

2023-2024 South Sound Series Gig Harbor YC Islands Race Sailing Instruction Amendment 1

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SI 7. Courses

Islands Race

Amendment additions in red, deletions ~~struck through~~.

Start and end outside of Gig Harbor entrance up Colvos Passage to a mark at the north end of Blake Island and returning down Colvos. ~~Approximate distance 29.5nm.~~

From the starting line, proceed in a northeasterly direction through Colvos Passage around the EAST side of Blake Island to an orange turn buoy anchored approximately 1000 yards north of Blake Island, near 47°33'2"N 122°29'9 W. Leave the Buoy to PORT and proceed back EAST of Blake Island, south through Colvos Passage and finish in a southwesterly direction across the (starting) finish line.

Approximate distance 29.5 nm

ALTERNATE COURSE—FERN COVE: If the forecasted conditions warrant, the RC may signal use of an alternate course for all fleets by displaying the "S" flag prior to the first warning. The RC will make an effort to announce the use of the alternate course over VHF Ch 72, but the display of the "S" flag is the official communication.

If an Alternate Course is signal, the rounding mark will be an orange inflatable buoy at approximately 47deg 28' 55" N, 122deg 29' 30" W (47deg 28.92' N, 122deg 29.50' W / 47.4819deg N, 122.4917deg). This mark should be left to PORT. The course will be from the starting line outside Gig Harbor entrance, around the rounding mark, and back to the finish line outside the Gig Harbor entrance.

Approximate distance 20 nm

SHORTENED COURSE: The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32.

~~SHORTENED COURSE: The race committee shall announce a shortening of the race on channel 72 and display the shortened course flag. The race committee may elect to shorten the course at the turn buoy located north of Blake Island with a finish line between the buoy and a race committee boat.~~

~~The decision to shorten will be made prior to the first boat arriving at the turn buoy. Alternatively, the race committee may elect to shorten this course at the turn buoy located in Fern Cove (departing only) with a finish line between the buoy and a race committee boat. The decision to shorten will be made prior to the first boat arriving at the turn buoy departing or returning. Ferry~~

~~-Boat Clearance: Ferries travel between the north end of Vashon Island and Fauntleroy, Seattle and Bremerton, and Seattle and Bainbridge Island. All yachts must maintain a minimum 500 – yard distance from any ferry boat, regardless of its location and speed, which has the right of way at all times. Interference with ferry traffic may result in a boat being disqualified.~~