



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of Sail Canada, except as altered by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and any subsequent amendments.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board is virtual and on-line. Notices will be posted at www.roundsaltspring.ca.
- 2.2 Courtesy copies of notices may be posted at the dock gatehouse.

3 AMENDMENTS

- 3.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on 20 May, except that any changes to the schedule will be posted before 2000 on 19 May.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

5 COURSE

- 5.1 The course will be a complete circumnavigation of Saltspring Island, starting and finishing in Ganges Harbour.
- 5.2 The direction around Saltspring Island may be clockwise or anti-clockwise, at the choice of each skipper.
- 5.2 The Sisters and Chain Islands shall be left to port at the start of the race and to starboard at the finish of the race. There are no other course restrictions.

6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Division breaks will be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before 19 May. Coloured division ribbons, to be flown from their backstay or mainsail leach, will be available at the skipper's meeting.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 0955 on 20 May.
- 7.2 The race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from visual signals made aboard the Committee Boat. The absence of a sound signal shall not be grounds for redress.
- 7.3 The starting line will be located between an orange flag on the Committee Boat anchored to the east of the SISC breakwater float, and an orange ball to port.
- 7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100 meters clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 7.5 If conditions allow, division starts will be rolling, with the start of the previous division also the warning signal for the following division.



- 7.6 If conditions do not allow a fair or safe start, or if the starting line is not clear of the previous division, then the next division start may be delayed or postponed.
- 7.7 For the convenience of boats, the Race Committee may transmit an unofficial countdown and other starting information on VHF Channel 72. Errors in the countdown transmission shall not be grounds for redress.
- 7.8 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or make it promptly will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 7.9 In the event of a General Recall or Postponement, competitors shall pay attention to warning signals made from the Committee Boat.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Finish Boat, moored at the east end of the SISC breakwater dock, and an orange ball anchored approximately 300 meters to starboard. The area may be lit at night.

NOTE: Boats should be aware of any anchored boats in the finish area as well as the drying sand bar immediately east of the breakwater dock.

- 8.2 When nearing the finishing line and at 5 minutes before their estimated finish, boats MUST announce their approach by contacting the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 informing the Race Committee of the boat name, sail number and division.

9 SHORT COURSE FINISH

- 9.1 All boats are advised to record their time when their bearing to the beacon at Octopus Point is 230 degrees and email that time to racing@saltspringsailing.ca. Boats that do not reach the full course finish within the time limit may be scored based on their short course time, ranked after any boats that complete the full course within the time limit.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit is 9:30 on Sunday, 21 May.

11 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Competitors are reminded that this race involves a wide range of boat sizes and speeds, and crews of varying experience. Boats should make an extra effort to appreciate the performance differences of nearby boats. If fouls do occur, please respect the principles of sportsmanship.
- 11.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Finish Boat within one hour of the finish of the boat filing the protest or request for redress.
- 11.3 Notices of hearing and named parties will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the receipt of protest or request for redress. Hearings will be held on 21 May in the protest room located on bottom floor of the SISC Clubhouse beginning at 10:00.



12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 Competitors are reminded that Rule 44.1 (2 turns for breach of a rule in part 2 and 1 turn for breach of Rule 31) are in effect, and that Rule 44.3 is not.
- 12.2 The Protest Committee at its sole discretion will impose penalties for violations of Rules. Penalties may be less than disqualification of a boat from the race. This modifies Rule 64.1.
- 12.3 Boats using propulsion as permitted under SI 13.8 may incur a time penalty as determined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. Boats reported and found to have used propulsion without reporting to the Race Committee may be disqualified.

13 COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, or in fulfilling the requirements of the Sailing Instructions, a boat while still racing shall neither make or receive radio transmissions, mobile telephone calls, or use mobile internet devices, to obtain information not freely available to all boats.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may be contacted on VHF 72.
- 13.3 All Emergency Communications will use VHF channel 16. The Canadian Coast Guard will be the primary contact for all emergency communications. If possible, also inform the Race Committee.
- 13.4 At a minimum, all boats shall be prepared and equipped in accordance with the 2022 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for a Nearshore Category race as well as the Transport Canada Small Craft Regulations. Boats that do not display required navigation lights between sunset and sunrise are subject to protest and disqualification.
- 13.5 All boats must have auxiliary power suitable for the size and intended use of the boat.
- 13.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect boats for safety compliance prior to the start or after their finish.
- 13.7 After a boat's finish, the Race Committee reserves the right to confirm the "as sailed" specifications of any boat.
- 13.8 If a boat is drifting into danger, grounded, or avoiding a collision, minimal use may be made of propulsion provided the boat does not gain an advantage by use of propulsion. The use of propulsion must be logged with diagrams and reported to the Race Committee within one hour of finishing. Please see Section 12.3 for penalties.
- 13.9 In the event of grounding, outside help may result in disqualification.
- 13.10 Vessels still racing after midnight and not yet arrived at the Sisters Islands are encouraged to contact the Race Committee on VHF 72 or by email at racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca by 1:00 am to confirm their approximate position and any information about adjacent competing boats.
- 13.11 Boats retiring MUST notify and receive confirmation from the Race Committee immediately by VHF 72 or by email at racecommittee@saltspingsailing.ca.



