

HRYC Wednesday Night Series 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hood River, OR

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions for 2025-2028 apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted in the Hood RiverYacht Club WhatsApp group
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Hood River Marina gate.
- 4.2 When flap AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '30 minutes' in Race signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The first warning signal will be no earlier than 1825 each race day.
- 5.2. The race committee can elect to start between 1 and 3 races per day (inclusive).

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. There will be a single solid green class flag used for all starts.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is on the Columbia River in the vicinity of Hood River, between Mitchell Point to the west and Eighteenmile (Chicken Charlie) Island to the east.
- 7.2. The area inside the Hood River Marina may be used as an alternative venue on light wind days.

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses may include any of:

- Fixed navigational marks in the racing area
- A pink buoy off the northern shore of Wells Island (Wells Island Buoy)
- Temporary marks set by the race committee before the start of races.
- A start or finish line set between a white car hood on the Washington side of the river and the Event Site buoy (Red can)
- A start or finish line set between the fixed navigation light poles at the entrance to the Hood River Marina.

8.2. The first course of the day will be announced via the official WhatsApp group

8.3. Any additional courses for the day will be announced on the water on VHF channel 72.

9. OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1. Except when serving as the end of a start or finish line or as a turning mark, the following are considered obstructions, **and sailing through them is prohibited [DP]**.

9.1.1. A line from the Event Site Buoy (red can) to the nearest point of shore on the Oregon side of the river.

9.1.2. A line directly north from the White Salmon River Buoy (green can) to the Washington Shore.

10. TIME LIMITS

10.1 Any boats not finished by 30 minutes after the official sunset for the day will be scored DNF.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.