



# Wet Pants Sailing Association Handicap Sailing Instructions

June 30

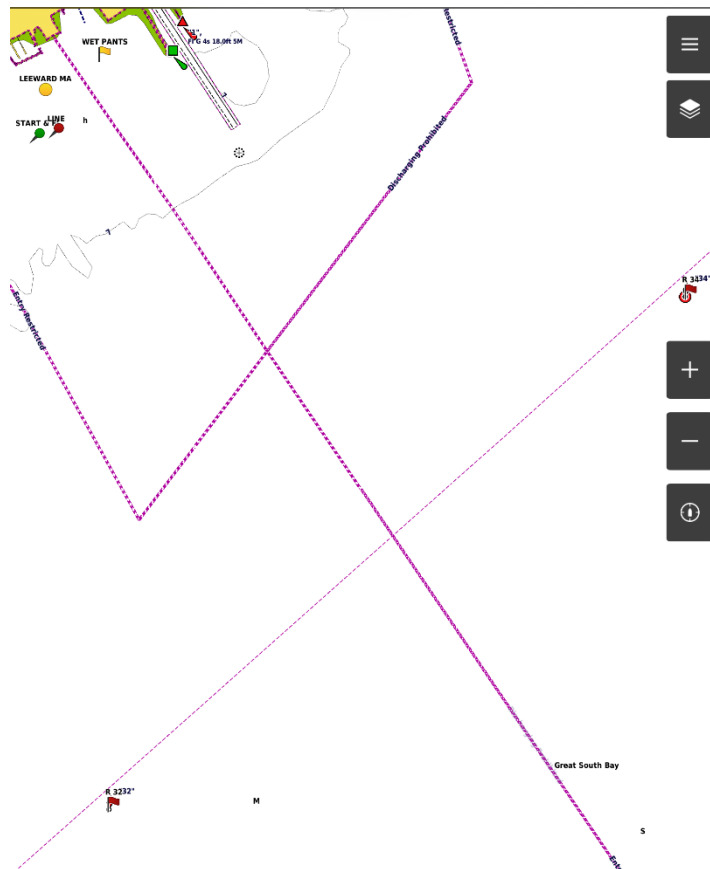
July 7, 14, 21, & 28

August 4, 11, 18, & 25

September 1

## Organizing Authority – Wet Pants Sailing Association

1. **RULES** - The Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
2. **Check in on the water with the Signal Boat.** -Notify the Signal Boat if you decide to withdraw from the race.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Changes may be given on the water by the Signal Boat. Each competitor will be told of the changes prior to their Warning Signal.
4. **SCHEDULE FOR EACH RACE** - Several short horn blast will sound to alert competitors that the three-minute starting sequence will begin shortly. Weather and daylight permitting, two races may be sailed each evening.
5. **RACING AREA** – The racing area will be in a triangular area between government buoys 32, 34 and the Wet Pants docks.
6. **COURSES** – Two courses will be used.  
In a SW wind, sail a windward – leeward course to government buoy 32.  
In a SE wind, sail a windward – leeward course to government buoy 34.



7. The race will begin at a starting line between the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy. Then sail upwind to the government buoy and return to the inflatable buoy behind the Signal Boat. **DO NOT CROSS THE STARTING LINE UNTIL YOU FINISH THE RACE.** Then sail to the finish line where the race started. When you cross the finish line your elapsed time will be recorded. (The reason for not returning through the starting line is because the Sunfish may be there.)
8. **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT-** RRS 40.1 applies for all. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
9. **SCORING** - The Portsmouth Handicap Rating System will be used. The elapsed time of each boat will be recorded when it crosses the finish line. Then its corrected time will be calculated. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Boats not competing on scheduled race days will be scored a DNC (Did Not Compete) for each race held on that day and receive one more point than the total number of boats registered in the series. A boat that came to the starting line and did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF) or was disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored one more point than the total number of boats which came to the starting line on that day.
10. **PRIZES** - To be eligible for a prize, a skipper must race at least half of the total races held over the evenings in each series. Prizes will be awarded for the top finisher at the annual mess. Final Scoring for the series will be done by the Wet Pants Sailing Association.
11. **DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY** – Competitors in this series are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.