

# THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB



## 2026 RACING BOOK

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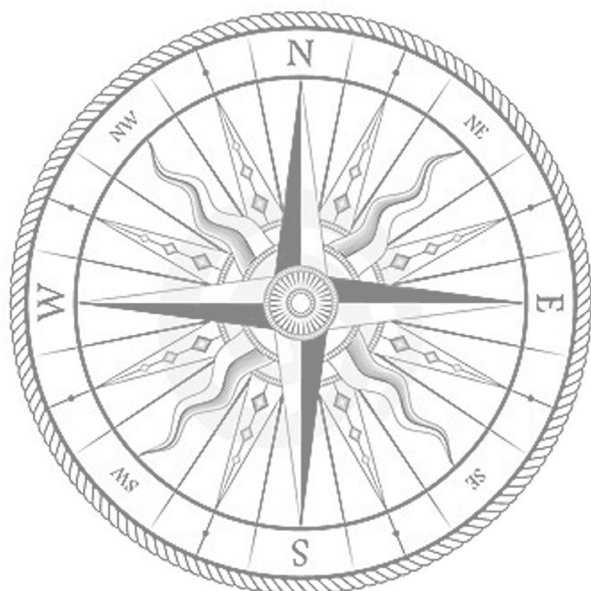
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## GETTING STARTED

YACHT RACING IS A CHALLENGING & EXHILARATING SPORT. IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RACED, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED!

*The Three Tree Point Yacht Club Race Fleet Committee constantly strives to provide members and guests with an enjoyable and competitive sailboat racing program. To help achieve this goal, it is necessary to follow the rules and requirements set forth in this race booklet.*

### **Cruising Class for Cruisers**

If you are new to racing, the easiest way to get started is participating in the TTPYC Cruising Class. Contact the TTPYC race fleet captain to help you get started.

Every TTPYC race or series in our race handbook will have a Cruising Class. For all Three Tree Point Yacht Club sponsored races, you need to register on [regattanetwork.com](http://regattanetwork.com), comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing, and have the appropriate safety equipment onboard. See the Safety Equipment and Requirements section below. So please, come join in great Puget Sound sailing!!

### **Crew Opportunities**

If you are not a boat owner and would like to experience racing, signup at: [ttpyc.org/race-crew-form](http://ttpyc.org/race-crew-form). We will find you a boat to

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crew on, or a spot on the Race Committee boat administering the race. Previous sailing experience desired, not required.

## Publications

Everyone racing needs to be familiar with the following publications:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) published by the United States Sailing Association: **[www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2025-2028/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2025-2028/)**
- The Three Tree Point Yacht Club sailboat racing handbook. This book is updated each year and becomes effective January 1 of the current racing year. One hard copy of this TTPYC handbook is available to members of TTPYC at no cost with additional copies purchased for \$10.00 each. This **document can be also be downloaded at: <https://www.ttpyc.org/racing>**

## PHRF-NW Handicap Rating

All boats racing in the TTPYC PHRF class must have a current PHRF certificate. See: **[phrf-nw.org/](http://phrf-nw.org/)** to renew or make application for a rating. The TTPYC handicapper can also assist in the application process.

## Sail Numbers

Sail numbers can be obtained from US Sailing at: **[www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/services/sail-number-%20application/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/services/sail-number-%20application/)**

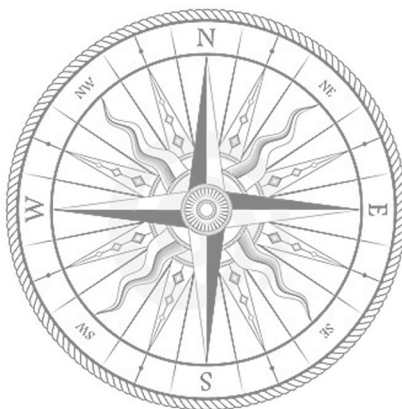
## Safety Equipment and Requirements

TTPYC requires all yachts competing in races to adhere to US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements. Boats must comply with Near Shore SER or greater. **[www.ussailing.org/competition/%20offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-%20regulations/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/%20offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-%20regulations/)**

# 2026 RACE FLEET ORGANIZATION

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SARC Representative	Ross Chamberlain
South Sound Series Council	Dean Conti
Awards and Trophies	Tom Hubbard

For more up-to-date information, check club's website at:  
[www.ttpyc.org/club-officers](http://www.ttpyc.org/club-officers)



# THE TTPYC RACE CALENDAR IS NOW ONLINE:

— Check these websites links for all TTPYC —

Race & Cruise Events

**[www.ttpyc.org/race-schedule](http://www.ttpyc.org/race-schedule)**

- Up-to-date Race details to be provided at [ttpyc.org](http://ttpyc.org) under the Race Tab.

**[www.ttpyc.org/cruise-schedule](http://www.ttpyc.org/cruise-schedule)**

- Watch for new social/cruise events in the TTPYC Barnacle & website.

Up-To-date details are published as they are planned and scheduled.



