

Sailing Instructions; 2025 WHSYC Practice Race, 2025-05-17

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by current Racing Rules of Sailing Boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels, RRS 1.2 and minimum additional equipment prescribed by her Chartered Association. Competitors shall wear Personal Flotation Devices while racing. This is a change to RRS 40. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. Spinnakers are allowed.

2. ENTRY: The organizing authority William H Seward Yacht Club (WSYC) is not requiring that all boats submit a valid PHRF certificate for this race but they are encouraged to do so. Boats that do not have a valid PHRF certificate shall be assigned a rating based on the NCPRA Base Rate Report posted on the PHRF website. In the event that your boat is not listed on the report a PHRF certificate may be required. Eligible yachts may enter the series by appearing at the skippers meeting at 1100 hours on Race Day. Non-member skippers must register their boat with the \$100 race fee which includes use of the clubhouse on race day. Non-member crew *may* register using the race crew signup form, which includes use of the clubhouse on race day.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the whiteboard at the William H. Seward Yacht Club's Lounge. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted on the official notice board no later than 1100 hours on the day they are to take effect. It is the intention of the Race Committee to broadcast the starting sequence on VHF radio Channel 78. In emergencies, competitors may contact the race committee on VHF channel 78. Signals will be displayed from the halyards on the flagpole located on the Race Committee Boat.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT: Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. In addition, competitors are expected to behave in an appropriate manner in all communications with fellow competitors and race officials.

5. RACE DATES: Saturday May 17th, 2025

6. COURSES: The courses and marks are described on the attached Course Sheet. A code flag designating the course will be displayed with the Warning Signal from a halyard on the flagpole located on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

7. THE STARTING SEQUENCE: The Warning signal is scheduled for 1300 hours. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Starting Order shall be as follows: 1300hrs WARNING Alaska Cup Racers Flag WHSYC Burgee. In lieu of a non-racing committee boat, there will be a racing boat designated as committee boat who will manage start sequence flags and horns while starting competitively. The first boat across the line is required to take finishing time deltas to all competitive boats.

8. STARTING LINE: The Starting Line (SL) shall be made by two anchored buoys.

9. FINISH LINE: The Finish Line (FL) shall be made by the same marks as the start line.

10. WINDWARD MARK: The Windward Mark (WM) shall be a 6' Orange inflatable buoy anchored approximately .75nm (TBD) windward of the (SL/FL).

11. LEEWARD MARK: The Leeward Mark (LM) shall be an orange inflatable mark (Pin End).

12. REACH MARK (TBD): The Reach Mark (RM) shall be an orange buoy set approximately .25nm (TBD) west of the Windward Mark (WM)

13. RACE COURSES

1. SL to WM_p to FL
2. SL to WM_s to RM_s to FL (TBD)

14. RECALLS: For RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number of any yacht being recalled on VHF Channel 78.

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15. RESTRICTED AREAS. Standard restricted areas as defined by the Sailing Instruction Course Sheet.

16. TIME LIMIT: As it is a practice race, there will be no time limit for this race.

17. PROTESTS: The WHYSC Summer Series is intended to be competitive and fun. Protests are strongly discouraged. Only protests involving a serious violation will be heard by the protest committee. Protests shall be written in ink on standard US Sailing protest forms available from the Race Committee and must be lodged with the race committee within 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished.

18. SCORING: There will be no scoring for this race.