

INTERNATIONAL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION



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2021 South Sound Series

Gig Harbor Invitational Navigation Rally	September 08
Filucy Bay Challenge Navigation Rally	September 09
International Cruiser Navigation and Century 21 Contests	September 11
MBYC Summer Navigation Rally	September 13
TYC Jack Hyde Memorial Navigation Rally	September 15

SPECIAL RULES

(1) **Introduction**: This contest shall be conducted under the Standard Rules of the International Power Boat Association, 1998 Edition, as modified by these Special Rules. A copy of the Standard Rules is available on the IPBA website at www.ipbalogracing.org.

IPBA Rules require that Contestants operate in a safe manner in compliance with all Pilot Rules, Rules of the Road and Navigational Laws, including local laws enacted by proper authority applicable to the Contestant's cruiser in the area where the Contestant is operating (rule 8i). Failure to comply with the Rules of the Road results in a 1% penalty or disqualification (Rule 14a).

Because the federal government has elevated the national risk of terrorism, special restrictions governing marine traffic are in effect. This effects the separation that must be maintained between pleasure vessels and certain military and commercial ships. These restrictions apply to Washington State Ferries as well.

(2) **Observers**: Each Contestant is responsible for providing an Observer for his/her boat. If no Observer is available, Leg times may be recorded with a "Time-Stamp" app such as "Beach Music" or any "time of day" recording device.

(3) **Logs**: Predicted Logs and Contest Logs shall be completed and submitted to the contest committee by 0930 on the day of the contest. They may be submitted in person to the contest chair or by Email to john.burwell@outlook.com. Completed and signed Contest Logs shall be returned to the contest committee after completing the contest no later than 1630 hours.

a) IPBA Predicted and Contest logs are available on the IPBA website: <http://www.ipbalogracing.org>.

b) If you submit your Contest Log after the race with your Total Seconds of Error entered on the log sheet, the Race Committee will try to contact you in the event your score differs from the Race Committee calculation.

(4) **IBPA Numbers**: IBPA numbers must be displayed port, starboard, and astern, and be visible.

(5) **Time**: Time shall be Pacific Daylight Time. The official time will be GPS time.

(6) **Stop Watches**: A stopwatch shall be allowed only for timed runs, time outs, and verification of reading the Official Time by the Observer in accordance with Rule 8.0. Only a stop watch 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 stopped and cleared when its use is no longer permitted.

(7) **Throttles**: Throttles may be adjusted during the contest to vary the RPM from the RPM shown on the log by no more than plus 10% **and unlimited decrease in RPM so long as the transmission/s remain in gear at all times after the start and during the contest.**

(8) **Handicap**: The current IPBA handicap as set forth in the Standard Rule Book shall be employed to calculate a net percentage of error. For predicted speeds of less than 7 knots, the handicap for 7 knots shall be used. For predicted speeds of more than 23 knots, the handicap for 23 knots shall be used. Predicted speed in knots is determined by multiplying the official mileage by 3600 and dividing by the total number of seconds predicted by the contestant to complete the course. Predicted speed shall be rounded off to the nearest 1/10th of a knot.

(9) **Flat Water Speed**: Flat water speed is the speed of the cruiser at the basic RPM shown on the Log without consideration for wind or current.

(10) **Navigational Aids**:

- Radar **MAY NOT** be used for contest navigational purposes, but may be used at any time the skipper deems it necessary for safety purposes (See IBPA Rule No. 9-Safety Rule).
- Chart plotters and electronic charts **MAY BE USED** to replace small-scale printed charts so long as they **ARE NOT CONNECTED TO GPS** and the chart plotter or any other device **DOES NOT DISPLAY SPEED, TIME OR POSITION INFORMATION such as: SOG, COG, Time of Day, Tracking or latitude/longitude.**
- Auto pilots and depth sounders may be used if they do not receive active GPS signals.
- Electronic ranging devices may not be used.
- Cellular telephones may not be used.
- An electronic data logger may be used to record your track and supplied to the judges if needed.

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

(15) **Chartlet**: Any chartlets or course images provided are intended to assist you in planning your course. It is not suitable for navigation. The written Course Description and Special Rules take precedence over the information on the chartlet.