



NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

Three Buoy Fiasco Race

Saturday, July 8th 2023

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), these Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW or STYC rating. Non STYC members with a valid PHRF-NW rating are eligible to enter provided the skipper is a member of a PIYA or US Sailing accepted club. Entries must be received on the STYC website (www.styc.org), no later than 2400, on the Wednesday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$35 entry fee with the completed entry.
3. **Special COVID 19 Requirements:** STYC would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while participating in STYC races. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.
4. **Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. Official start times will be listed with the class breaks on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 1800 the Friday before the race.

GPS time is your official start time. The Race Committee will make no sound or flag signals during the start sequence except for OCS or delays. All boats, regardless of division or class, will start in reverse order based on the Time on Distance handicapping method. The slowest rated boat(s) will start first and the fastest rated boat(s) will start last. Approximate start times are listed below.

| PHRF Rating | Start time |
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| 0 | 11:56:05 AM |
| 60 | 11:42:37 AM |
| 120 | 11:29:10 AM |
| 180 | 11:15:42 AM |
| 250 | 11:00:00 AM |

Delayed Start: If the Race Committee does not start the race as scheduled, the Answering Pennant (AP) accompanied by two sound signals will signal the delay. A numeric pennant showing the number of the delay will be displayed in addition to the Answering Pennant (AP). Each delay will last for 30 minutes. For instance "AP" and the code pennant "1" delays the start by 30 minutes. "AP" and the code pennant "2" delays the start by 60 minutes. In the case of a delay, all competitors are responsible for adjusting their individual starting times. Once the race sequence has begun, there will be NO postponements for any reason. There shall be only a maximum of two 30-minute postponements of the starting sequence, after which the starting sequence shall commence.



5. **Race Distance and Course:** This race will use the three marks S, J, and M; more details are listed below. You may round the marks in any order and in either direction. The start and finish line will be between the N buoy and the Committee Boat. It may be crossed in either direction. If no Committee Boat is present then use the yellow painted rock on the sea wall as the eastern end of the line. For the purpose of calculating individual start times, the course length is 13.460 nautical miles. There is no provision for shortening the course.
 - S- Skiff Point: Temporary mark located in 60 ft. of water, approx. 0.18 nm E of Skiff Point (47° 39.720, 122°29.790). WARNING: It gets shallow West of the Mark.
 - J- Pt. Jefferson: Temporary mark located near Pt. Jefferson in 35 ft. of water at low-low tide (47° 44.755, 122°28.38).
 - M Meadow Pt. Buoy (47° 41.783, 122° 24.583).
6. **Special GSI notes** See below for two GSI rules deserving special note. These are being clearly raised for our guests, the full set of the GSI's can be found on the club website (styc.org/facebook).
 - GSI # 15. Ship Canal restricted area: Sailboats may not sail inside the Ship Canal area as defined by the following three lines: From the south end of the Shilshole breakwater northwestward to buoy C "1" (Green Can #1); From buoy C "1" southwestward to buoy N "2" (Red Nun #2); From buoy N "2" southeastward to buoy N "4". These buoys are located approximately 0.25 miles SE of the red and white Ballard Blinker Buoy. A boat that enters this area may not correct her error, and will be scored DSQ. (This amends RRS Rule 28.1.) This area ranks as an obstruction.
 - GSI # 18. Starting and finishing: The start line is between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the pin end of the line. After starting, boats may not pass between the Race Committee Boat and the pin except when finishing or when specifically directed to do so by the individual Notice of Race.
7. **Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 6.0 hours. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements, and time extensions.
8. **Communication:** The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race committee to issue a communication, the failure of a competitor to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The US Coast Guard also requests sailors to monitor channel 14 while near or crossing the VTS lanes.
9. **Skippers' Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be online at 1900 Friday, July 7. It will be possible to attend either online or via telephone. Meeting details will be available on the race webpage. The STYC GSI are available on the STYC website. If there are questions, email race@styc.org.
10. **Awards:** : Awards will be announced at the Shilshole Bay Marina Pavilion at 1900. All STYC events will be held in alignment with CDC guidelines and local guidelines. If guidelines change and STYC decides to cancel in-person awards, skippers will be notified via email.