— Check this website for Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma —

**[www.cyct.com/racing](http://www.cyct.com/racing)**



— Check this website for all South Sound Series Races —  
Register for SSS Race Events at:

**[www.ssseries.org](http://www.ssseries.org)**



— See the 48° North Seattle Area Race Calendar (SARC) —  
— for all other races in the Seattle Area —

**[www.48north.com/SARC/](http://www.48north.com/SARC/)**

## 2026 TTPYC CALENDAR OF RACE EVENTS

CLUB	RACE/EVENT	DAY	DATE
SSS#1	- WINTER VASHON - TYC	Sat	December 6, 2025
SSS#2	- DUWAMISH HEAD - TTPYC	Sat	January 3, 2026
CYCT	- Harbor Series#1	Sat	January 24, 2026
CYCT	- Harbor Series#2	Sat	January 31, 2026
CYCT	- Harbor Series#3	Sat	February 7, 2026
SSS#3	- TOLIVA SHOAL - SSSS/OYC	Sat	February 14, 2026
SSS#4	- ISLANDS RACE - CYCT	Sat	March 14, 2026
CYCT	- SPRING SINGLE/DOUBLE HANDED	Sat	March 28, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Spring Series#1	Thu	April 2, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Spring Series#2	Thu	April 9, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Spring Series#3	Thu	April 16, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Spring Series#4	Thu	April 23, 2026
TTPYC	- SPRING REGATTA	Sat	April 25, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Spring#1	Thu	April 30, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Spring#2	Thu	May 7, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Spring#3	Thu	May 14, 2026
Swiftsure			May 23-25, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Spring#4	Thu	May 28, 2026
CYCT	Ladies Take The Lead	Sat	May 30, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Summer#1	Thu	June 4, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Summer#2	Thu	June 11, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Summer#3	Thu	June 18, 2026
TTPYC	- Early Summer#4	Thu	June 25, 2026
CYCT	- Three Hour Tour#1	Sat	June 27, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Summer#1	Thu	July 9, 2026
CYCT	- Three Hour Tour#2	Sat	July 11, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Summer#2	Thu	July 16, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Summer#3	Thu	July 23, 2026
TTPYC	- Late Summer#4	Thu	July 30, 2026
CYCT	- Three Hour Tour#3	Sat	August 8, 2026
CYCT	- Vashon Challenge	Sat	August 15, 2026
CYCT	- Awards Race and Ceremony	Sat	August 22, 2026
CYCT	- Point Series#1	Sat	September 5, 2026
TACOMA PINK BOAT REGATTA (TENTATIVE)		Sat	September 12, 2026
CYCT	- Point Series#2	Sat	September 19, 2026
TTPYC	- COMMODORE'S TROPHY	Sat	September 26, 2026
CYCT	- MEMORIAL SINGLE/DOUBLE HANDED	Sat	October 3, 2026
CYCT	- Point Series#3	Sat	October 17, 2026
CYCT	- Point Series#4	Sat	October 31, 2026

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Dates listed above may change without notice.

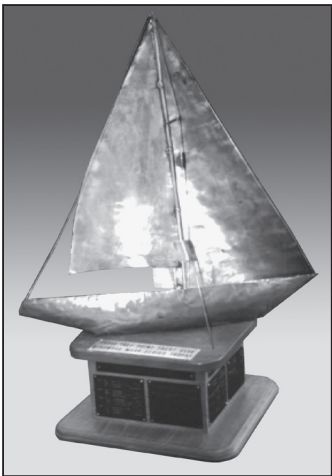
An up-to-date Race Calendar may be found at: [www.ttpyc.org/racing](http://www.ttpyc.org/racing)

# TTPYC PERPETUAL TROPHIES

*TTPYC Race Boat of the Year*



*Windward Mark*



*Spring Regatta*



*Commodore's Trophy Race*





## 2024 Perpetual Trophy Winners

# RACE BOAT OF THE YEAR 2025

— SOLITAIRE —

Chris Caudill

### WINDWARD MARK TROPHY:

<b>Early Spring Series</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	SOLITAIRE Chris Caudill (TTPYC)
	<b>CRUISING CLASS</b>	HOBBS Steve Sisson (TTPYC)
<b>Late Spring Series</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	LES CHEVAUX BLANCS Gordon Murphy (TTPYC)
	<b>CRUISING CLASS</b>	GADGET Brian Newman (TTPYC)
<b>Early Summer Series</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	SOLITAIRE Chris Caudill (TTPYC)
	<b>CRUISING CLASS</b>	GADGET Brian Newman (TTPYC)
<b>Late Summer Series</b>	<b>PHRF</b>	ZZZAP Zaputil Family (RVYC)
	<b>CRUISING CLASS</b>	ENTROPY Derek Richardson

### TTPYC SPRING REGATTA TROPHY:

<b>PHRF1</b>	SHORT CIRCUIT Jay Pyles (CYCT)
<b>PHRF2</b>	SOLITAIRE Chris Caudill (TTPYC)

**CRUISING CLASS**

JOYCE MARIE  
Merch DeGrasse (TTPYC)

**COMMODORE’S TROPHY RACE:**

**PHRF**

ZZZAP  
Zaputil Family (RVYC)

