Committee Boat (named "Committee") 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.
- The course may be shortened 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.

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:

Start Order	Class	Streamer	Flag
1	Racing	Blue	A
2	Thunderbird	None	TBird
3	Cruising 1	Red	B
4	Cruising 2	Green	C
5	Cruising 3	Yellow	D
6	Dinghies		E

- The breaks between Cruising 1 and Cruising 2, and Cruising 3 will be determined at close of registration and announced at the skippers meeting. The class ID streamers will be distributed at that time.
- 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.

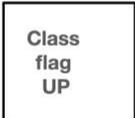
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- The start of one class will be the beginning of the sequence for the next class (as the “A” flag comes down the next class flag/ Thunderbird flag goes up).
- The Race Committee will try to hail any boats over the line early, if they can be identified.
- 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.

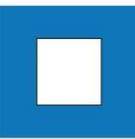
Start Sequence



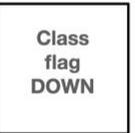
ALERT: — Only orange flag show
 - **One minute** before first *start sequence* begins (six minutes to the start) six horn blasts will sound.



WARNING — Class flag up
 - **Five minutes** before the start the class flag is raised and one horn blast. The flag stays up until the start (five minutes). See *Other Flags and Signals* below to see what the class flags look like.



PREPARATORY
 - **Four minutes** before class start the preparatory flag is raised with one horn blast. The flag stays up for **three minutes**. On the raising of the preparatory flag, the Racing Rules of Sailing take effect.
 - **One minute** before the start the preparatory flag lowered with one horn blast. The class flag stays up.



START
 - At **zero** minutes the class flag is lowered with one horn blast.
 - If there is more than one class the next class flag is raised simultaneously. Boats for the next start may enter the starting area.
 - Any immediately subsequent horn blast(s) indicate **RECALLS** for boats over the line early (OCS).

Other Flags and Signals



Thunderbird Class Flag



A Class Flag



B Class Flag



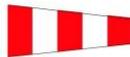
INDIVIDUAL RECALL — ONE horn when raised
 - Boats over the line early must restart .
 - Flag lowered when all boats clear.



GENERAL RECALL— TWO horns when raised
 - The entire class must restart.
 - ALERT signal for new race start one minute after flag lowered.
 - Later class starts delayed.



C Class Flag



POSTPONEMENT — Two horns when raised
 — ONE horn when lowered.
 — ALERT signal for race start one minute after flag down.



SHORTEN COURSE — Two horns when raised
 — Course is shortened, to fewer laps, or by flying "S" at an intermediate mark not yet passed by leader



CHANGE COURSE – Random horn blasts
 — The next mark has been moved/changed.
 Flown from a chase boat which will provide bearing or identification of next mark.



RACE ABANDONED - Three horns when raised.
 — Return to starting area.
 — If "N" is flown over an "A", racing is over for the day.



MARK BOAT - Repeated single horn blasts
 — A chase boat with this flag is in place of a missing mark.
 — Round the boat as required for the mark.



D Class Flag

2026 Shipwrights' Regatta Course & Start Order

Class Starting order:-

Order	Class	Flag	Streamer
1	Racing	A	Blue
2	Thunderbird	T-bird	None
3	Cruising A	B	Red
4	Cruising B	C	Green
5	Inshore	D	Yellow
6+	Dinghies	E	None

The Course will be around a 2 n.m. triangle, the first leg being to Windward.

The RACING and THUNDERBIRD Classes will sail Three (3) Laps. Their course will be:-

Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Do not cross the S/F line except to START or FINISH – see NOTE below.

The CRUISING A and CRUISING B Classes will sail Two (2) Laps. Their course will be:-

Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Do not cross the S/F line except to START or FINISH – see NOTE below.

The INSHORE Class will sail One (1) Lap. Their course will be:- Start-1-2-3-Finish

The DINGHIES will have multiple starts around very short courses - to be explained at the start of the event.

NOTE to the classes sailing multiple laps.

The Start/Finish line will be closed between laps. DO NOT cross the S/F line except at your Start and proper Finish. The only exception is if the course is Shortened by the Race Committee stationing a Chase Boat flying code flag "S" at the Leeward mark (#3) . Should the "S" be displayed above a "C" flag, then the Shorten Course only applies to the Cruising classes.

