

RACE PACKET



Dedicated to Pete Ambrose

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Etchells Fleet 16
2010 Bellingham Bay Etchells Regatta
June 26-27 2010

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), then the International Etchells Class Association, then the Notice of Race and finally these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will decide.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority is the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC), Bellingham, WA in conjunction with the Bellingham Bay Etchells Fleet 16
- 1.3. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the downstairs foyer of the BYC.
- 1.4. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 hours on the day they take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 1.5. Race signals that are made ashore shall be flown from the BYC flag staff which is located at the front of the building. When signals "AP" or "N" are made ashore, the one minute provision as specified in "RRS Race Signals" is amended to read "not less than 60 minutes".
- 1.6. The following RRS Rules are amended by these instructions; RRS 35 (establishes time limits)

2. Racing Area and Schedule

- 2.1. Races will take place in Bellingham Bay within three miles of the BYC.
- 2.2. The Warning Signal for the first race shall be made at 1100 hrs on Saturday and 1000 hrs on Sunday. The Warning signal for subsequent races shall be made approximately five (5) minutes after the finish of the last boat. The Race Committee will run as many races as possible each day, however on Sunday, no Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs.
- 2.3. The Signal Boat shall display the 2nd substitute signal at the finish line to indicate when a subsequent race will follow.

3. Courses

- 3.1. The course marks are described in Addendum "A" of these Instructions.
- 3.2. The specific course to be sailed will be posted on the Race Committee Signals Boat course board.

4. Marks

- 4.1. Course turning Marks will be yellow or orange inflatables.
- 4.2. The start/finish line shall be between an orange flag on the RC Signals Boat and an orange inflatable or ball.

5. Check-in

- 5.1. The code flag "L" will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat approximately 45 minutes before the Warning Signal of the first race and removed approximately ten minutes before the Warning Signal. All boats must "Check-In" with the RC Signal Boat during this time by sailing across its stern and hailing the sail number.

6. Start

- 6.1. Races shall be started using Rule 26.
- 6.2. The RC Signal Boat may sound a series of sounds as an alert to a pending Warning Signal. Failure of the RC Signals Boat to make alerting sounds or failure of a competitor to hear the courtesy sounds shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

7. **Recalls**

7.1. The RC Signals Boat will attempt to hail the sail numbers of those boats that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) at the starting signal with a load hailer. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

8. **Penalty System**

8.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Three Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

9. **Time Limit**

9.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish in each race shall be 60 minutes. The time limit for a boat to finish after the first finishing boat is 15 minutes. Boats failing to meet the time limit will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

9.2. The Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner. A boat(s) whose finishing position has been so established shall be notified by direct contact by a committee boat. When another race is to be run, the assigned finish boat(s) are to return immediately to the starting area.

9.3. Boats withdrawing from a race after their Starting Signal shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical after their withdrawal.

10. **Protests**

10.1. Protest forms are available on the BYC's Official Notice Board.

10.2. Completed Protest forms must be delivered to a member of either the race or protest committee within the protest time limit, which is one hour (1) after the RC Signals Boat has docked. The actual docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

10.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the expiration of the protest time to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible at a designated location at the BYC.

10.4. A list of boats that have withdrawn from the race(s) will be posted before the expiration of the protest time limit.

11. **Scoring**

11.1. Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix "A"; low point system. If more than five races are sailed, one race will be discarded.

11.2. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta.

11.3. The results will be posted on the Official Notice Board each day.

12. **Safety**

12.1. The responsibility for insuring that a boat complies with RRS 1 is vested solely with the boat owner/operator. The BYC assumes no responsibility in this regard.

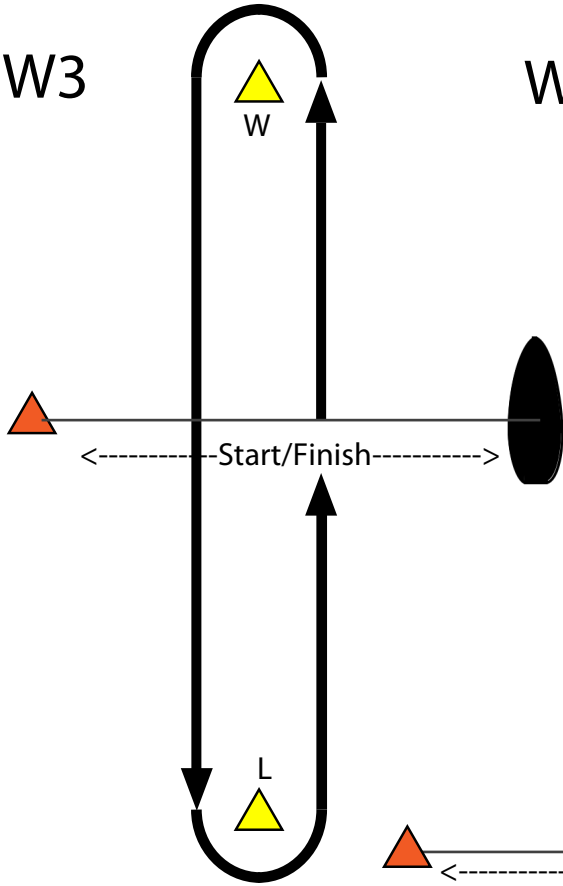
13. **Disclaimer of Liability**

13.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 4). The Organizing Authority, its Race Committee, its Officers, its Members and its Employees will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this regatta.