- 13.12 Failure to notify the Race Committee of retiring may result in liability for any search costs that may be instigated.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The race will be scored Time on Time using a time correction factor (TCF) = $650 / (520 + \text{phrf rating})$.

15 AWARDS

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, 21 May, beginning approximately 1130.

- 14.2 The major awards are:

- **Marshall Sharp Trophy** – first overall, corrected time
- **Doug Thomas Memorial Trophy** – first overall sailing for SISC, corrected time
- **Lady Minto Foundation Line Honours Trophy** - first to finish, elapsed time
- **UK Sails Team Challenge** – lowest sum of the corrected finishing position of each registered team member within their division.

Division Awards:

Less than 5 registered boats – 1 award

5 to 9 registered boats – 2 awards

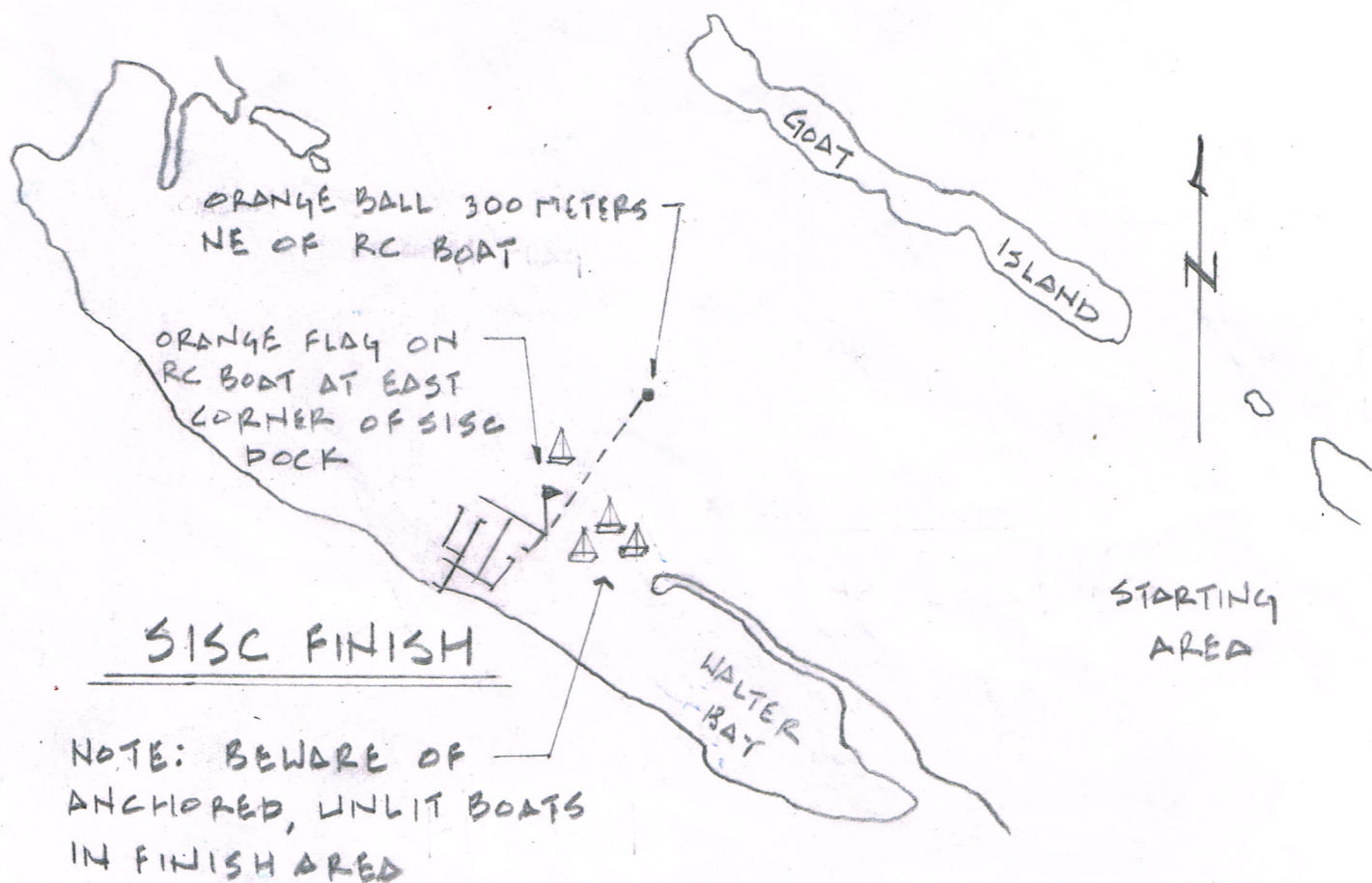
More than 9 registered boats – 3 awards

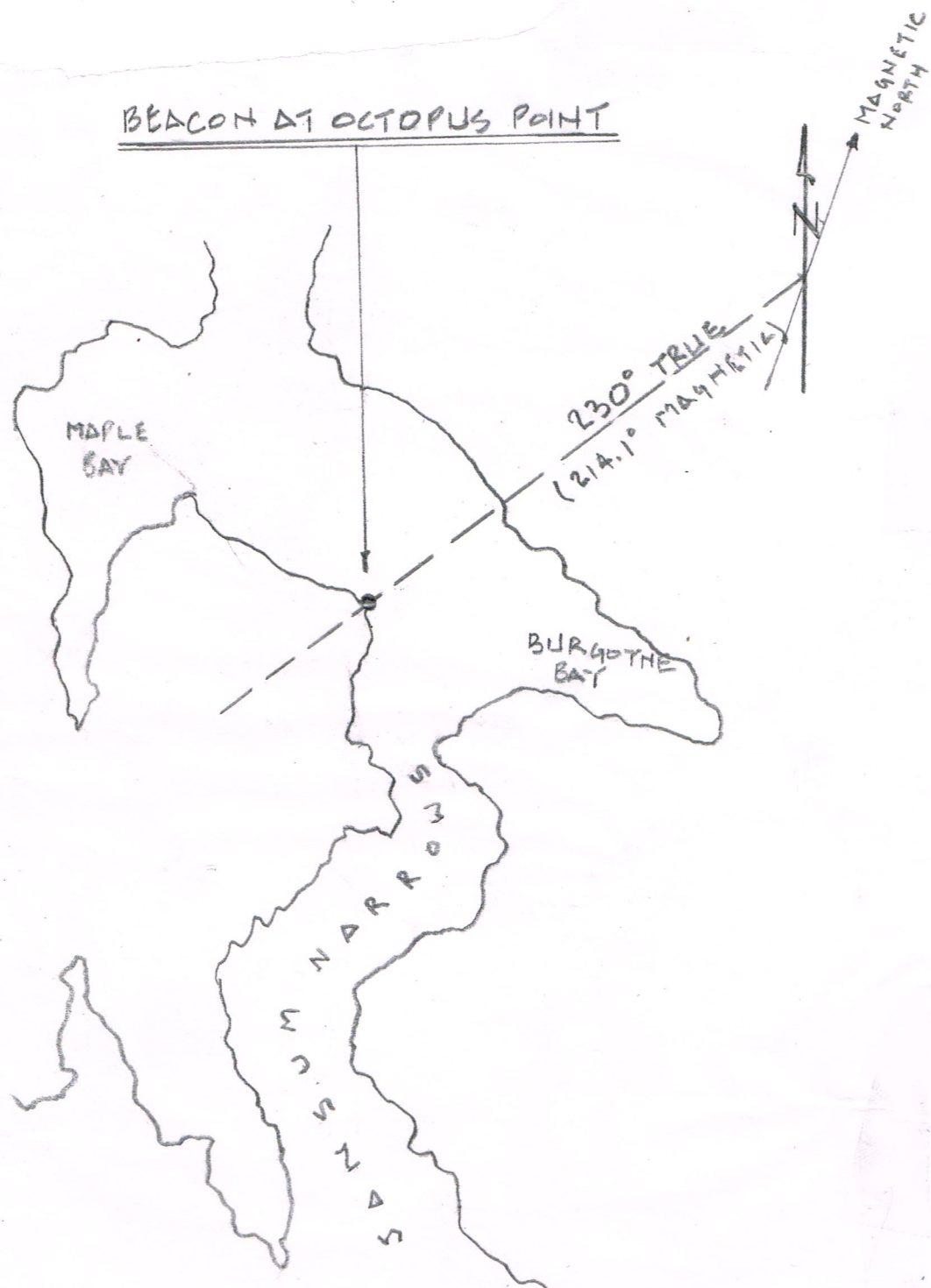
16 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- 16.1 Round Saltspring subscribes to the Clean Regatta program published by Sailors for the Sea.
- 16.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirements of Rule 55 of the RRS. As they are easily lost overboard, RSS strongly advises against the use of single-use water bottles.
- 16.3 The waters around Saltspring Island Sailing Club and Ganges Harbour are designated No Discharge Zones. The nearest holding tank pump out is at the Salt Spring Harbour Authority Breakwater Float.
- 16.4 Competitors are encouraged to separate recyclables from on-board garbage and use appropriate shore-side containers.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in this event at their own risk. Please refer to RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. Saltspring Island Sailing Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.





SHORT COURSE FINISH

EMAIL YOUR SHORT COURSE FINISH TIME (WHEN
BEARING TO OCTOPUS POINT BEACON IS 230° TRUE)
TO: racing@saltspringsailing.ca