



Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham

2011 Racing Series Race Packet

Series 1: *April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12*
Series 2: *May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16*
Long Distance: *July 16 (Vendovi Island)*
Series 3: *June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21*
Series 4: *July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25*
Slow Pitch : *Sept. 1*
A B C Challenge : *Sept 24 and 25*

General Sailing Instructions

I. Rules

Races are to be sailed in accordance with:

1. The USSA Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by specific Reference in these instructions.
2. The rules and regulations of PHRF and respective one design class Association rules, when not in conflict with these instructions. Any changes to these instructions will be announced on VHF Channel 69 by the committee boat prior to the 1800 race time.

II. Eligibility and Entry Requirements

To be eligible to participate and compete, all yachts must have returned the Completed registration form, been assigned a rating, and have paid a race packet fee prior to the start of a series.

III. PIYA Requirements

PIYA Category III equipment and U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment will be Required for all races unless superseded by class rules. You must have a current PIYA certificate signed and dated for the current year on board your vessel.

IV. Notices, Divisions, and Starts

The divisions and starts along with any notices to competitors will be announced Prior to the first series.

V. Starting Times

Thursday Racing shall commence at 1800. Vendovi 0900 mandatory skippers at Gate 9.

V. All times are per GPS PDT.

VI. Time Limit

The time limit will be 120 minutes from the respective starting signal for each Class, or at sunset, whichever comes first. After the 120 minute limit or sunset, Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first yacht in her class finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

VII. Racing Signals

The start sequence will be conducted as per Rule 26 in the Racing Rules of Sailing. An audible warning signal will be given 1 minute prior to starting time of The race.

The course for the day will be posted on the starboard side of the committee boat Prior to or with the warning signal. (See RRS 27.1)

The signal sequence for each race will be as follows:

1750 Course Declared Course Board Displayed

1759 Audible Warning 5 Horn Blasts

1800 Class Flag with 1 Horn Blast Code Pennant #1

1801 Preparatory Signal 1st Start w/1 Horn Blue Flag or P Flag

1804 Preparatory Flag down w/1 Horn

1805 First Start Code Pennant #1 down w/1 Horn Code Pennant #2 Displayed

1806 Preparatory Signal 2nd Start w/1 Horn Blue Flag or P Flag

1809 Preparatory Flag down w/1 Horn

1810 2nd Start Code Pennant #2 down w/1 Horn Code Pennant#3 Displayed

1811 Preparatory Signal 3rd Start, etc. Blue Flag or P Flag

Postponement flag and shortened course flag will be flown from the Race Committee boat as appropriate. Two horn blasts in quick succession will be Sounded together with the hoisting of the AP flag for postponement. One horn Will proceed lowering of the AP flag. The AP flag will be lowered 60 seconds Before the warning signal. The Committee boat will notify any yacht that is over early by sounding one horn blast, displaying code flag X, and calling out her name or sail number on VHF 69. A General Recall of a division will result in that division starting 5 minutes after the last scheduled start.

VIII. Courses

Courses are set out on the last page of this race packet. It shall be the Responsibility of each participant to verify the course. In the event of a Question between the written instructions and the diagram of the course, WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS DICTATE THE PROPER COURSE. Course Changes will be made and signaled in accordance with USSA rules and Announced on VHF channel 69. If a short course is called, the normal short course finish line will be a line at right angles to a line from the last mark to the short course finish mark. In all cases the decision of the Race Committee will be final in establishing the short course finish line.

IX. Start and Finish Lines

The start/finish line will be between a temporary mark (S) and a staff displaying An orange flag on the Committee Boat (A). No yacht shall pass through the Start/finish line on a downwind leg unless required to do so by the Race Committee.

Yachts shall stay at least 200' clear of the start line until their preparatory flag has been raised. Yachts will be disqualified by the race committee without protest for infringement of this rule.

X. Use of Engine Propulsion

A yacht late for her start may use engine propulsion after her preparatory signal, But only to traverse to a normal, direct course from her mooring to the edge of The starting area, and shall not start until five minutes after turning off her engine.