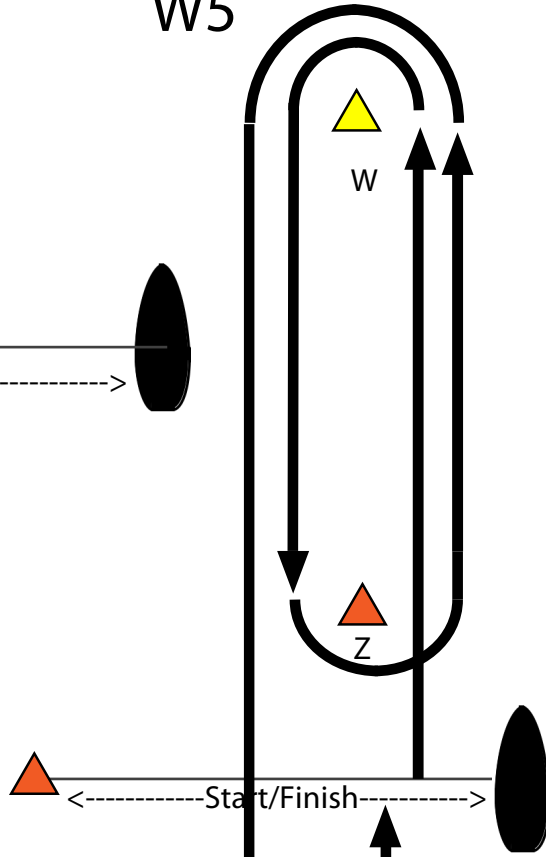


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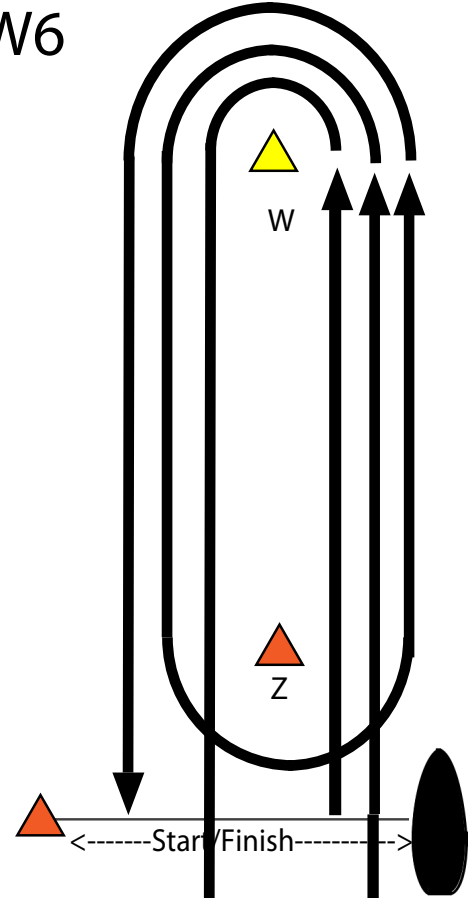
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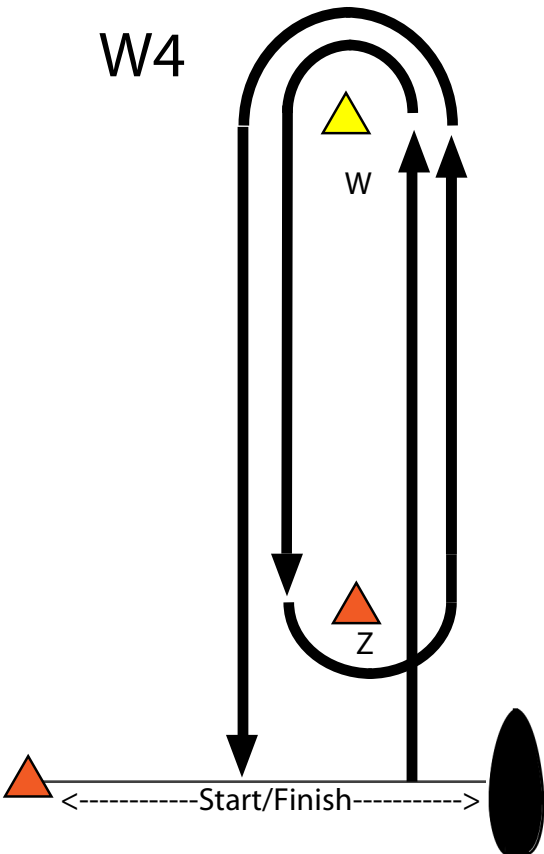
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Courses:

W3: S-W-L-F (Upwind)

W4: S-W-Z-W-F (Downwind)

W5: S-W-Z-W-L-F (Upwind)

W6: S-W-L-W-Z-W-F (Downwind)

Directions to the party!

From Bellingham Yacht Club

1. Turn left at Coho Way	0.1 mi
2. Turn right at Roeder Ave	0.8 mi
3. Take the 1st left onto F St	0.8 mi
4. Turn right at Alabama St	2.5 mi
5. Turn left at Northshore Dr	
6. Stay on Northshore for	5.9 mi
7. Turn left at Sheridan Trail First house on left	381 ft

3129 Sheridan Trail

Call if lost 734-7516

