

## **\*\* SAILING INSTRUCTIONS \*\***

### **Anacortes Yacht Club proudly presents the Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race & Cruise Saturday, February 22nd, 2020**

- 1) **RACING RULES:** This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, except if modified by these Instructions.
- 2) **COMMUNICATIONS:** All race communications will be made using VHF channel 72. Skippers shall also monitor VHF channel 16 for vessel traffic information and relevant notice to mariners.
- 3) **START:** The designated RC start boat will display an Orange Start Flag to identify itself. The Race Committee boat will be on station to observe the start maintaining a position in line with the R2 & Refinery Range marker, but it will NOT be a part of the starting line. As a courtesy to racers, start signals and race information will be communicated via VHF channel 72. Flag signals will supersede voice signals during the starting sequence. There will be ONE start for all boats participating in the race.

**FINISH:** The finish line will be located at the red Reid Rock “DR” mark in the vicinity of Friday Harbor, WA. Boats shall pass to the north within one mile of DR, located at 48.32.966 - 122.59.362. Skippers shall record their finish time using GPS time when DR is bearing 180 degrees and report it to the race committee in Friday Harbor within one (1) hour of completing the course. It is strongly recommended that boats record their finish using a time stamped GPS image. There may be a finish boat on station, but it will not be required or expected. Please call or text Race/ Event Chair Stephanie Campbell at (360) 770-9460 or Scorer Scott Truesdell at (714) 914-7157 with finish times.

- 4) **SAFETY:** All boats must comply with Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) safety requirements of Nearshore + events. Skippers are strongly encouraged to comply with PIYA Coastal

requirements as well. For additional information on PIYA safety regulations visit [www.ussailing.net/piya](http://www.ussailing.net/piya) .

- 5) **COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC:** This event transits through commercial shipping lanes with constricted waters. Skippers shall ensure their vessel gives the right-of-way to commercial vessels and does not impede commercial traffic. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification. If it appears that your vessel might impede commercial traffic it is the skipper's responsibility to "give way" and exit the area immediately. If required, the use of auxiliary power is permitted. If power is used, it must be reported to the Race Committee with the finish time. A written report must also be made showing the location, time, duration of power use, speed, direction of exit. The Skipper will ensure their vessel shall not benefit from or gain a competitive position over other yachts while under auxiliary power.
- 6) **SKIPPERS OPEN HOUSE:** AYC will be open Friday, February 21 at 05:30PM with an open bar. Last minute registrations to enter the race will be taken until 06:00PM. The Race Chair will be available for questions and concerns at that time.
- 7) **PRE-RACE CHECK-IN:** All boats are required to check-in with the Race Committee between 08:30am and 09:25am on Channel 72.

8) **RACE DETAILS:**

Starting Time: Saturday February 22rd, 09:30 hours

Start Line: Between R2 mark & Refinery Pier in Fidalgo Bay

Course: Racers shall head outbound through Guemes Channel, across Rosario Strait and through Thatcher Pass. Leave Lopez Island to Port and Shaw Island to Starboard, enroute to the finish at Reid Rock in the vicinity of Friday Harbor, WA. The race will be scored using time-on-distance with a specified distance of 18.5 nm.

Time Limit: 17:30 hours (5:30PM). Distance: 18.5 nm

9) AWARDS PARTY: Prizes will be given for the first three boats in each Race division. There will also be prizes for boats in the Cruising division. Prizes will be given after dinner is finished on Saturday night, February 22 at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Please use the Race Registration link on Regatta Network to secure dinner tickets for the Awards Party.

Finish Line Area at Reid Rock:

