

# Whidbey Island Race Week 2016

## July 10-15

### Sailing Instructions

Hosted by Oak Harbor Yacht Club  
Produced by Whidbey Island Race Week, LLC  
Organizing Authority: Whidbey Island Race Week, LLC

#### 1. Rules

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

1.1.1. *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing.*

1.1.2. *The Racing Rules of Sailing **Appendix T, Sections B and D.***

1.1.2.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 will be replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while *racing*."

1.1.2.2. Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply.

1.1.2.3. Rule 55, Trash Disposal, is in effect. This shall include Water Balloons.

1.1.2.4. RRS 64.1 will be modified so that the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, (suggested to be a 40% scoring penalty) for violations of the Class Rules or other Non-Part 2 rules.

1.1.2.5. Rule a T2.2 (a) and (b) are changed read: (a) 40%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 60%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning or a hearing involving the incident.

1.1.3. The class rules of any fleets sailing in one design classes.

1.1.4. PIYA Safety Equipment Requirement for Near Shore Racing with the following modifications:

1.1.4.1. PIYA SER 2.7.2 (Mechanical Propulsion) is eliminated for Etchells and 6 Meter classes which are racing either in one-designed fleets that do not require motors, or have PHRF ratings that account for no motor. Boats sailing under the change provided by this NOR rule acknowledge that they are assuming increased risk sailing without a motor and the OA and RC will not be responsible for towing these boats. For this reason they are encouraged to have a tender or make other arrangements for assistance. Other classes of boats interested in eliminating PIYA SER 2.7.2 may contact the OA and RC prior to the event for possible amendment to this NOR.

1.1.4.2. Boats not required to fulfil PIYA SER 2.7.2 are also not required to fulfil PIYA SER 3.4.

1.1.4.3. PIYA SER 3.6.4 is replaced with "A boat shall fulfill US Coast Guard requirements for carrying flares."

1.1.4.4. PIYA SER 3.8.2 is modified to remove the second sentence.

1.1.4.5. PIYA SER 3.19.1, 3.24.3, 3.26.1 and 3.26.2 are eliminated.

1.1.4.6. Boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor channel 72.

1.1.5. These Sailing Instructions.

1.2. In any conflict between the Notice of Race, class rules, PHRF-NW Rules and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7.

1.3. A guest PHRF guest-pass/certificate validated within 30 hours of 1000 am July 11<sup>th</sup> will be considered valid till conclusion of racing on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 1.4. No boats shall be removed from the water without prior written approval of the Race Committee between 1000 on Monday, July 11, 2016 and the completion of racing on Friday, July 15, 2016.
- 1.5. RRS 34 (b) is changed to read, “substitute an object displaying flag M” striking out “and make repetitive sound signals.” This also changes RRS Signals description of the M flag.
2. Notices to Competitors and Race Headquarters
  - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is a clearly identified section of the South window on the ground floor of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
  - 2.2. Race Headquarters will be in a trailer located in the fenced in area of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
4. Classes, Class Identifications, and Handicap Ratings.
  - 4.1. The competitors will be organized into separate fleets and will race with their assigned fleet.
    - 4.1.1. The classes will be designated 0, 1, 2... 10. Class flags will be the numeral pennants for the class number, except class 10, which will be the German flag.
    - 4.1.2. Class assignments, made by Whidbey Island Race Week, LLC and shown on the official entry list, will be distributed with registration materials at check-in on July 10.
    - 4.1.3. Any changes to the assignments on the printed official entry list will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1000 on Monday, July 11 and Signal Flag ‘L’ will be flown from the OHYC flag staff to indicate changes have been made.
  - 4.2. Each boat shall fly from its backstay the color streamer assigned to its class. The color streamer will be provided with the boat’s registration material with a list of color/class assignments.
  - 4.3. Notice of any errors in handicap ratings or other registration information must be brought to the attention of the Race Committee, in writing, before 1000 of the day following the day that error was posted. **Races may or may not be rescored, at the discretion of the Race Committee, if changes are brought to its attention outside of this time limit.**
5. Sail Numbers
  - 5.1. Boats whose sail numbers do not comply with the Rules of Appendix G may be issued a written warning posted on the official notice board by the Race Committee.
  - 5.2. Boats that do not comply with Appendix G in races on days following a written warning as described in SI 5.1 may be given a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in Rule 44.3 (c) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.
  - 5.3. If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the Race Committee **IN WRITING**, stating her class, boat name, registered sail number, and alternate sail number **prior to the race**. The Race Committee may reject any requested alternate sail number which is a duplicate of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction, or competes with a sail that’s number is denied approval by the Race Committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.
6. Radio Communication