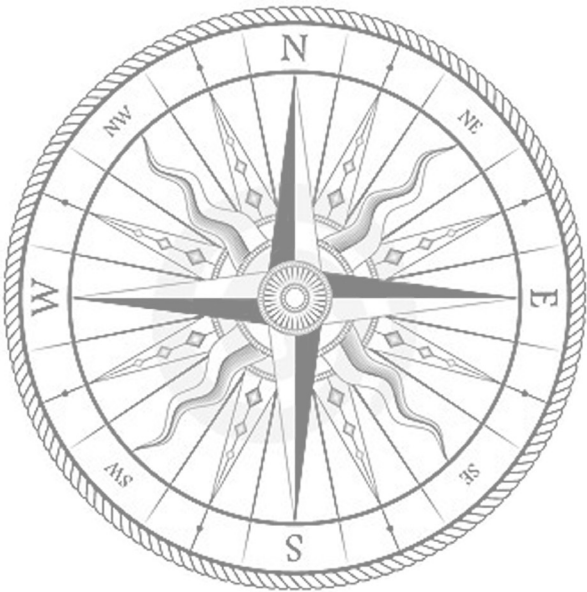
**CRUISING CLASS**

GADGET  
Brian Newman (TTPYC)

**AZIMUTH CIRCLE AWARD:**

2025 Duwamish Head  
Overall winner

TIGGER  
Cody Pinion (WSCYC)



## PART I NOTICE OF RACE OR REGATTA

### I.A TITLE, PLACE AND DATES OF RACING EVENTS

The Three Tree Point Yacht Club sponsors and conducts sailboat races and regattas throughout the year. The name and date of each event is listed in the race calendar at: [ttpyc.org/racing](http://ttpyc.org/racing)

### I.B RULES

All TTPYC races and regattas shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and the prescriptions of US Sailing, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

### I.C TTPYC OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

Race announcements, Sailing Instructions or changes, race results, protest notices and results, and other pertinent information will be posted at: [ttpyc.org/racing](http://ttpyc.org/racing). Sailing instruction changes will be posted at least 24 hours before the first warning signal of the affected race.

### I.D ELIGIBILITY

TTPYC races are open to PHRF, Cruising Classes and One Design Sailboats. All PHRF class participants must be current PHRF-NW members. Boats must have a fixed keel with a LOA of 18' or greater. Cruising class will be non-flying sails. All boats must meet SER Nearshore requirements: [www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf)

## **I-E COURSES**

The race courses will be in the Puget Sound. See **[ttpyc.org/race-marks](http://ttpyc.org/race-marks)** for the race area and mark descriptions.

## **I.F REGISTRATION AND FEES**

Registration is mandatory for all races. Registration is online through Regatta Network. A link to register for each series or regatta is provided at: **[ttpyc.org/racing](http://ttpyc.org/racing)**. To receive a score a yacht must be registered. A yacht that registers after the start of a series may still participate. If you need assistance with registration, contact TTPYC registrar Shelley Conti at 253 569-4044

## **I.G DECISION TO RACE, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF RULES**

- (1) Each owner and/or skipper assumes responsibility for the yacht and crew. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Compliance with RRS3 DECISION TO RACE and RRS 4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES is required.
- (2) RRS 56.2 TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES is changed to:
  - (a) A Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) shall be understood to mean an area shown on a nautical chart, or in the NOR, as a TSS.
  - (b) While a boat is in a TSS traffic lane, she shall cross on a heading as nearly as practicable at right angles to the general direction of traffic flow
  - (c) A boat shall not impede, or present a

threat of impeding, the safe passage of a power-driven vessel in a TSS traffic lane.

(d) If an official complaint and/or action is lodged against a boat by a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel, by a pilot, by vessel traffic service (VTS), or by other government authority, it shall be presumed that the boat has broken rule 56.2

- (e) The RC will cooperate with and provide relevant information to VTS and/or other governmental authorities regarding investigations of boats impeding a power-driven vessel.

**(3) PUGET SOUND ORCA WHALE AVOIDANCE:**  
*Washington State Law, RCW 77.15.740,*

**IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO:**

- (a) Cause a vessel or other object to approach, in any manner, within 1,000 yards of a southern resident orca;
- (b) Position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident orca at any point located within 1,000 yards of the whale. This includes intercepting a southern resident orca by positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 1,000 yards of the whale;
- (c) Position a vessel behind a southern resident orca at any point located within 1,000 yards;

- (d) Fail to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is within 400 yards of a southern resident orca;
- (e) Cause a vessel or other object to exceed a speed greater than seven knots over ground at any point located within 1,000 yards of a southern resident orca; or
- (f) Feed a southern resident orca.

## **I-H SCORING SYSTEM**

- (1) The Low Point Scoring System as defined in the RRS Appendix A shall be used. Rule A5.3 will apply.
- (2) PHRF class will be scored using the Time on Distance method. Cruising class will not use handicaps and will be scored using elapsed time.
- (3) A boat that came to the starting area and scores DNS, NSC, DNF, DSQ, RET or OCS shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. (For Regatta Network Scoring, Check-ins +1)
- (4) A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC), shall be scored one more than the number of boats entered in the series. (For Regatta Network Scoring, Competitors +1).
- (5) When no boat within a class finishes within the time limit, all boats in that class shall be scored DNF and shall be scored one more than the number of boats that came

to the starting area. (For Regatta Network Scoring, Checkins+1).

- (6) For a race that is abandoned by the race committee, no yachts shall be scored.
- (7) To be considered for scoring in a series, a boat must come to the start area for at least one race in the series.
- (8) For any series in which five or more races are sailed, the race in which a given yacht has scored the most points shall be eliminated from its total score, (thrown out). If four or fewer races of a series are sailed, the scores of all races shall be counted.
- (9) Scoring Ties: In a series or regatta, in the event of ties between yachts racing in the same class, the ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - (a) Including the points of the thrown out race for the yachts tied.
  - (b) Awarding the best place to the yacht that scored the greatest number of first, seconds, etc. places including throw outs.
  - (c) Awarding the best place to the yacht that most often placed ahead of all the other tied yacht(s). If the yachts remain tied, the tie goes to the yacht which had a shorter corrected time over the entire series.
  - (d) Yachts remaining tied shall score equal points (the tie remains).
- (10) In an individual race, in the event of ties between yachts racing in the same class, the points for the place for which the yachts

are tied and for the place immediately below shall be added together and divided equally.

