



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS May 19-21, 2017

1 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the Offshore Special Regulations issued by World Sailing, the class rules of the PHRF BC, and the Notice of Race.

1.2 Between sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea with Transport Canada modifications will replace Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board at www.saltspringsailing.ca. Commencing Thursday, May 18, courtesy copies of all new notices will also be posted on a board located at the dock gatehouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on

Saturday 20 May, except that any changes to the schedule will be posted before 2000 on Friday 19 May.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

5 COURSE

5.1 The course will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting starting at 0830 on May 20, posted on the Official Notice Board, and signaled from the Committee Boat.

5.2 The Green Course will be from the Start, leaving Sisters and Chain Islands to port, then leaving Salt Spring Island, Idol Island, Grappler Rock and Atkins Reef, Welbury U49 Spar Buoy, Sisters and Chain Islands to starboard, then to the Finish.

5.3 The Red Course will be from the Start, leaving Sisters and Chain Islands, Welbury U49 Spar Buoy, Salt Spring Island, Atkins Reef, Grappler Rock and Idol Island to port, then leaving Sisters and Chain Islands to starboard, then to the Finish.

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6 DIVISIONS AND SCHEDULE

6.1 Division breaks and the final order of starting will be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before Friday May 19 and copies will be available at Registration. Each competitor’s Registration Package will include a coloured pennant that must be flown from their backstay to identify their respective division.

6.2 The order of start is:

Division	Warning Signal	Warning Signal Time	Backstay Pennant Colour
7	Flag A	0955	Green
6	Flag 6		Yellow
5	Flag 5		Blue
4	Flag 4		Orange
3	Flag 3		White
2	Flag 2		Pink
Gap			
1	Flag 1		none
Multi	Flag M		none

7 THE START

7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 0955 hrs on May 20.

7.2 The race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from visual signals made aboard the Committee Boat. The absence of a sound signal shall not be grounds for redress.

7.3 The starting line will be located between an orange flag on the Committee Boat anchored to the southeast of the SISC breakwater float, and an orange flag hoisted by an inflatable boat moored off Goat Island.

7.4 Boats whose division warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100 metres clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

7.5 Rule 30.1 (“I” Flag Rule – Round the End) will be in effect for all starts.

7.6 If conditions would not allow a fair or safe start, or if the starting line is not clear of the previous division, then the next division start may be delayed or postponed. The time limit for the race will not change.

7.7 For the convenience of boats, the Race Committee will transmit an unofficial countdown on VHF Channel 72. Errors in the countdown transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1 (a).

7.8 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or make it promptly will not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1 (a).

7.9 In the event of a General Recall or Postponement, competitors shall pay attention to warning signals made from the Committee Boat.

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8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Finish Boat, a white power boat moored at the south end of the SISC breakwater dock, and an orange mark anchored approximately 100 metres off the Finish Boat. This area will be lit at night.

Boats should be aware of the drying sand bar seaward of the spit of land immediately south of the Sailing Club and the Finish.

8.2 When nearing the finishing line boats MUST announce their approach by contacting the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 or by phone at 250-538-8857, informing the Race Committee of the boat name, sail number and hull color(s).

8.3 All boats are required to record their finish time and the names of the boats in front and behind at the finish on their Finish Form.

8.4 After crossing the finishing line, all competitors are required to promptly submit their completed Finish Form to the Finish Boat. **Boats that fail to submit a completed Finish Form will be scored DNF.**

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit for the race will be 1030 hrs on Sunday May 21. Boats not finished at this time will be scored DNF.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Competitors are reminded that this race involves a wide range of boat sizes and

speeds, and crews of varying experience. Boats should make an extra effort to appreciate the performance differences of nearby boats. If fouls do occur, please respect the principles of sportsmanship.

10.2 Protest forms will be available from the Finish Boat. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Finish Boat within one hour of the finish of the boat filing the protest or request for redress.

10.3 Notices of hearing and named parties will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the receipt of protest or request for redress. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on bottom floor of the SISC Clubhouse beginning at 1000 hrs.