VHF channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for communications with the fleet. The Race Committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement.

## 7. Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1. Signals displayed ashore will be displayed from the Oak Harbor YC flag staff.
- 7.2. An AP displayed ashore will be displayed at least 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning of the day.
- 7.3. When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signals definitions. This changes the Race Signals definitions.

## 8. Schedule Of Races

- 8.1. The Race Committee will attempt to conduct one or more races each day of the regatta as conditions permit.
- 8.2. The warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 1200 each day. Subsequent races may immediately follow each race.

## 9. Daily Check-in

- 9.1. All boats MUST check in with the Race Committee before the start of each day's racing. The Race Committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the Race Committee acknowledges her check-in.
- 9.2. All boats shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Starting Boat and **hailing her class and sail number**, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF 72 **with her class and sail number**. After the first warning, boats may only check in on VHF 72.

## 10. Racing Area

The starting line will be located within five (5) nautical miles of the red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.

## 11. Starting Procedures

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 11.2. The race committee may hail on channel 72 and/or may signal with a series of short horn blasts before the beginning of a starting sequence.
- 11.3. The starting order for each race will be displayed using class number placards on the Race Committee boat's reader board. See Sailing Instruction 12, Courses. The class placards will be displayed in the order of the starts reading from left to right and from top line to bottom line. Lines may be reused after all listed classes on the line to be reused have started, starting from the top line. If a line is being reused, the line below it shall be blank to distinguish it from lower lines that may list classes that have not started and are earlier in the starting order. Race Committee may start classes in any order.
- 11.4. If the warning signal for the next class is made with the starting signal of the previous class, and if the starting class has a general recall, then the class flag of the next class will be removed and the start of the next class will be considered abandon without further signal. This changes RRS 27.3.
- 11.5. If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly and/or on VHF 72. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7. The Race Committee starting boat and/or finish boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting line with engine, including while anchored.

### 11.8. Starting Line

The starting line will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a Red or Orange mark to the left of the RC Boat when facing up wind.

11.9. *For smaller fleets, a shortened starting line may be used, that will be between an Orange flag on the Race committee starting boat (YC-V) and the course side of a round Green fender approximately 16 inches in diameter anchored nearer to the RC Boat than the S mark defined in SI 11.8. If the shortened starting line is to be used, the first letter of the affected fleet's course shall be a 'G' rather than an 'S'.*

## 12. Courses

12.1. Courses will be signaled by a sequence of letters following class number placards of the classes that are to sail that course. **NOTE: Class numbers may or may not be prefixed with the letter P.** Each letter designates a mark to be left to port **except jibe mark J, which shall be left to STARBOARD** and finishing marks or gates, (see SI 12.4). The first letter is the starting mark. The last is the finishing mark. Mark descriptions and relative locations are indicated on the attached course diagram.

12.1.1. New marks, as provided for in Sailing Instruction 13 Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be the same color and shape as the original mark, but will be ringed with a black band.

12.2. There may be separate Race Committee boats for the start and the finish of the course. When this is done, the starting boat will be CYC-Seattle's red boat YC-V. The finish boat will be *Gopher Baroque*.

12.2.1. A race finishing at *Gopher Baroque* will have the letter "F" as the last mark of the course.

12.2.2. A race finishing at YC-V will have the letter "M" as the last mark of the course if there is a separate finishing boat.