- (11) A boat that serves as Race Committee (RC) during a series in which they are also a racing participant shall receive an "RC" designation in lieu of a DNC. For boats that race in 50% or more of the series' races, scoring for 1 race designated as RC will be calculated upon series completion as the average of the boat's other scores. Otherwise, races designated as RC will be scored as DNS. In the event of a tie, the boat with more non-RC racing participation receives a preferential ranking.

## **I-I AWARDS**

- (1) Awards shall be made for first, second and third place yachts of each class for each individual race or series.
- (2) The following perpetual trophies also shall be awarded:

### **AZIMUTH CIRCLE AWARD -**

Overall PHRF-NW Winner of Duwamish Head Race

### **WINDWARD MARK PERPETUAL TROPHY -**

Winners of each seasonal series

### **COMMODORE'S TROPHY -**

Winners of the Commodore's Trophy Race

- (3) Except for the Azimuth Circle Award, all other perpetual trophies shall be engraved with each class winner. The Azimuth Circle

Award shall be engraved with the overall PHRF-NW Speed Potential winner of the Duwamish Head Race.

- (4) In the event protest decisions are pending that could affect the allocation of any award, said award shall be delayed until the matter is duly resolved.
- (5) The Race Boat of the Year Award shall be presented to the TTPYC The Race Boat of the Year Award shall be presented to the TTPYC sailing yacht that attains the best race record during the racing season as defined in this paragraph. To be eligible for Race Boat of the Year, the yacht must meet the following requirements:
  - (a) A yacht must be registered and rank as a starter in one or more of the races listed below.
  - (b) A yacht whose owner is part of a Race Committee, for that race will receive a rank order of 3 or one lower than what a boat that didn't participate would receive, whichever is lower.
  - (c) TTPYC Yachts will be scored by assigning a rank order of how each boat finished relative to each other from low to high, a tie would receive an equal ranking for their position. For boats that did not compete in the race will be assigned a rank order of one higher than the last place TTPYC Yacht that participated in that race.

*For example, if 4 TTPYC Yachts competed in a race those 4 Yachts will receive a*

*ranking of 1, 2, 3, 4 (unless there is a tie and those Yachts will receive an equal rank for their position) and say we have a total of 10 Yachts who participated in other races of the season each of those remaining 6 Yachts would be assigned an equal rank of 5 (unless there was a tie, in which case the next higher ranking would be lower) for that race.*

- (d) Each race in the series will be scored separately rather than scoring by the Overall Series ranking. If a particular race is cancelled those races will not be included.

The Yachts with the lowest average ranking (placement) will be Race Boat of the Year "RBOY". Qualifying races are those races listed below that start between October 1 and September 30:

- ***Southern Sound Series***
- ***CYCT Harbor Series***
- ***TTPYC Spring Regatta***
- ***TTPYC Spring Series***
- ***TTPYC Summer Series***
- ***TTPYC Commodore's Race***
- ***CYCT Point Series races  
that end before September 30  
(typically 1 & 2 of the series)***

- (6) The Race Boat of the Year will be awarded at the annual Change of Watch Banquet.

## **PART II THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - GENERAL**

### **II.A STATUS**

These Sailing Instructions are effective for all TTPYC sponsored races and regattas with the exception of the Duwamish Head Race.

### **II.B RULES**

These Sailing Instructions are issued for all TTPYC sponsored and conducted races, unless specifically amended by Race Instructions set forth in Part III of this handbook that are appropriate only to individual races, regattas or series. Additional amendments to both the General and Individual Sailing Instructions may be posted at [ttpyc.org/racing](http://ttpyc.org/racing) as prescribed by paragraph I-C of the Notice of Race.

### **II-C ORDER AND DESCRIPTION OF STARTING SEQUENCE**

- (1) The starting sequence is as described in RRS 26.
- (2) The first start will have the class flag of number one pendant; the second start will have the class flag of number two pennant, etc. The race committee may combine or split PHRF, Cruising, and One-design classes under class flags, based on the number of boats and the length of the start line. Class starts will be posted under class start flags on the white start board on the committee boat.
- (3) The race committee is urged to use multiple short sound signals one minute prior to the 5 minute warning signal as a round up call to racers.

## **II.D STARTING AREA**

- (1) The starting area is that area within 200 feet either side of the Starting Line and within 200 foot radius of a circle around either end.
- (2) After the Preparatory signal, only those yachts of the class next assigned to start shall be permitted in the Starting Area.
- (3) A yacht in violation of the Starting Area requirements shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee or by another yacht ranking as a starter.

## **II.E START**

The start line is that line of sight between the orange flag (either on the Race Committee boat or on land) and a starting mark designated by the Race Committee for starting purposes.

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress.

## **II-F POSTPONEMENT**

When a start is postponed, use of engine is allowed to return to the starting area prior to that yacht's new start.

