

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Willamette Sailing Club Holley Cup Regatta Willamette River, Portland Oregon August 23, 2026

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and the prescriptions of US Sailing, these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race and rules set at the skippers' meeting. The sailing instructions will take precedence over the notice of race in the event of a conflict. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the clubhouse wall outside the classroom. The exact location of the notice board is to be determined and pointed out during the skippers meeting.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting or by voice hail with a come within flag flying.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from a Committee Boat at the WSC dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after Flag AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 23

The Competitors' Meeting will be at the dock.

11:00-11:45AM Check in

NOON Skippers meeting

12:30PM Launch

1:00PM First Race Start

~4:30~5:00PM Dinner & Awards

6. SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

All boats shall carry the following safety equipment: bailing device, horn or whistle audible for at least ½ mile, bowline at least equal to the length of the boat, any other safety equipment required by state or federal law.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area shall be in the Willamette River. More details will be described at the competitors' meeting.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

The attached diagram shows the courses, course designations, and the marks in order. All turning marks will be round orange buoys and are to be rounded to port. Courses will be designated by a large black letter(s) on the committee boat. The number 2 behind the course letter(s) indicates 2 laps. Boats need not sail through the starting line between laps.

If no boat has finished the race, the Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark by displaying Flag S with two sounds. The finish line shall be between the mark and the boat displaying the flag.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting line and finishing line will be an orange flag on the race committee boat and the windward side of a yellow mark. If a separate line is set, it shall be between a blue flag on the Committee Boat and a red buoy. If no separate finish line is set, the finish line shall be the same as the starting line. The Start/Finish line is restricted unless deemed otherwise at the skippers' meeting.

10. START

- a. Races will be started using the following signals:

Minutes before the starting signal

3 minutes
2 minutes
1 minute
0 minutes

Visual Signal Sound Signal Meaning

Class flag One Warning signal
P, I, Z, or Black flag One Preparatory signal
Preparatory flag removed
Class flag removed. The next class's start **might** begin at this signal with the raising of their class flag.

This changes RRS 26.

- b. Any yacht not starting within 10 minutes of the starting signal shall be scored DNS for that race.
c. Class Flags will be as described at the skippers' meeting.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 10 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

12. PROTESTS

Protest forms will be available from the race committee boat or at the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered to the Official Notice Board within 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board along with the schedule of hearings within 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This constitutes notice to the involved parties. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at a posted location.

13. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply except that 1 score will be excluded for every 5 races. One race constitutes a regatta.

Awards will be 2 deep per fleet. Holley Cup Club Champion award will also be recognized on the Holley Cup perpetual trophy to the top WSC member boat in the case of a non-member taking 1st place in any given fleet.

14. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Sail the buoys according to letters displayed on the course board, leaving the marks to port. The number 2 following course board letter(s) indicates 2 times around.

Course Descriptions

WM - S 1 3 F

T - S 1 2 3 F

O - S 1 2 3 1 3 F