12.3. Starting Committee Boat Reader Board Example:

0 1 2	SAYF
3 4 5	GAXBZM
6 7 8 9	SBXBF

12.4. Gate at Leeward Mark: When a gate (two marks of similar shape and color) is present at a leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either the port gate mark to port or the starboard gate mark to starboard. A gate at one leeward mark shall not imply that all leeward marks are gates.

12.5. All marks other than J, Gates, M and F will always be left to Port.

### 12.6. Restriction of Start and Finish Lines:

***From the time a boat rounds the first rounding mark until she finishes, she shall not cross a line from YC-V to the mark S. nor shall she cross a line from YC-V to mark M nor a line from Finish Boat (Gopher Baroque) to mark F unless she is finishing. A competitor may exonerate herself from this infraction by executing a 2-turns penalty in compliance with rule 44.2 at the first reasonable opportunity after violating this Sailing Instruction. This changes RRS 28.1. A boat that fails to exonerate herself may be scored DNF without a hearing and may be protested by a competitor if she is not so scored. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.***

## 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 finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
  - 13.2. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
  - 13.3. **NOTE: As different classes are sailing different courses, you should only round a new mark if a change was signaled at the previous rounding mark in accordance with RRS 33.**
  - 13.4. A change in the direction of the next leg of the course will be signaled with green or red shapes. See RRS 33(a)(2).
- 14. Distance Race**
- 14.1. **If flag “D” is flying from the Race Committee Starting Boat throughout the starting sequence, all classes will sail a distance race and will use alternate mark descriptions as indicated in the attached Distance Race Course Diagram.**
  - 14.2. **A boat’s finishing position in the distance race will be counted TWICE when calculating overall results. This race will count as two races toward determining if there will be a throw-out. If a throw-out is allowed, ONE-HALF of the points scored in the distance race may be thrown out as a boat’s discard. This changes RRS A2.**
- 15. Finish Line**
- 15.1. The finishing line will be between an Orange or Yellow flag on the Race Committee finish boat (YC-V or *Gopher Baroque*, depending on the course) and the course side of a Yellow mark to the right of the RC Boat when facing up wind.
  - 15.2. If the finish of the course was designated as an F on the reader board, the finish boat will be (*Gopher Baroque*).
  - 15.3. If the finish of the course was designated as an M on the reader board, the finish boat will be the RC Signal Boat YC-V.
  - 15.4. The race committee may adjust or maintain the position of the finishing mark at any time without regard to RRS 33. This changes RRS 33.
  - 15.5. The race committee finishing boat may maneuver, with engine at any time, including when anchored, to adjust or maintain the length and orientation on the finishing line. This changes RRS 33 and 34.
- 16. Abandoning After Start**
- 16.1. RRS 32.1 is modified to provide that the Race Committee may abandon a race in progress when a change in the weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill. This changes RRS 32.1.
  - 16.2. Races may be abandoned for some classes while other classes continue racing. Classes whose race has been abandoned will be broadcast on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will fly Code Flag “N” above the class number pennant of those classes abandoned.
- 17. Time Limit**
- 17.1. For all races except the Distance Race, the first boat in a class must finish within 2 hours of her starting signal. All other boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish or they will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
  - 17.2. In the distance race (see SI 14) the time limit shall be 5 hours for the first boat in each class. All other boats must finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in their class to finish or they will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 18. Retiring From a Race**
- 18.1. Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee before leaving the race course by hailing her or on VHF 72 and receive acknowledgement from the Race

Committee. A boat that fails to report that she is retiring will be scored DNS without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5.

