



**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Regatta**  
**April 30 - May 1, 2011**  
Hosted by  
**The Columbia Basin Sailing Club**  
**Charbonneau Park, WA**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **CBSC RACING RULES**

All races will be governed by the current United States Sailing Association (USSA) Rules, except as provided in these instructions and as prescribed by the One Design or Association Class rules. Supplementary sailing instructions may be issued for any particular race or races to augment those provided herein. If applicable, contestants will be notified of these changes.

### **REGISTRATION AND ENTRY**

All skippers are required to register by completing an online or hardcopy registration form. When not racing in a One Design Class, the entrant will provide data appropriate for determining the rating used for scoring purposes. The Race Committee (RC) will consider these data in establishing a handicap rating. Where possible, the published values of ratings (e.g., *Table of North American Portsmouth Numbers and Wind Dependent Handicaps*) will be used.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

Notices and official signals will be posted at the location designated during the Skippers' Meeting. Notices will be posted no later than ½ hour prior to the initial race of the day.

### **SKIPPER'S MEETING**

A Skippers' Meeting will be held prior to the initial race. Additional Skippers' Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS MODIFICATIONS**

The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the Sailing Instructions and Course Sheet via Official Notices or via verbal instructions on the water.

### **STARTING TIMES**

The starting times for each day will be listed in the Official Notices. Any modifications to the starting times for Sunday's races will be posted in an Official Notice no later than 19:00 on Saturday.

## **STARTING ORDER**

The initial starting order will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting. The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the starting order via Official Notices or via verbal instructions on the water.

## **STARTING SIGNALS AND RECALLS**

The starting signals will be as follows, replacing the system in RRS 26:

Indication	Flag Signal	Sound Signal	Time
Warning	Class Flag	1 sound	5 min. to start
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag	1 sound	4 min. to start
One Minute	Preparatory Flag Removed	1 sound	1 min. to start
Race Start	Class Flag Removed	1 sound	0 min.

The first race of the day will be a sequential start of the different classes in the order specified at the Skippers' Meeting (unless any fleet has two General Recalls). The starts will be in 5-minute intervals unless a *Postpone Signal* is raised.

After the first race of the day, the starts will be rolling starts, determined on the water and indicated by the class card on the Race Committee boat. The class card will face the start line.

Code flag "X" and one sound signal will signify an Individual Recall of one or more craft. Attempts will be made to notify the individual yachts, but the responsibility for starting properly resides with the contestants.

Code Flag "First Repeater" and two sound signals will signify a General Recall. In a General Recall, the next starting time is five minutes after the aborted start. The "First Repeater" will be dropped at that time (along with the other normal starting signal) and the Preparatory will be raised at four minutes to the start. After an initial General Recall, the Round-an-End Starting Rule is in effect. No Code flag "L" will be flown. In the event of two General Recalls, that class will shift to the last class to start.

## **STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

The starting and finishing lines are as described in the course map and at the Skippers' Meeting. The starting line is restricted to the use of craft in their preparatory period, during an actual race start. The finish line is always closed unless the craft is finishing.

## **COURSES**

The courses that can be sailed are provided on the course sheet on page 4 or as announced.

### **SHORTEN COURSE MODIFICATIONS**

The Race Committee may, for safety reasons or to enhance the contestants' race enjoyment, modify the course after the race has started in one of the following manners:

- Code flag "S" flown near a rounding mark will indicate that the contestants shall finish between the craft flying the flag and the adjacent mark (course mark rounding required).
- Code flag "S" plus a red flag flown near a rounding mark will indicate that the contestants shall proceed directly to the finish line after rounding that mark in the course rounding direction.

### **MARKS**

The marks will be one of two general types: large plastic barrels painted orange; or red, orange, or yellow inflatables.

### **TIME LIMITS**

Unless otherwise stipulated by the Race Committee, the time limit will be 2 hours from the race start. Races not scored because no contestant completes the prescribed course within the time limit will be abandoned as determined by the Race Committee. All craft not completing the prescribed course within 2 hours will be scored as DNF.

### **PROTESTS**

Protests must be made in writing and in the format prescribed by the ISAF no later than 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat returns following the close of the final race of the day.

### **SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System.

### **NUMBER OF RACES**

The number of races will depend on the wind and no races will be started after 2pm on Sunday.

### **SAFETY**

Each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. Each yacht must have the required safety equipment. To assist the Race Committee in accounting for craft, any yacht not finishing a race shall notify the Race Committee that they have withdrawn from the race.

### **BARGES**

Barges have the right of way at all times. **They cannot stop!** All participants must choose a safe course when barges are in the area.

