

# NICHOLS PASSAGE SPRINT

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by Ketchikan Yacht Club (KYC) Racing Instructions.

### 2 ENTRIES

KYC Registered Season Competitors are automatically entered. Visiting Competitors and individual boats not registered for the Wednesday night races may enter by registering with KYC and paying the entry fee to KYC Race Committee 1 day before the race.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All boats entered must be fully fitted out for sailing Southeast Alaskan waters. The decision whether to start or to continue a race is exclusively the skipper's, and Ketchikan Yacht Club assumes no responsibility for any entering skipper's decision. Electrical or wind vane self-steering apparatus is not permitted. All competitors will have a functioning radio and will monitor Channels 16 and 69 prior the start of the race, at a minimum. All competitors will have proper safety equipment and will wear personal flotation devices for this race.

### 4 SCHEDULE

No competitors meeting will be held for this race. The race will start at 1000 hours using a 5-minute starting countdown, with a pre-start warning signal just before the 1000 starting. If there is not sufficient wind for a start, there will be at most two 30 minute postponements and then the race will start whether there is wind or not (that is, the starting signal would be 1100).

### 5 COURSE and MARKS

The only marks for the course after the start are the Pennock Reef Buoy marked "PR" on the chart, the unnamed rocks off Blank Point between Blank Inlet and Stomach Bay, then the buoy that marks Potter Rock, labeled "RG" on the chart, and finally the starting/finishing buoy just south of Bar Harbor, labeled "R"WR6" on the chart. All marks must be taken to port. Official distance for the race is 17.00 nautical miles.

### 6. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The start/finish line will range in toward shore from the red buoy just south of Bar Harbor marked "R"WR6" to a committee boat. In the event that there is not a committee boat by 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the scheduled start of a race, the start will be initiated by the Race Committee Chair or Race Committee Chain of Command, using the auto start system, or a GPS or rabbit start. In the event that the committee boat does not arrive in time to start the race, the Race Committee Chain of Command may establish the starting sequence by verbal notification to all boats, via radio, that an alternative start will be used. In any race run without a committee boat all competitors will keep their finishes via elapsed times. Example: see TIME LIMIT below. Failure to have a functioning radio is not an acceptable excuse for not being aware of the notification of an alternative start under these circumstances.

### 7. TIME LIMIT

Time limit for completion is 12 hours following the starting signal. Each boat must record GPS time between the starting signal and the finish in hours, minutes and seconds. Only GPS times will be accepted; clock times are not acceptable. Example, a start of 1005:02 and a finish of 1436:49 is a GPS time of 4 hours, 31 minutes and 47 seconds. The finishing time is determined by the time that the bow of the boat passes close abeam (within two boat lengths) on the town side of buoy "WR6". Competitors will report their GPS times to the scorekeeper within 24 hours after completion of the race. Times that are turned in but which are not elapsed times will not be accepted, posted or scored. Times turned in after 24 hours will be refused.

### 8. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to any member of the Race Committee within 2 hrs after the finish of the last boat in the race. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after receiving any protest. *RRS Rule 61* may allow additional time for turning in a protest if the Protest Committee agrees to the additional time.

### 6 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. All results will count toward the season's standings. (Race Multiple 3)

### 7 AWARDS

Awards will be given to First, Second, and Third place.