## 19. Protests and Redress

- 19.1. Protests forms are available at race headquarters and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2. The protest time limit will be ONE HOUR from either the RACE COMMITTEE BOAT'S DOCKING (YC-V) at the Oak Harbor Marine, OR WHEN A RED SIGNAL FLAG IS HOISTED WITH ONE SOUND AND FLOWN FROM THE OHYC FLAG STAFF in the event the YC-V is delayed on the water. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board at least 45 minutes before the time limit is reached.
- 19.3. A list of all protests filed, the order in which they will be heard and the start time for the first protest hearing(s) will be posted on the official bulletin board no more than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This constitutes notice per RRS 63.2, in conjunction with SI 19.2 and 19.4. **This also constitutes reasonable attempt to notify all boats as required by US Sailing Prescription to rule 63.2.** A protested party may obtain a copy of the protest at Race Headquarters for up to 90 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 19.4. **Hearings are scheduled for the morning following the race at 0830 except for Friday, July 15. Hearings on Friday, July 15 will begin as soon as practical after the protest time limit expires. Notice of hearing order will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiration of Protest Time limit on Friday, July 15. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.**
- 19.5. **Arbitration meetings will happen as soon as both parties and the arbitrator are available, this may be the same day the incident occurred and before the posted protest time limit.**
- 19.6. Hearings will be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
- 19.7. Requests for redress for alleged scoring errors must be filed no later than one hour after the posting of race results on the official notice board if results are posted by 2000 on the day of racing. If results are posted after 2000 on the day of racing, requests for redress must be filed by 1000 the following day. This modifies RRS 62.2.

## 20. Time Allowances

PHRF-NW time allowances will be calculated using PHRF-NW handicaps as assigned by the PHRF-NW Handicapper, and as shown on the entry list; using **time-on-distance**.

## 21. Scoring

- 21.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, as modified below, will be used.
- 21.2. Scores of RAF and DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one. This modifies RRS A4.2
- 21.3. Three races completed will constitute a series for this regatta.
- 21.4. If seven or more races are completed (or 6 races, one of which is the distance race) a boat's worst score will be discarded, except if that score is in the distance race, in which case only one-half of the scored points will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

## 22. Inspections

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification for compliance with PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore Racing or Class Rules at any time during the regatta.

## 23. Awards

Daily and series awards for first, second, and third places will be presented. (For fleets with 4 to 6 starters, only first and second will awarded. For fleets with fewer than 4 boats, only first will be awarded.) Special awards for outstanding competitors as determined by the

Race Committee and/or Race Organizers may be presented during the awards ceremonies.

**24. Disclaimer of Liability.**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## Course Diagram (NOT TO SCALE)

### Mark Descriptions:

**YC-5** RC boat at Start and alternate Finish (M)

**Finish Boat (Gopher Baroque)**, The alternate RC boat at Finish (F).  
May be Windward or Leeward of Leeward Marks C and U, or between Marks C and U. May be left or right of position in diagram.

