



Early Bird Series

2019 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules:

- This series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the regulations of Northern Rockies Sailing Association, Class rules for One Designs, and these sailing instructions.
- 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.

Fleets:

To be determined by the number of participants.

Order:

- One Start

Starting Times:

- 7:30 p.m. – June 4th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 2019

The start sequence will be:

- Fleet flag 5 min. before start
- Preparatory flag 4 min.
- Preparatory flag removed 1 min.
- Fleet flag removed START.

If there is a general recall at the start the fleet will begin a new start sequence immediately after the start signal

Course:

- The course shall be windward/leeward with a short leeward mark and a long leeward mark.
- Each fleet will sail twice around their course.
 - C & D will sail two short courses
 - B will sail a long and a short
 - A will sail two long courses.
- Starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange (pin) buoy at the port end.
- Starting area is restricted to only the class within its preparatory signal.
- All other boats shall stay clear of the starting area, or may be subject to protest from affected boats or the race committee.
- All marks will be rounded to port.
- After all fleets have 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.
- A minimum three boat length restriction around the short leeward mark shall be observed by all boats not engaged in rounding the short leeward mark when any boat is rounding. This rule will be strictly enforced for safety reasons, and non-compliance may result in disqualification.

Scoring:

Shall be based on the low point scoring system. Any boat who finishes a minimum of 1 race is eligible to be scored for the series.