## **II-G FINISH LINE**

- (1) The finish line is the line of sight between the orange flag and the finishing mark designated by the Sailing Instructions or the Race Committee.
- (2) In the event the Race Committee Boat is not on station for the finish of any race, the finish line shall be a line extending at right angles to the course from the last mark and of the shortest practical

length. In the absence of the Race Committee a yacht shall take her own finishing time and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- (3) Finish time shall be submitted by email or phone to the Race Fleet Captain or Race Officer. Boats that fail to file a finish time within 24 hours of their finish time shall be scored DNF.

## **II-H FINISH AREA**

- (1) The finish area is that area within 200 feet of either side of the finish line within a 200-foot radius of either end of the line.
- (2) Yachts finishing shall clear the finish area promptly upon finishing and shall remain clear of the finish area until all other yachts have finished racing. Yachts that violate the finish area after finishing and impede yachts finishing or obscure the Race Committee's view of finishing yachts shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee or by any other yacht racing.

## **II-I PENALTIES**

- (1) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **II-J PROTESTS**

- (1) All protests must be made in accordance with the current RRS.
- (2) The Race Committee conducting the race must be informed of the intention to protest and the yacht protested immediately upon finishing, or, if unable to finish, as soon as possible after the race. If the yacht does not finish, the protest shall be delivered within the time limit for filing a protest.

- (3) RRS pertaining to "Protest Time Limits" is amended to permit a time limit of 24 hours after the finishes of the race, or 48 hours if a Sunday or holiday prevents a postmark within 24 hours of the finish. Protest forms are provided at the back of this book.

**NOTE:** *Protest filings, instead of mailing, may be emailed or hand delivered to Protest Chairman, Race Fleet Captain or Race Officer if delivered within the time limits listed above.*

## **II-K USE OF ENGINE**

- (1) Engine use is not permitted after the Preparatory Signal except when permitted by RRS 42.3 or in circumstances stated below. (RRS 42.3i)
- (2) A yacht late for a start may use engine propulsion to traverse a normal direct course from mooring to the nearest edge of the defined Starting Area. If the preparatory signal for her class has been made or the class has already started; then the engine must be stopped, and the yacht must permit 4 minutes to elapse before the yacht may start. (changes RRS 42.1)
- (3) A racing vessel's engine may be used to move out of the path of a commercial vessel operating in a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) IF there exists a risk of collision or IF the racing vessel presents a threat to the navigation of the commercial vessel. Use of a racing vessel's engine shall be immediately reported to the Race Committee by VHF radio Channel 72. The RC may request a written incident report. The RC may impose a point or time penalty. (changes RRS 42.3g)
- (4) If a commercial vessel sounds five short and rapid blasts on her ship's whistle (COLREGS Rule 34d) then the racing vessel shall take immediate and substantial action to resolve the conflict. The

racing vessel's engine may be used to move to a position which allows for the safe passage of the commercial vessel. The racing vessel shall submit a written incident report to the Race Committee before the Protest Deadline. The racing vessel may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including disqualification that is not excludable (DNE). (changes RRS 42.3g)

- (5) Any use of a racing vessel's engine shall be immediately reported to the Race Committee by VHF radio. In no case shall the use of the vessel's engine be used to gain a competitive advantage or to reduce the distance a boat will need to sail to finish the course. If the Race Committee suspects any violation of Fair Sailing (RRS 2) or any Misconduct (RRS 69) the Race Committee is obligated to file a formal protest.

## **II.L AIS BROADCASTING**

- (1) If a participating vessel has the ability to broadcast AIS, per U.S. Coast Guard regulations, AIS must be broadcasting during all series races.

## **II.M WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE**

- (1) Yachts withdrawing from a race for any reason shall promptly notify the Race Committee. Notification shall be made by coming close aboard the Race Committee Boat and hailing until acknowledged, or by calling the race committee on VHF Channel 72 or race fleet officer posted in the front of this book.
- (2) Failure to comply with the foregoing without reasonable cause may result in the yacht being scored DNF. The Race Committee may also take further action where particularly blatant disregard for this report is noted without adequate explanation

## **II.N RACE COMMITTEE BOAT**

- (1) Any yacht ranking as a starter, or finishing a race, which makes physical contact with the Race Committee Boat, shall be disqualified unless a protest is filed against another yacht asserting that the collision was forced in avoiding collision or injury to persons. In either instance the entire incident shall be a matter for a protest hearing unless the owner or skipper of a particular yacht concedes responsibility. The results of the protest hearing by the TTPYC Protest Committee shall in no way relieve any parties of civil liability for damages and or injuries resulting from the incident.
- (2) The Race Committee Boat will monitor VHF Channel 14 (Vessel Traffic Service) and VHF Channel 16 (US Distress and Calling). VHF calls from the racers to the Race Committee shall be made on Channel 72 to make a report.
- (3) The Race Committee Boat shall be considered as a privileged vessel from departure from its mooring until its return to its mooring.

## **II-N LAGGARD RULE**

If more than one race is run in a day, the Race Committee may score the last (laggard) boat of a class as finished when that boat cannot correct into a place other than last. The boat will be informed of finishing either by VHF radio or another boat that is designated by the Race Committee. A boat that realizes it cannot possibly finish an individual race in anything other than last may also request Laggard Status. The Laggard Boat shall then proceed by motor to the Starting Area to allow for the timely start of the next race (as applicable).

