

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 PNMYS-sponsored races will be governed by the **rules** as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.  
1.2 The Organizing Authority is Pacific Northwest MYC.

### 2 This Notice modifies Racing Rules of Sailing 31, and Appendices A2, E3.4, E8 and G1:

- 2.1 Boats **may touch marks** of the course while racing. This deletes RRS 31.  
2.2 One **worst score** will be excluded from a boat's total score for every **three races** scored. In **seasonal series**, one worst day's score will be excluded for every **three race days** scored. This modifies RRS A2.  
2.3 Class- or PNMYS-posted sail identification schemes (contrasting, bold, narrow, min. 3" high) are permitted. This modifies App. E8 (4" high) and G1."  
2.4 The Additional Penalty of RRS E4.3(b) shall be interpreted as requiring **only one additional turn** when significant advantage remains after the first One-Turn Penalty.

### 3 This Notice of Races modifies T-37 Class Rules:

- 3.1 To prevent damage to other boats, each boat shall mount a resilient **bow bumper** from the deck down to 5/8" above an extension of the hull bottom plane. Two layers of foam mounting tape meet the resilience requirement.  
3.2 Boats may race without port and starboard **shrouds** and their deck eyes.  
3.3 The **rudder** shall be a single blade with no appendages. Any profile shape that extends **6.00"- 6.50"** from the hull surface shall be deemed in compliance with the class rules. The rudder shall not be changed after the start of the first race of the day.  
3.4 Jib booms and **jib boom counterweights** shall be blunt forward and shall not extend beyond the bow.  
3.5 A **fixed boom vang** is permitted only within 2.5" of the mast.  
3.6 **Booms** may be of any cross-section not exceeding **3/8"** in vertical dimension (excluding a solid fixed vang).  
3.7 Boats may have boom **topping lifts**, raised sheet **fairleads**, and a sheet **barney post**.  
3.8 The **base of the mast** shall be stepped in the bottom of the boat and may be manually adjustable fore and aft.  
3.9 There shall be only **one mast hole** through the deck. It shall be non-adjustable and fitted to the outside diameter of the mast or mast tube.  
3.10 The **keel** web may be made thicker than 1/4" only with wood and thickened epoxy.

- 3.11 **Boat minimum weight** is **5.0 pounds**, fully rigged, including batteries and fixed ballast.  
3.12 **Removable ballast** is permitted within or above the hull. Such ballast may be altered between races.

## 4 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

- 4.1 Changes to the Notice of Race shall be posted on the PNMYS.org website.  
4.2 The posted PNMYS racing schedule and venues may be changed from time to time.

## 5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Races are open to all T-37 Class-legal sloops and to those modified only as permitted in this Notice of Races.  
5.2 Some events in the PNMYS schedule may require an entry fee. Some events may require paid PNMYS membership, paid AMYA T37 boat registration, and/or AMYA membership. Memberships in both PNMYS and AMYA are encouraged. Find forms at PNMYS.org and theAMYA.org.

## 6 REQUIREMENTS AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 6.1 **Competitors in PNMYS events participate entirely at their own risk.** See RRS 4, Decision to Race.  
**Responsibility for a competitor's decision to attend or participate in a race or to continue attending or racing is his alone.**  
6.2 **The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host clubs, sponsors, any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or property nor for the injury, including death, to any competitor sustained as a result of participation in this event.**  
6.3 **By participating in any PNMYS event, each competitor agrees to release the Pacific Northwest Model Yacht Club; its members and officers; Seattle Yacht Club and other participating clubs; the American Model Yachting Association; the race organizers and officials; and the municipality, county, and/or other owner of the sailing venue from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.**

For further information, visit PNMYS.org or PNMYS.yahoogleroups.com or contact PNMYS Commodore Ronald Knight ronknight@mac.com

## 1. RULES:

- 1.1 PNMVC-sponsored races will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Entry is open to all class-legal T-37 sloops and to those modified only as permitted in the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions modify RRS 26, 28, 31, 41, 90.2, A2, E3.4, E4.2, E6.5, E8, G1 and Class Rules.
- 1.4 Boats **may touch marks** of the course while racing. This deletes RRS 31.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Principal Race Officer (PRO) may make oral changes to sailing instructions in the Launching or Control Area before the Warning Signal of a race. This modifies RRS 90.2.

## 3 RACING, LAUNCHING, AND CONTROL AREAS

- 3.1 The PRO will designate the racing, launching, and control areas before the Warning Signal of the first race, and if changed, before the Warning Signal of the subsequent start.

## 4 COURSES, MARKS, AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The PRO will describe the course to be sailed and the marks of the course before the Warning Signal of the first start, and if changed, before the Warning Signal of the subsequent start.
- 4.2 The race committee may designate areas and features as Obstructions under rule 19.

## 5 LAUNCH AND RE-LAUNCH, OUTSIDE HELP

- 5.1 Boats launching or re-launching after the One-Minute Preparatory Signal may only be lowered to the water and then released or pushed by hand grasping only the mast, mainsail, and/or stays; and only above the top of the jib.
- 5.2 A boat disabled by entanglement, grounding, or temporary loss of radio control may receive outside assistance from any source equally available to all competitors and may then continue in the race. A boat that thus gains a significant advantage shall take a Penalty or Penalties in accordance with RRS E4.3 or retire. This adds to RRS 41, E2.3, and E4.2.

## 6 THE START AND THE FINISH

- 6.1 The start sequence may be shortened to:
  - a hailed Warning Signal less than one minute before the Preparatory Signal,
  - an audible Preparatory Signal at one minute,
  - audible signals counting down to the start,
  - an audible start signal.This modifies RRS 26 and E3.4.
- 6.2 The starting line and finishing line will be described verbally by the race committee.

## 7 SCORING, PENALTIES, PROTESTS, REDRESS

- 7.1 One worst score will be excluded from a boat's total score for every three races scored. In seasonal series, one worst day's score will be excluded for every three race days scored. This modifies RRS A2.
- 7.2 In a race conducted in **heats**, a boat that has not started **within two minutes** after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- 7.3 The race committee may score boats lagging behind the fleet as finished-in-place. This modifies RRS 28.
- 7.4 The One-Turn Penalty E4.3 shall be interpreted as requiring only one additional turn when significant advantage remains after the first One-Turn Penalty.
- 7.5 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted in writing to the PRO not more than 20 minutes after the last race of the morning or afternoon session in which the incident occurred. This modifies RRS E6.5.

## 8 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1 **Competitors in PNMVC events participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Responsibility for a competitor's decision to attend or participate or to continue attending or participating is his alone.**
- 8.2 **The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host clubs, sponsors, any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, including death, to any competitor sustained as a result of participation in this event.**
- 8.3 **By participating in any PNMVC event, each competitor agrees to release the Pacific Northwest Model Yacht Club; its members and officers; Seattle Yacht Club and other participating clubs; the American Model Yachting Association; the race organizers and officials; and the municipality, county, and/or other owner of the sailing venue from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.**