



Ted Pike Memorial Regatta

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Sailing Instructions



RACE COORDINATION

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ELIGIBILITY:- All vessels owned or operated by Port Townsend Sailing Association (PTSA) members, and Guest yachts, whose Skippers (or designees) land on the beach (see START AREA below) to submit a completed entry form (available below) or fill out the form at the Skipper's Meeting and submit the prescribed Entry Fee. Handicaps are PHRF and scoring is Time-on-Distance. Vessels with no rating will be assigned a provisional one based on the Race Committee's best evaluation.

ENTRY FEE:- The Entry Fee is a minimum of one (1) pint of quality Rum. Entry Fees are collected at the Skippers Meeting on the beach. (Yachts that submit what is, in the opinion of the Race Committee, Coordinator, and sundry hangers-on, poor quality rum may hurt their handicap)

RULES:- The regatta will be governed by the 2025 - 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing and the Prescriptions of US SAILING. With the following exceptions:-

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES The 720 degree penalty turn specified in Rule 44.1 is replaced with a 360 degree turn.

PROTESTS There will be no provision for protests. In the ideals of PTSA, it is expected that a Corinthian Spirit prevails. Sail conservatively, not aggressively, everyone should have fun. The 2026 Sailing instructions for PTSA Races apply except as modified herein.

DESIGNEES:- A yacht may designate crew members other than the Owner/Skipper to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner/Skipper is physically unable to reach shore or is under 21 years of age. Any member of the crew may represent the yacht at the finish.

CLASSES & IDENTIFICATION:- Declare Class at registration.

Class

A – Racing

B – Cruising (no spinnaker)

START AREA, SKIPPER LANDING & FEE SUBMISSION:- The Start anchorage area will be within ~200 yards offshore of the beach at the Southern Boundary of Fort Worden, approximately **abeam** of the **Orange Flag**. Yachts must be properly anchored, with sails secured by approximately **11:45**. All Skippers or Designees (see above) must be ashore, with the entry fee, to attend the Skippers Meeting, and register their entry by **12:00**. Any means of transportation from the yacht is to be non-motorized, and be beached within 75 ft of the Race Committee at the orange flag. (Beware of the rising tide). While pouring the rum into the **Keg** the Skipper will **holler** their boat's **name** and **class** and **point** to it, where-upon the **crew will return the hail**. This will ensure the RC has identified the boat. The degree of enthusiasm apparent in the hails may impact a yacht's rating but will not compensate for poor quality rum.

SKIPPER'S MEETING:- Any changes to these published Sailing Instructions announced on the beach will augment and/or supersede some of these instructions. The designated **course**, selected from those on the attached chart-let to suit the prevailing wind conditions, will be announced at that time. Also distributed at that time will be the colored streamers, to be flown from the backstay, or other visible location to indicate a boat's class. *A crew member other than the Skipper may be approved to represent a yacht at the skipper's meeting if*

the skipper is physically unable to travel to and from the shore. Proposed designee may affect the yacht's handicap rating.

STARTING LINE, TIME & SIGNALS:-All Skippers and Designees must **start** from up-beach of a line drawn in the sand between the Keg of Rum and the Orange flag. Only when the Skipper or designee has **made physical contact** with their yacht can the crew begin to hoist sail and up anchor (no motors).

<u>Class</u> :- Both	<u>Time</u> :-	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u> :-	<u>Flag Signal</u>
	2 Min Prior to Start.-	<u>Attention</u>	Mult. Short horn blasts	None
	1 Min Prior to Start.-	<u>Warning</u>	1 <u>Short</u> horn blast	"A" up
	12:30 approximate.-	<u>Start</u>	1 <u>Long</u> horn blast	"A" Down

Yachts starting early (touching sail ties, halyards or anchor rode before the Skipper makes contact with Yacht) shall have 15 minutes plus the amount of time they start early added to their finish time unless they reset anchor, drop sails and restart **properly**. The RC is not required to recall the offending yacht(s) but must be notified. The actual Start Time is ASAP after all entrants are registered and the Skipper's Meeting is complete.

COURSE & MARKS:- The attached diagram shows the approximate position, call-out letter and descriptions of **marks** that may be used for the **course** for this race. The number(s) of the actual **course(s)** to be used from those listed will be announced at the skipper's meeting. The choice will be made based on wind conditions at the time and predictions for the period of the race. Be alert for possible course change signals, as indicated on the course chart-let, as wind conditions dictate.

FINISH:- The Finish point will be at the Orange Flag on the beach between the City Dock and the Northwest Maritime Center Dock, on the south side of the boat ramp. To **Finish**, each yacht must have a legal drinking member of the crew go ashore **WITH A CUP**, run up to the Race Committee, and **loudly yell** the name of their yacht in order to receive a 1.0 oz shot of rum in **their** cup. Upon drinking the rum, **inverting their cup**, and again **yelling the boat name**, the finish time will be recorded. When the crew member has left to go ashore the yacht it is to **stand well away from the finish area** to allow clear access for subsequent finishers. Remember you are still racing until your person ashore inverts their cup and hollers your boat name. How, and if, you retrieve your person ashore is not part of these SI's.

TIME LIMIT:- Any vessel not finishing the rum tests within four hours of the start is scored DNF. (And may be late for the party).

RESULTS & AWARDS:- The post race party will be at be the PTSA Clubhouse at the Boat Haven (landward side of launch ramp parking lot) at 17:30. **Bring a side dish or dessert to share-PTSA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and the BBQ Grill (and RUM/ Ginger Beer!)**. Results will be announced at the party ASAP after they are tabulated. There will be awards for the top three finishers in both classes.

SAFETY:- Any yacht that retires from the race must notify the Race Committee, preferably via radio (VHF channel 68), or, when reaching port call the Race Chairperson. Vessels are to monitor VHF channels 16 and 68. All vessels must comply with U.S.C.G. marine safety regulations and have submitted a valid (signed) Entry/ Release Form. Skippers are reminded of their responsibilities under RRS 4, Decision to Race.

FERRIES & OTHER SHIPPING:- Racing yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the Inland Rules of The Road. Show clear intent to keep clear of right-of-way vessels. Any racer(s) suspected of being the cause of a Ferry's five horns will be DSQ. The USCG requires that you remain 100 yds. from a ferry, tank ship or Naval vessel, 1000 yds. from a Submarine, 200 yds. from an Orca (400 yds if in its direction of travel). Penalties for transgression may exceed the value of your boat (by a lot).

TRASH:- Each Skipper is responsible for properly disposing of their empty Entry Fee rum bottle. Trash shall not be discharged into the Bay or left on the beach.