## II-O SHORTENING COURSES

The Race Officer may choose at any time after the start to shorten the course. The Code flag "S" will be displayed along with two sound signals on the committee boat. Skippers will then continue to sail the originally posted course, rounding each mark as required until they can lay a course directly to the new finish line and will finish between the Committee Boat in the direction from the last mark.

## II-P RACING SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

*See RRS Appendix A10 for complete list of abbreviations*

*Race Committee may score a boat:*

<b>DNC</b>	Did Not Compete
<b>DNS</b>	Did Not Start
<b>DNF</b>	Did Not Finish
<b>OCS</b>	On Course Side
<b>NSC</b>	Did Not Sail Course
<b>SCP</b>	Scoring Penalty
<b>RET</b>	Retired

*Only the Protest Committee may score a boat:*

<b>DSQ</b>	Disqualified
<b>DNE</b>	Disqualified not excludable
<b>RDG</b>	Redress Granted
<b>DPI</b>	Discretionary Penalty

## PART III SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### III-A SOUTHERN SOUND SERIES - NOTICE TO COMPETITORS -

The Southern Sound Series (SSS) consists of four races sponsored by different South Puget Sound yacht clubs. Each sponsoring club conducts one race. Series responsibilities (coordination, publicity, scoring, trophies, etc.) are shared on a rotating basis between the clubs. The five sponsoring clubs signed a Letter of Agreement for the Conduct of the Southern Sound Series in the fall of 1979 and Amended October 2024.

#### **Southern Sound Series races are:**

**Winter Vashon Island Race** - Tacoma Yacht Club

**Duwamish Head Race** - Three Tree Point Yacht Club

**Toliva Shoals Race** - South Sound Sailing Society/  
Olympia Yacht Club

**Islands Race** - Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma

*See these web sites below for details:*

#### **Southern Sound Series Web Site**

[www.ssssclub.com/southern-sound-series-racing/](http://www.ssssclub.com/southern-sound-series-racing/)

#### **Individual Race Web Sites**

[www.tacomayachtclub.org/](http://www.tacomayachtclub.org/)

Tacoma Yacht Club

[www.ttpyc.org/](http://www.ttpyc.org/)

Three Tree Point Yacht Club

[www.theolympiayachtclub.com/](http://www.theolympiayachtclub.com/)

Olympia Yacht Club

[www.cyct.com/](http://www.cyct.com/)

Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma

### **III-B DUWAMISH HEAD RACE - NOTICE TO COMPETITORS -**

See Southern Sound Series for Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions at: [www.ssssclub.com/southern-sound-series-racing/](http://www.ssssclub.com/southern-sound-series-racing/)

**Course** Race starting and ending at Des Moines Marina going around Duwamish Head Light and Blakely Rock, leaving both to port. Approx distance 30.8 nm

**Time Limit** 13 hrs.

**Notice Board** [www.ttpyc.org/racing](http://www.ttpyc.org/racing)

**Entry Fee** \$50.00



### **III-C SPRING AND SUMMER SERIES - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -**

<b>Eligibility</b>	PHRF, Cruising, ODR <i>See NOR Section I-D.</i>
<b>Start/Finish line</b>	Between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and start/finish mark.
<b>Course</b>	As designated by placards posted on the committee boat. <i>See PART IV MARKS</i>
<b>Start Time</b>	Thursday Evenings: First Warning 18:25 First Start 18:30
<b>Number of Races</b>	One or more races per evening.
<b>Time Limit</b>	3 hours from First Start
<b>Special Instructions</b>	1. The "TSS Rule" will be in effect <i>See I-G(2) &amp; II-K</i>
<b>Notice Board</b>	<a href="http://www.ttpyc.org/racing">www.ttpyc.org/racing</a>
<b>Series Entry Fee</b>	\$35.00 per series

### III-D SPRING REGATTA - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -

<b>Eligibility</b>	PHRF, Cruising, ODR See <i>NOR</i> Section I-D.	
<b>Start/Finish line</b>	Between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and start/finish mark.	
<b>Course</b>	As designated by placards posted on the committee boat. See <i>PART IV MARKS</i>	
<b>Race Date</b>	<b>Saturday April 26, 2025</b>	
<b>Start Time</b>	First Warning	09:25
	First Start	09:30
<b>Time Limit</b>	No boat may finish after 16:00 hours	
<b>Number of Races</b>	As many races as possible within the time limit	
<b>Scoring</b>	All races will be scored, unless four or more races are held. In that case a boat's worst score will be thrown out	
<b>Special Instructions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The "TSS Rule" will be in effect See I-G(2) &amp; II-K</li> <li>2. The "Laggard Rule" will be in effect. See II-N.</li> </ol>	
<b>Notice Board</b>	<a href="http://www.ttpyc.org/racing">www.ttpyc.org/racing</a>	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$35.00	

### **III-E ANNUAL COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE - SAILING INSTRUCTION -**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<i>See TTPYC NOR Section I-D.</i>	
<b>Start/Finish line</b>	Between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and K-Mark.	
<b>Course</b>	K C J K C J K. Leave all marks to port. Approx. 18.2 nm. The RC may change the course before the warning flag if conditions dictate. If changed the course will be as designated by placards posted on the committee boat. <i>See PART IV MARKS</i>	
<b>Start Time</b>	First Warning	09:25
	First Start	09:30
<b>Number of Races</b>	One	
<b>Time Limit</b>	No boat may finish after 16:30 hours	
<b>Special Instructions</b>	1. The "TSS Rule" will be in effect <i>See I-G(2) &amp; II-K</i>	
<b>Notice Board</b>	<a href="http://www.ttpyc.org/racing">www.ttpyc.org/racing</a>	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$35.00	

## PART IV MARKS AND COURSES

### IV-A Courses

Color-coded placards will be displayed on the Committee boat for each mark to be rounded, beginning with the starting line and ending with the number of laps to be raced (if greater than 1). The placards will be red if the mark is to be left to port and green if the mark is to be left to starboard. Example: A-L-A 2 (A-L-A all red) Means to start between the Committee boat and mark A, passing buoys A-L-A to port, and go around the course twice.