11 PENALTIES

11.1 Competitors are reminded that Rule 44.1 (2 turns for breach of a rule in part 2 and 1 turn for breach of Rule 31) are in effect, and that Rule 44.3 is not.

11.2 The Protest Committee, at its sole discretion, shall impose penalties for violations of Rules that may be up to and including the disqualification of a boat from the race. This modifies Rule 64.1.

11.3 Boats using propulsion as permitted under SI 12.8 may voluntarily accept a time penalty of 1% of the boat's elapsed time. Boats not voluntarily accepting a penalty, or reported using propulsion without declaring so on the Finish Form will be protested.

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12 COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY

12.1 Except in an emergency, or in fulfilling the requirements of the Sailing Instructions, a boat while still racing shall neither make or receive radio transmissions, mobile telephone calls, or use mobile internet devices, to obtain information not freely available to all boats.

12.2 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 and be available at 250-538-8857.

12.3 All Emergency Communications will use VHF channel 16. The Canadian Coast Guard will be the primary contact for all emergency communications. If possible, also inform the Race Committee.

12.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 4 race, with the Round Saltspring modifications specified in the Notice of Race shall apply.

12.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect boats for safety compliance prior to the start or after their finish.

12.6 After a boat's finish, the Race Committee reserves the right to confirm the "as sailed" specifications of any boat.

12.7 Saltspring Island Sailing Club recommends that all sailors wear Transport Canada approved flotation devices, strobe lights and harnesses.

12.8 If a boat is drifting into danger, grounded, or avoiding a collision, minimal use may be made of propulsion provided the boat does not gain an advantage by use

of propulsion. The use of propulsion must be logged with diagrams and reported to the Race Committee on the Finish Form within one hour of finishing. Please see Section 11.3 for penalties.

12.9 In the event of grounding, outside help may result in disqualification.

12.10 Vessels still racing after midnight and not yet arrived at the Sisters Islands are encouraged to contact the Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 72, or 250-538-8857 or email at rs-registrar@saltspringsailing.ca by 1:00 am to confirm their approximate position and any information about adjacent competing boats.

12.11 Boats retiring MUST notify the Race Committee immediately via VHF Channel 72, or phone at 250-538-8857. You will receive an official withdrawal confirmation. If there is no answer from the Race Committee, please leave a message with time, boat name and contact number.

12.12 Failure to notify the Race Committee that your boat is retiring may result liability for any search costs that may be instigated. Boats may also be protested under Rule 69.1.

13 SCORING

13.1 The race will be scored based on Time on Distance. The race distance for scoring will be 42.0 nautical miles.

14 CREW and SKIPPER AWARDS

14.1 Prizes will be awarded on Sunday,

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May 22, beginning approximately 1130.

14.2 Please remember to nominate crew and/or skipper for any outstanding, notable, brave, brilliant, bold, extraordinary or just plain odd acts of seamanship, tactics or heroism. Nominations can be made on the Finish Form.

14.3 The major awards are:

- **Marshall Sharp Trophy** – first overall, corrected time
- **Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy** – first overall sailing for SISC, corrected time
- **Lady Minto Foundation Line Honours Trophy** - first monohull to finish, elapsed time
- **Tar and Feathers Trophy** – last to finish, elapsed time
- **UK Sails Team Challenge** – lowest sum of the corrected finishing position of each registered team member within their division.

Division Awards:

Less than 7 registered boats – 1 award
7 to 10 registered boats – 2 awards
More than 10 registered boats – 3 awards

Other awards will be given to boats sailing with No Flying Sails, sailing single or double handed, and environmental stewardship.

15 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

15.1 Round Saltspring subscribes to the Clean Regatta program published by Sailors for the Sea.

15.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirements of Rule 55 of the RRS. As they are easily lost overboard, RSS strongly advises against the use of single-use water bottles. Free filtered water for re-useable bottles will be provided at SISC.

15.3 The waters around Saltspring Island Sailing Club and Ganges Harbour are designated No Discharge Zones. The nearest holding tank pump out is at the Salt Spring Harbour Authority Breakwater Float.

