POULSBO YACHT CLUB

**PYC LIBERTY BAY CHALLENGE 2018 – Cruiser Navigation Rally**

**Special Rules**

(1) This Rally will be conducted under the Standard Rules of the International Power Boat Association, Jan 2003 Edition revised, as modified by these Special Rules. A copy of the Standard Rules is available on request and can be obtained from the Contest Committee.

IPBA rules require that the contestants operate in a safe manner in compliance with all Pilot Rules, Rules of the Road and Navigation laws, including local laws enacted by proper authority applicable to the Contestant’s cruiser in the area where the Contestant is operating. (Rule 8 I). Failure to comply with the Rules of the Road results in a 1% Penalty or disqualification. (Rule 14 a).

(2). Observers will be provided for all contestants registered prior to May 7, 2018. Contestants who register after that date may be required to provide an exchange observer. The Contest Committee will assign the observers at Log turn in. Remember that observers are honored guests on the contestant’s cruiser. Contestants normally provide lunch for their observer, a portion of the dinner fee covers part of the cost for the observer’s dinner.

(3). Predicted and Contest Logs shall be completed in ink and shall be submitted to the contest committee between 0845 and 1015 hours in the PYC Club House. Completed and signed Contest Log shall be returned to the contest committee after completing the contest in the same location no later than 1530 hours. Contest Logs shall be accepted only when submitted with the observer and contestant present together. NOTE: IPBA REVISED (Nov 2012) simplified standard Log forms are the only forms acceptable to be used in IPBA Rallies. The paper version of the form is available. An electronic version (Excel and PDF format) is available on the IPBA website. The areas that are shaded on the Predicted and Contest Logs MUST be completed at check in. CHECK all your entries against any worksheets and/or observer timing sheets. No changes can be made after logs are turned in and accepted by the committee.

ATTENTION CONTESTANT: If you submit your Contest Log after the Rally with your TOTAL SECONDS OF ERROR entered on the log sheet, the Contest Committee will try to contact you in the event your score differs from what the Contest Committee has calculated. IPBA adopted in 2013 a simplified version of the log forms. The excel program now has a place on the Contest Log where you can enter your TOTAL SECONDS OF ERROR into the Contest log as well as the actual times of day. You may enter the actual times of day into the contest calculation program and print out your CONTEST LOG with results and you can TURN IN the printed CONTEST LOG with results. ONLY turn in ONE Contest Log. Either the contest log which was returned to you in the morning with Times of Day entered in ink OR the print out of your CONTEST LOG with results. DO NOT turn in the Calculation log but retain it (and the original contest log if you turn in the PRINTED CONTEST LOG with results) until after the awards have been announced. The signed Contest Log which is returned to you in the morning shall be given to the observer to verify Timed Runs and RPM adjustments are proper.

(4). Time shall be Pacific Standard Time. A stopwatch will be allowed only for timed runs, time outs, and verification of reading the official time by the observer in accordance with Rule 8o. Only a stopwatch will be used for timed runs and shall be available to the Observer who shall confirm the proper time has been run. The stopwatch shall be cleared and stopped when its use is no longer permitted.

5). Throttles may be adjusted during the Rally. Cruise RPM’s shown on the Contest Log may be adjusted plus 10% and lowered to idle speed as long as the engine(s) remain in gear.

(6). The IPBA handicap as set forth in the Standard Rule Book shall apply.

(7). Flat water speed is the speed of the cruiser at the basic RPM shown on the log without consideration for wind or current. There shall be three finish time brackets, which is called “finish class” on the log form, as follows.

Finish Brackets Flat Water Speed Finish Times:

1 8.00 and under 1330 - 1340

2 8.01 to 8.50 1340 - 1350

3 8.51 & Over 1350 - 1400

(8). Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place contestants and to the first place in each of three classes in accordance with the IPBA Rules. A novice plaque will be awarded to the best finish by a novice. Rally results may be viewed at the IPBA web site: <http://www.ipbalogracing.org>.

(9**). Navigation Aids**: Radar may be on Standby and NOT USED except when needed under IPBA rules for safety purposes only. Auto pilots may be used if not connected to GPS. Auto pilots and other instruments may display magnetic/Gyro. GPS compasses must only display “heading” and not course over ground (COG). Cellular telephones must be turned off. Chartplotters and Computers using Navigation programs, not connected to GPS or displaying or using GPS data, course made good, speed, tracking, Time of Day or Lat Lon may be used in place of small scale charts. A large scale (2 or 3 page) printout of the course is still required which the observer may need to review. A DATA Logger may be used to record your track and supplied to the judges if needed.

NO other GPS data is allowed and all other such info shall be covered with opaque tape. Radar and Chart plotter with GPS connected will NOT be allowed except as provided under the safety rules. Average speed calculations using Coastal Explorer “track” function shall NOT be displayed or used during Rally. **(This year’s new NACA trial requests are not applicable in this contest.)**

(10). Charts recommended for this Rally is N.O.A.A. Charts are 18446 & 18449. The Official Mileage for this Rally is **17.0** nautical miles, which cannot be exceeded.

(11). This Rally shall be conducted at Cruise Speed unless otherwise directed in the Course Description.

(12). All contestants shall lay out courses as direct as practical while maintaining at least 200 yds from all shorelines, docks and bridges except 100 yds off when speed is less than 7 kn.

(13) **Observer’s Dinner**s on Saturday will be provided by the contest committee as a portion of each dinner ticket price helps offset the cost. As customary, skippers are expected to provide lunch for their observer.

(14) **VHF Channel 9** has been adopted by IPBA for all pre-Rally communication. Monitor VHF 9 before the Rally and VHF 16 during the Rally.

**Course Description – 2018 PYC Liberty Bay Challenge**

See Leg Heading and Bearing Table and Coastal Explorer “.nob” file for all Lat-Lon

(Lat/Lon provided and CE added marks created using data from the WA state Hwy dept., Coastal Explorer $BING photos and other sources).

If you have any questions about the course or Rally please feel free to call/text Jim Korzetz @ 360-509-4624 (cell) or email at korzetz@comcast.net