### IV-B Multiple Courses

In the event two or more courses are to be used, a placard indicating individual classes will precede each of the posted courses.

Example:	SPA ALIA 2	or	SPA / SPB ALHA 2
	SPB ALIA		SPC ALHA
	SPC AKHA 2		

### IV-C Racing Marks and Descriptions

*(See racing area chart on back cover for approximate mark locations)*

- A- Permanent TTPYC spar buoy off the southwest corner of Des Moines Marina breakwater
- B- Temporary buoy set approx. 1.5 NM north of fishing pier
- C - Permanent TTPYC spar buoy 0.1 NM south east of Three Tree Point
- G- Red nun buoy in entrance to Quartermaster Harbor
- H - Temporary buoy set 0.2 NM south of "A" mark
- I- Permanent TTPYC spar buoy approx. 1.0 NM south of fishing pier

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- J- Permanent TTPYC spar buoy set 0.5 NM south west of Pt. Robinson
- K- Permanent TTPYC spar buoy set 0.5 NM north of "A" mark and 400 yards north of the fishing pier.
- L- Permanent TTPYC spar buoy approx. 0.7 NM north of fishing pier

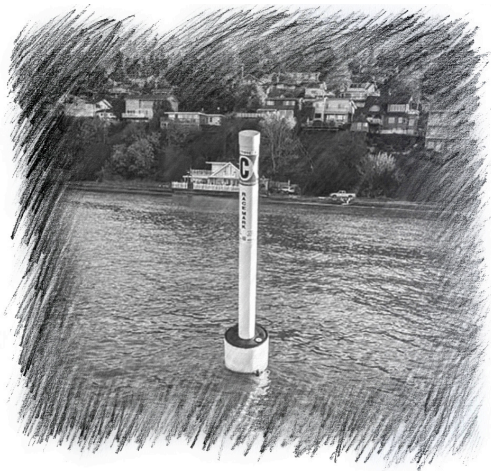
IV-D Buoy Distances

Official Course Distances in Nautical Miles.

IV-E Buoy Locations

Location in GPS format of DD° MM.MM

Course NM	Course NM	Course NM	Course NM
<b>A – B</b> 1.8	<b>B – C</b> 1.7	<b>C – I</b> 4.3	<b>H – L</b> 1.3
<b>A – C</b> 3.6	<b>B – H</b> 2.0	<b>C – J</b> 3.95	<b>I – J</b> 1.8
<b>A – H</b> 0.2	<b>B – I</b> 2.8	<b>C – K</b> 3.1	<b>I – K</b> 1.2
<b>A – I</b> 0.7	<b>B – J</b> 2.5	<b>C – L</b> 2.5	<b>I – L</b> 1.8
<b>A – J</b> 2.0	<b>B – K</b> 1.3	<b>H – I</b> 0.5	<b>J – K</b> 2.05
<b>A – K</b> 0.5	<b>B – L</b> 0.7	<b>H – J</b> 2.0	<b>J – L</b> 2.52
<b>A – L</b> 1.1	<b>C – H</b> 3.8	<b>H – K</b> 0.7	<b>K – L</b> 0.6



<b>A</b> N 47° 23' 833 W 122° 19' 985 Depth – 82ft++	<b>L</b> N 47° 24' 768 W 122° 20' 809 Depth – 66 ft++
<b>C</b> N 47° 26' 894 W 122° 22' 892 Depth – 184 ft++	<b>B*</b> N47° 25' 322 W122° 21' 338 Depth – 90 ft+
<b>K</b> N 47° 24' 241 W 122° 20' 219 Depth –111 ft++	<b>G</b> N 47° 20.930 W 122° 28.760 Depth – 38 ft+
<b>I</b> N 47° 23' 198 W 122° 20' 036 Depth – 88 ft++	<b>H*</b> N47° 23.609 W122°19' 995 Depth – 90 ft+
<b>J</b> N 47° 23' 001 W 122° 22' 616 Depth – 73 ft++	<b>NOTE:</b> Strobe lights on race marks are not allowed by USCG (only incandescent lights)

\* Temporary Mark Locations

+ Depth at mean LLW per USCG

++ Depth at mean LLW per TTPYC

(1) 0.6 NM North of L Mark, Depth 90ft

(2) 400yd South of A Mark, range mark at South  
end breakwater with water tower. Depth 90ft





# THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

## Race Registration Form

*All Classes Welcome*

*Entry fee: Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter \$30.00 for each series, \$10.00 for individual races, Windjammer Races \$15.00 each, Commodore's Trophy \$20.00.*

*Please review the current Race Book for updated, new details, rules and information.*

Sailboat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Manufacturer/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_

Race or Series Entering \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for yacht registration)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi. Rating Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cruising Class Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi.

\_\_\_\_\_ One Design — Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE REFER TO THE TTPYC RACE HANDBOOK FOR ADDITIONAL RACE INFORMATION.**

I, as skipper, by signing below, acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my boat and crew. I acknowledge that it is my choice to race in this event. I certify the above boat meets current PIYA Category III requirements or better and agree to abide by the racing rules as stated in the TTPYC Racing Handbook.

I release the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, appointees, race committee and others associated with this event, from any and all legal claims or other damage or injury resulting from the participation of myself, my crew or boat in this sailboat event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the TTPYC Race Book can be found at the club web site.  
***ttpyc.org***

Send the registration form and race fee to:

**Attn: Registrar**  
TTPYC  
P.O. Box 98700  
Des Moines, WA 98198



# THREE TREE POINT YACHT CLUB

## Race Registration Form

### FOR CYCT SPONSORED WINDJAMMER HARBOR SERIES RACES

Entry fee: \$30.00 for each CYCT race entered.

Please review the current CYCT Race Book online for updated, new details, rules and information.

Sailboat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Manufacturer/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_

Race or Series Entering \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for yacht registration)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi. Rating Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cruising Class Rating \_\_\_\_\_ sec./mi.

\_\_\_\_\_ One Design — Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE REFER TO THE CYCT & TTPYC RACE HANDBOOKS FOR ADDITIONAL RACE INFORMATION.**

I, as skipper, by signing below, acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my boat and crew. I acknowledge that it is my choice to race in this event. I certify the above boat meets current PIYA Category III requirements or better and agree to abide by the racing rules as stated in the CYCT and TTPYC Racing Handbooks.

I release the Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma and the Three Tree Point Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, appointees, race committee and others associated with this event, from any and all legal claims or other damage or injury resulting from the participation of myself, my crew or boat in this sailboat event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the TTPYC Race Book can be found at the club web site. [www.ttpyc.org](http://www.ttpyc.org)

A copy of the CYCT Race Book can be found at the club web site. [www.cyct.com/racing.html](http://www.cyct.com/racing.html)

Send the registration form and race fee to:

#### **Race Chair CYCT**

Don MacAdams

517 Kincaid

Sumner, WA 98390



## ***Race Committee has its privileges!***

TTPYC racing doesn't occur without a Race Committee. While this seem to be a thankless job, there are many benefits:

- **Pay:** Well...none but the ultimate satisfaction of volunteering and the gratitude of all participants.
- **Working Environment:** Incredible sunsets with a "fair to great chance" of inclement weather. However, there is a LOT less yelling and cursing involved compared to racing!
- **Fun:** Unmeasurable amounts!
- **Age Requirements:** Some say active AARP card is essential; that is a falsehood. You just need to be old enough to raise your hand when asked to volunteer. Having a boat also helps.
- **Action:** Guaranteed! – RC has the best vantage point to view mark roundings; exceptional boat tactics; watch sail trim and a birds-eye view of sailboat handling at its best!

If called upon, please consider saying **"Yes"** to being RC for a day. Also, remember to give a wave and a hardy **"Thank You RC"** when you finish.

**Race Protest Form**

Protest Lodged By: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)  
 Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Whereabouts of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Attach statement of the facts, include sketch of incident. Failure to comply may invalidate protest.)  
 Rule or rules considered infringed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wind direction: \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tide direction: \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water depth (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time Protest Flag was flown: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness 2: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIGITAL RACE PROTEST FORM

Protests can be filled out online:  
[ttypc.org/race-protest-form](http://ttypc.org/race-protest-form)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR PROTEST:

1. Accept the terms of the document by clicking **"Continue"**
2. **Type in your information** to complete the form
3. **Click on Submit:** this step will email a pdf of your completed protest form to you.
4. **FINAL STEP!:** Forward the emailed pdf to TTPYC's Race Fleet Captain at:  
[Roscoe767@yahoo.com](mailto:Roscoe767@yahoo.com)

Subject line: **PROTEST**

## SUBMITTING A PRINTED RACE PROTEST FORM

If you prefer, you can submit a Race Protest Form using the forms found on the following pages (we suggest making a copy of a form to fill out); complete the form & Mail to:

**ATTN.: PROTEST**

TTPYC

PO BOX 98700

DES MOINES, WA 98198



# Race Protest Form

Protest Lodged By: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_

Race Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_

Whose helmsman ☐ I have ☐ have not informed. (check one)

Whereabouts of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach statement of the facts, include sketch of incident. Failure to comply may invalidate protest.)*

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Tide direction: \_\_\_\_\_ Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Water depth (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Time Protest Flag was flown: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Space: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAIL TO:**    **ATTN.: PROTEST**  
 TTPYC  
 PO BOX 98700  
 DES MOINES, WA 98198

**FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Protest Flag seen by: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_ (time)

Received by Protest Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time)

**FACTS FOUND**

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Rule(s) Judged Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Right of Way Yacht: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISION & GROUNDS for DECISION**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

Additional Space:

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Water depth (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Time Protest Flag was flown: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Space: \_\_\_\_\_

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 TTPYC  
 PO BOX 98700  
 DES MOINES, WA 98198

**FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Protest Flag seen by: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_ (time)

Received by Protest Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time)

**FACTS FOUND**

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Rule(s) Judged Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Right of Way Yacht: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISION & GROUNDS for DECISION**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

Additional Space:

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