15.4 Competitors are encouraged to separate recyclables from on-board garbage and use appropriate shore-side containers.

15.5 An award will be given to boat displaying exception environmental awareness. Please make note of new measures taken on Finish Form.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in this event at their own risk. Please see rule 4, Decision to Race. Saltspring Island Sailing Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

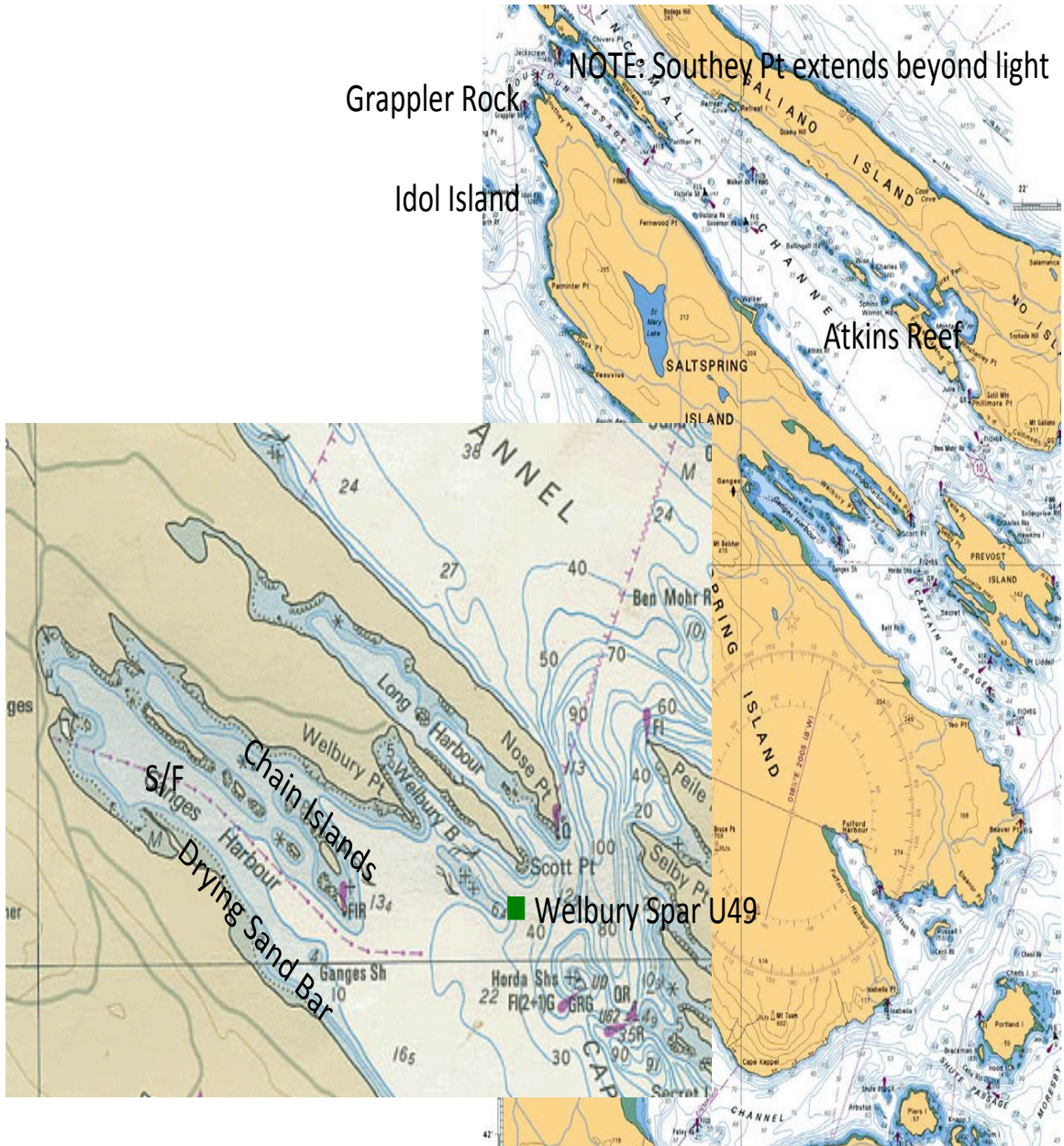
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