

Early Bird Series 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

North Flathead Yacht Club Somers, Montana

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the regulations of Northern Rockies Sailing Association, Class rules for One Designs, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2** The PHRF handicap number assigned to each boat for racing will be the base number as determined by the NFYC PHRF Committee.
- To gain an adjustment for sailing without a spinnaker or undersized head sail competitors must complete a sail measurement form including only the sails to be used during the series. An adjusted handicap will then be assigned for use during the entire series.
 - The Thistles will be given the same PHRF handicap as the J24 if not in a one design fleet.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by Principle Race Officer relaying information of change to the sailing instructions on VHF Channel 68.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.nfyc.org or Middle deck of the NFYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2** The race office is located at the club room, 406 857-2582, nfycvice@gmail.com
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 68.
- 3.4** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race officer's boat.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1** Race 1 Tuesday, June 8
Race 2 Friday, June 11
Race 3 Tuesday, June 15
Race 4 Friday, June 18
- 6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1930 hours.
- 6.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1** [The A Class flag is a solid blue flag with letter "A" in the middle, the "B Class" flag is a solid red flag with letter "B" in the middle, and the "C&D Class" flag is solid yellow with letter "C" in the middle.

The classes shall be determined by the number of participants.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1** The racing area shall be in and around Somers Bay, generally directly East of the Fish Hatchery.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in SI addendum 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length is $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 mile per leg (one way).

- The course shall be windward/leeward
- The fleet will sail twice around the course
- Starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange (pin) buoy at the port end.
- All marks will be rounded to port.
- After the fleet has started, the committee boat will reposition starboard of the windward mark to establish a race finish line.
- The starting pin will become the short leeward mark.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are orange tetrahedrons.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The Following objects are designated as obstructions:

- Rock/weather station south of the club with a flashing light on top of it.
- The trestles coming out from the shore south of the club.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 6 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a orange tetrahedron at the port end

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel (Committee Boat) at the starboard end and the

course side of the port end finishing mark. The finish mark will be the windward mark.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1** The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the club.
- 15.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at upstairs club room filing cabinets.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at upstairs club house meeting room, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 15.5** The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

16 SCORING

- 16.1** The scoring system is as follows: Low-point scoring system.
- 16.2** A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 18.2** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1** Prizes will be given [in each class] at the annual club awards banquet.

20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1** 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 and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, 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.**

21 INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance may be required.