

Finch Cup

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. This series is organized Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current the Racing Rules of Sailing, as adopted by the US SAILING Association, these instructions, and notices..

3. ELIGIBILITY/REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Open to all member and non-member PHRF rated boats, helmed by a woman or Jr. Sailor.
3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will monitor VHF channel 12.

4. CLASSES:

- 4.1. JAM

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level of MBBC.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except any Change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole.
7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

8. SCHEDULE OF STARTS/CLASS FLAG

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
All	White	1155	1156	1200

9. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 9.1. Malletts Bay – 5nm Course
—Start in the Inner Bay between Signal Boat and an orange, yellow or green mark.
—An inflated mark in Niquette's Bay to Port
—Beer Can Island to Port
—Finish near the vicinity of the start between RC Boat and orange, yellow or green mark
9.2. Shortened Course: The race may be shorted at any mark of the course. The (RC) will announce the shorted course by displaying the "S" flag and two sounds. **No time adjustment will be made!**
9.3. The first boat to finish wins!

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes or islands.

11. THE START and FINISH

- 11.1. Start location: Inner Malletts Bay, East of MBBC near Bayside Park.
11.2. The starting line will be between a mark to port of the Signal Boat and an orange flag displayed on a Signal Boat.
11.3. The finish line will be between a mark and the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.
11.4. Race will be started using rule 26 and pre-assigned individual starting times taken from when the first boat starts. It is the responsibility of each competitor to start correctly. Code Flag "X" will be displayed with one sound if a competitor is OCS. The RC will signal OCS competitors with using VHF Channel 12. The finish line will be between the windward side of a mark and the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. The RC may use VHF channel 12 to broadcast race information. The RC may attempt to identify premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on VHF channel 12. However, it is the individual skipper's responsibility to start properly. Failure of a boat to see, hear, or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers or failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers shall not be grounds for redress.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. Boats not finished more than 1.0 hour after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE. (time limit expired)

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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15.1. Protest will be delivered to the RC within the protest time limit. The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock, signaled by a sound. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC.

16. SCORING

16.1. Appendix A. Low point.

16.2. All Classes will use PHRF time-on-distance handicap

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing rules.

17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Awards are presented at the MBBC Annual Banquet.