



Downtown Sailing Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the simple rule that fun rules.

There will be no contact between vessels. If there is contact between vessels, all yachts involved must withdraw immediately and they are no longer eligible for trophies or prizes.

There will be no protests.

The results are final.

By entering you agree to all of this.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by showing up and checking in with the race committee on VHF Channel 78A. If you wish to be timed and included in the results a Race Number must be displayed. These numbers will be given out at the Captain's meeting and at the Harbor Master's office. The Race Committee will be documenting all boats at the start line.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Elliott Bay Yacht Sales and on the Elliott Bay Marina, Downtown Sailing Series official web site.

4. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

All commercial traffic has right of way. Competitors will not impede or interfere with any commercial traffic in any way. Any vessel that does is subject to immediate disqualification. There will be patrol boats on the course and officials on those patrol vessels can disqualify any vessel sighted interfering with any commercial vessel. Competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 14 for commercial traffic information. Patrol vessels will be monitoring that channel as well.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the observation deck at the center of the Elliott Bay Marina Breakwater.

6. SCHEDULE

A captain's meeting will be held at Mulleady's Irish Pub 1900 hours, May 14, 2008, at which point classes will be determined. The new racing numbers will be given out at this meeting. They will also be available in the Harbor Master's Office. The warning signal for the first evening race will be at 1850 hrs, June 7th on the observation deck. Subsequent races will be held each Thursday except for July 3 when there no race.

7. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

For the first race, classes will start in the order the race committee selects. Order to be posted on the website and on the evening of the race the committee will take questions on VHF Channel 78A.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Elliott Bay, north of the ferry lanes and east of the west end of the Elliott Bay Marina Breakwater.

9. COURSE and MARKS

The course will be the same every Thursday night from June 7th to August 21st. The course will be from the start/finish line off the observation deck in the center of the Elliott Bay Marina Breakwater to a mark at the Grain Elevators Pier 86, then to a mark off the Seattle Aquarium at Pier 59, then to a mark off the west end of the Elliott Bay Marina, and back to the start finish line. All marks will be yellow 6 (six) foot inflatable buoys. All marks are to be rounded to starboard. In light air conditions the committee may eliminate the Aquarium mark (Pier 59). Competitors will be notified by VHF Channel 78A. *The Leukemia will be twice around the course.*

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between a limiting mark immediately off the observation deck in the center of the Elliott Bay Marina Breakwater and a yellow buoy approximately 1/4 mile south of the limiting buoy.

11. STARTING SYSTEM

The Sound Signal Starting System will be as follows commencing at 1850 hours

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time before Start</u>
Warning	1 Long	10 minutes
Preparatory	1 Long	5 minutes
First Start	1 Long	Fast Boats Start, Cruising Boats start five minutes later.
Second Start	1 Long	Cruising Boats Start.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each class will be one hour and thirty minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. Running the motor to make the time limit is NOT cause for disqualification.

13. PROTESTS

There will be no protests. See Sailing Instructions Rule Number One.

14. SCORING

The Races will be scored under the Elliott Bay Sailing Series Scoring System based upon the Political Handicap Racing Formula. The Elliott Bay Sailing Association will assign ratings. Series scoring will be based upon the Low Point Scoring System as listed in Appendix A of US Sailing.

15. TROPHIES

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to the yachts that complete the course and whose names are selected through random drawing. All yachts that complete the course are eligible.

16. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

If in the event of little or no wind, the race will NOT be cancelled - use your engine to navigate the course.