**S** ORANGE or RED Start Mark

**G** Small Round Redish float indicating a shortened starting line. (May not be on a line between S and YC-5)

**B** RED Weather Mark

**Y** RED Leeward Mark

**X** RED Leeward Mark, 0.3 Nautical Miles, or less, to **weather** of RC Boat

**A** YELLOW Weather Mark

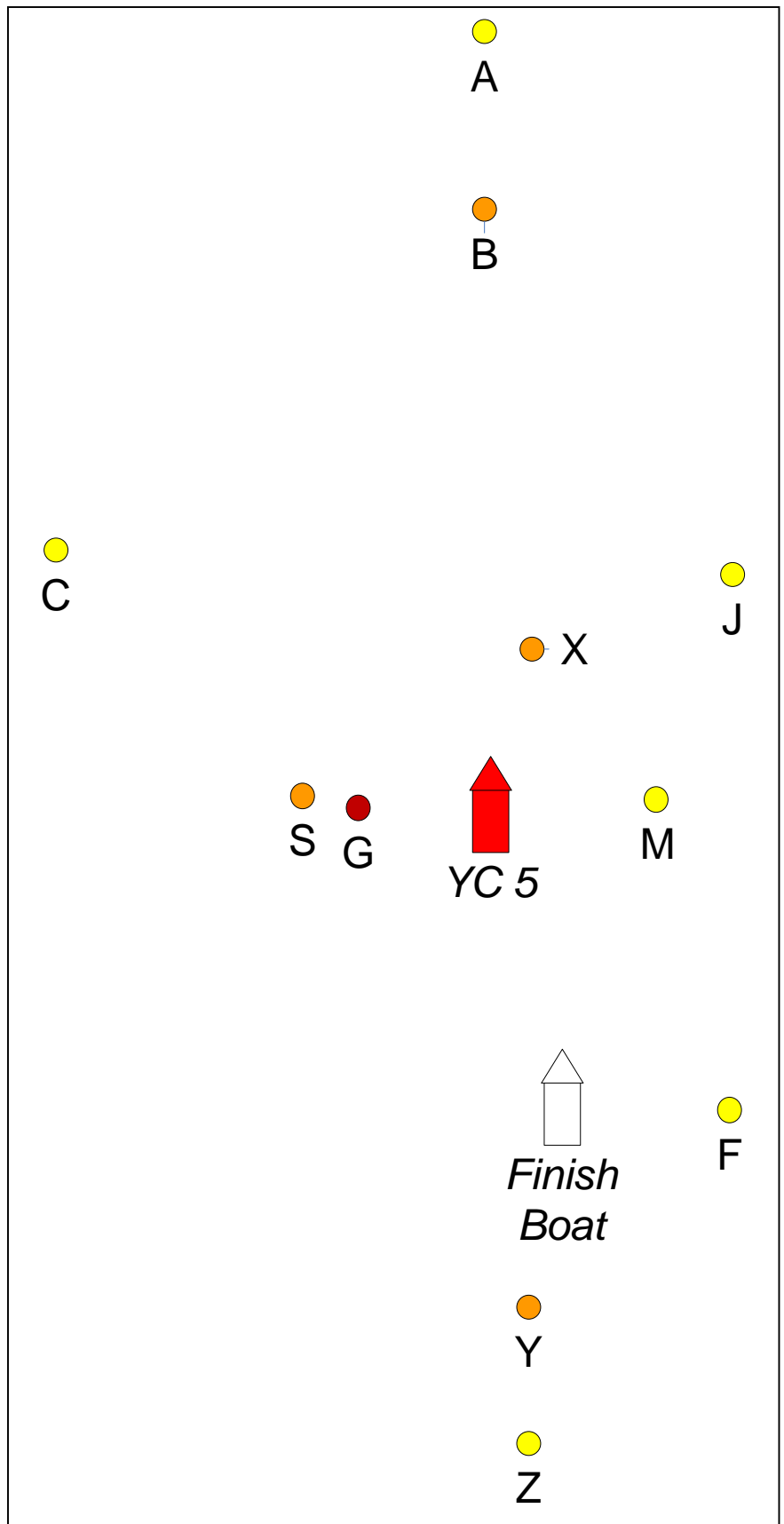
**C** YELLOW Jibe Mark which may be Windward or Leeward of the position shown in the diagram

