

**Gold Team Race Qualifier Regatta  
Bellingham, Wasington  
April 12-13, 2025**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES:**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Whatcom Community Sailing.

1.3. Under rule 60.1, race committee personnel may protest any boat(s) observed to violate rule 14 or 31 if penalty turns are not performed. (This alters Rule D1.2(b).)

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located in the registration and snack tent near the top of the youth dock ramp.

2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions (at the event) shall be approved by the race committee and posted no later than 20 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the race in which it will take effect. Coaches will also be notified of changes over the radio.

**3. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT:**

3.1. Report time is 0930 Saturday and 0900 Sunday, as listed in the NOR.

3.2. No race will start after April 13th at 1500, unless a sail-off is needed.

3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Techscore after the competitors' meeting.

3.4. The format will be a double round robin. Additional round robins or a championship round may be added, time permitting.

3.5. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, including format changes, will be posted on the official notice board located on the city dock.

**4. COURSES AND MARKS:**

4.1. Courses will be a digital N.

4.2. Turning marks shall be red or orange buoys, unless changed at the competitors' meeting or on the official notice board.

4.3. The start line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and an orange ball.

4.4. The finish line will be between a flag or pole on the finish boat and an orange ball.

4.5. Rotations will be off the downwind side of the Zuanich youth dock.

**5. BREAKDOWNS/PROTESTS:**

5.1. Umpires will be on the water, with at least one umpire boat per each flight

5.2. Protests will be determined by umpires on the water

6. SCORING: The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. All races of completed rounds will be included in the results.

7. COACHING:

7.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.

7.2. Race committee will be on VHF channel 68.

8. SAFETY:

8.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.