XI. Points and Scoring

Points will be awarded as provided by USSA Low Point System RRS Appendix A 4.1.

Yachts not finishing, disqualified, or not starting will be scored as follows:

DNF: Number of starters + 1

DSQ: Number of starters + 3

DNS: Number of registered in class + 1

All DSQ's will be used in computing the final series results. Winner for the series Shall be the yacht with the lowest score. There will be one throw out race in each Series, provided that five or more races are completed for that series. DSQ's can NOT be used as throw outs

XII. Ties

Ties will be settled using USSA RRS Appendix a 8.1 and 8.2.

XIII. Protests (we do not have a protest committee)

In the spirit of fun and learning, we encourage yachts that violate the rules to Exonerate themselves from their infractions by utilizing the Alternative Turns Penalty as provided in USSA RRS 20.2, 31.2, 44.1, 44.2.

NOTE: Any contact between yachts or contact that might result in damage is Prohibited and could result in a DSQ.

XIV. Alternative Penalties

An infringing yacht may use a 360 degree, one turn penalty as provided in the Current USSA RRS 31.2 for touching a mark, and the 720 degree two turns Penalty on RRS 44.1 and 44.2 and for breaking any of the rules of RRS Part 2.

XV. Miscellaneous

Borrowed sails may be used provided they do not affect the yachts handicap. Borrowed sails must be registered by sail number with the Race Committee prior To starting any race in which they will be used.

Cruising yachts may not use any unhanked or “flying” sails.

Communications between the racing fleet and the Race Committee will be on VHF channel 69.

XVI. Responsibilities of the Yacht Captain

It is the sole responsibility of each yacht’s Captain to decide whether to start, Continue, or withdraw from any event. It is not the responsibility of the Race Committee to point out hazards on the race course. It is the responsibility of each Captain to use sufficient charts and aids for navigation as well as determine his Own abilities and crew limitations for safety.

XVII. Life Jackets

All dingy competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy At all times while racing, and while traveling to and from the racecourse. In Accordance with USAA Part 4 RRS 40.1, ALL PHRF and One Design keel boat Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices when code flag Y is displayed On the Committee Boat. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a DSQ.

XVIII. Fouling Committee Boat

Any yacht hitting the Committee Boat at any time or for any reason will be disqualified from the race, period. Any yacht forcing another yacht to hit the Committee Boat will also be disqualified. A second violation shall result in disqualification for the series. Any damage to the Committee Boat will be the responsibility of the disqualified yacht.

XIX. Race Committee Personnel

Race Committee Personnel donate their time and effort. If you have a problem With the administration of a race, contact Bill Apt 360 961-0242. Any harassment of the Race Committee will result in a disqualification under USSA Section C RRS 69.

XX. Trophies and Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers in each division. In addition the “TOP BANANA” trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance .

XXI. Entry Fees and Registration

The entry fees for participation in CYC of Bellingham’s racing calendar are \$15.00 for one series of racing. For all series the fee will be \$45.00.

Registration will require proof of Liability Insurance to \$300,000.00 USD and a Current PHRF certificate. If your yacht doesn’t have a current PHRF rating, please state so on your registration and a fair rating will be determined by CYC of Bellingham and the Race Committee.

XXII. Free Long Distance Series

This season CYC members who have paid the Full Series Fee are invited to participate in the Bellingham Yacht Club long distance series at no charge.

Apr 16	Vendovi Island	0900
May 14	Around Lummi Island.	0900 Clockwise or otherwise, your choice.
June 25 & 26	Point Roberts.	0800 Around the red buoy and into the night. Take lots of food, the wind usually dies.
July 2	Jack and Jill	0600
July 9	WOW	
July 20	Moore Invitational	0600
Aug 6 & 7	Sucia Island	
Sept 13	Governors Point	0900
Oct 1	Marmetta Cup	0900 Reverse Start. Start time according to your handicap.
Oct 15	Jack Island	0900 Race to the north shore of Guemes and back.

Times are for mandatory skipper meetings at gate 3. Expect Rabbit starts. Call Bill Apt for registration details.