**J** YELLOW Jibe mark to be left to STARBOARD which may be Windward or Leeward of the position shown in the diagram

**Z** YELLOW Leeward Mark

**F** YELLOW Finish Mark at Finish Boat, **Gopher Baroque**

**M** YELLOW Finish Mark at Signal Boat, YC-5

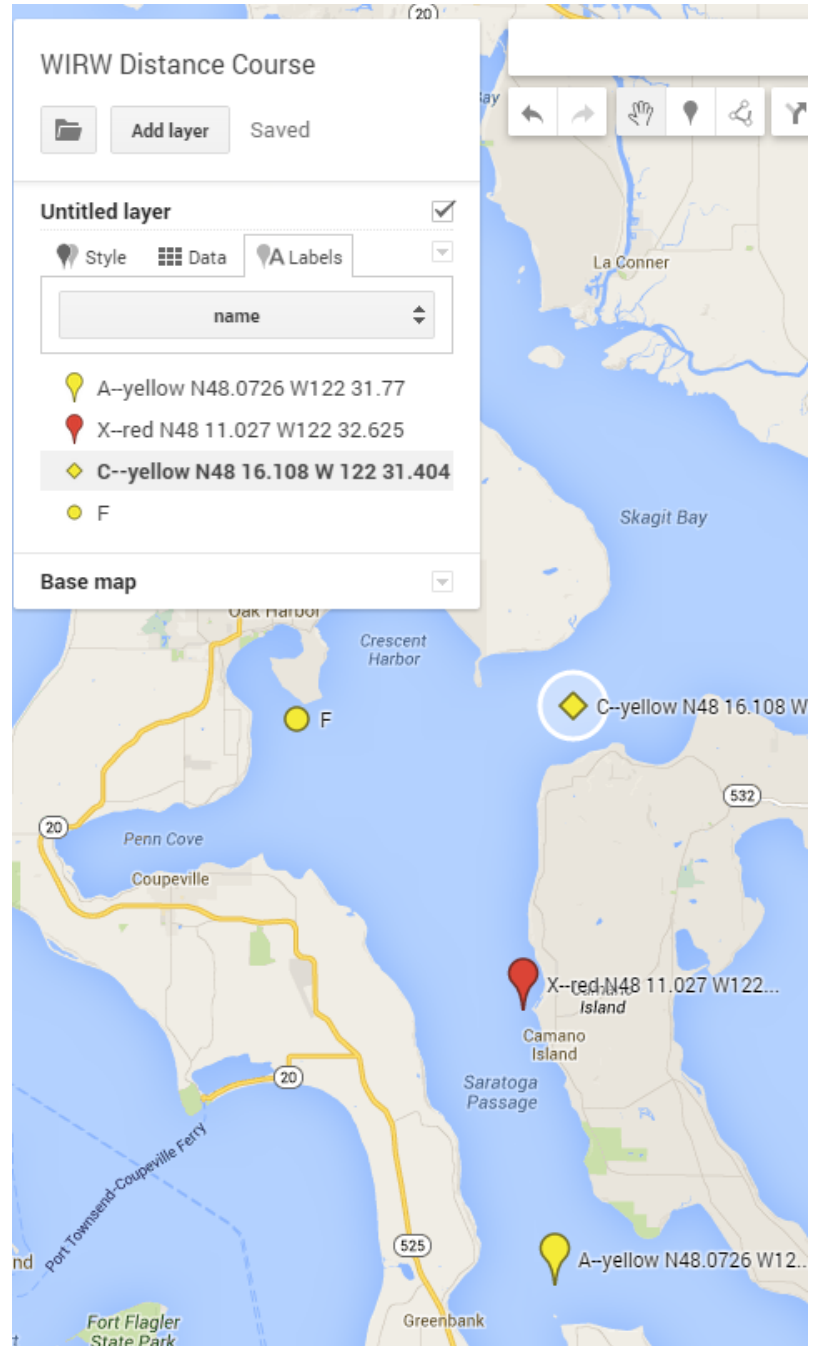




### Mark Descriptions:

- A** Temporary YELLOW mark set approximately 1/2 mile North of Baby Island  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 07.026  
W122 31.777
- X** Temporary RED mark set approximately 1/3 mile West of "6", FL R 6s 15ft at Onamac Point  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 11.027  
W122 32.625
- C** Temporary YELLOW mark set between Polnell Point and Utsalady Point  
Approx Coordinates:  
N48 16.108  
W122 31.404
- S** ORANGE or RED Start mark off YC-5
- G** Small Round Redish float indicating a shortened starting line. (May not be on a line between S and YC-5)
- F** YELLOW Finish mark off *Gopher Baroque*, in the vicinity of red lighted buoy R "2" off Forbes Point, which is between Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.

### Distance Course



## Tear-out, Easy SI Summary\*

<b>Marks:</b>	A	Yellow	Far Windward
	B	Red	Near Windward
	C	Yellow	Jibe
	J	Yellow	Jibe (left to STRBRD)
	X	Red	Leeward (above YC5)
	Y	Red	Near Leeward (below YC5)
	Z	Yellow	Far Leeward
	S	Red/Orange	Start
	G	Red Ball	Shorter Start
	M	Yellow	Finish at YC5
	F	Yellow	Finish at <i>Gopher Baroque</i>

Two marks of similar shape and color at a leeward mark shall be considered a gate.

**Restrictions:** Do not cross start or either finish line unless starting or finishing. Exonerate with a 720.

**Penalty Turns:** Unless a violation of Start/Finish line Restriction (SI 12.6) do a 360 rather than a 720.

**Time Limit:** 2 hours or 30 minutes after first in class to finish.

**Distance Race:** D flag flown. Marks are different. Counts as 2 Races. Time limit 5 hours or 60 minutes after first to finish. *Not all fleets.*

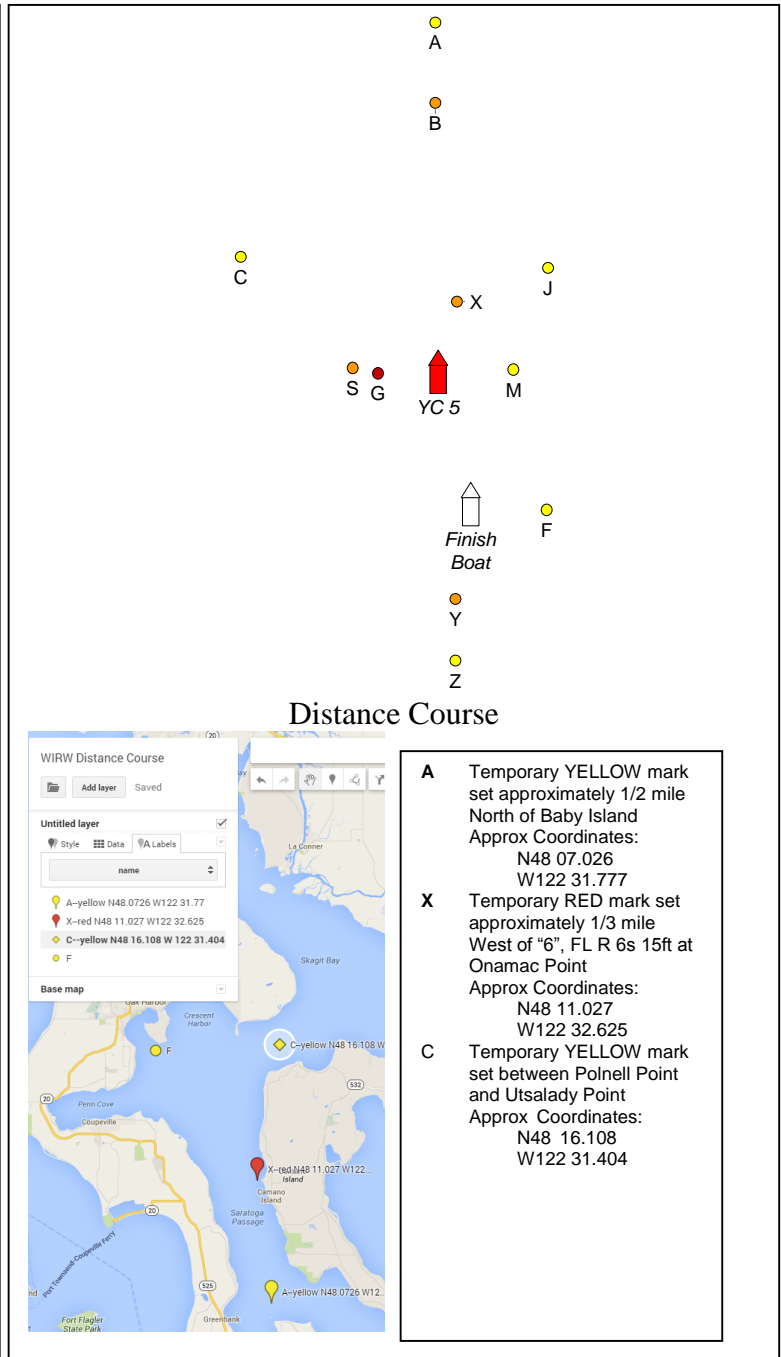
**Done for the Day:** Flying AP over A, as in RRS.

**Radio:** RC/Fleet communication will occur on VHF Channel 72.

### Protests:

- Do your turn
- Use *Appendix T*
- Avoid the room
- Protest time limit 1 hour from YC5 docking

\* *Note: These are not the official SIs. If they are different than the SIs in any way, the SIs prevail. They are here for the sailors' convenience only. Check against the SIs and use at your own risk.*



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