

WINTER CLASSIC

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NOTICE OF RACE Sunday, February 19, 2012

The Orcas Hotel, West Sound Marina, and the Orcas Island Yacht Club are pleased to invite you to participate in the eleventh annual Shaw Winter Classic Sailboat Race.

Rules: The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2009-2012), the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. PHRF Rules will be in effect.

Eligibility: All owner/skippers are invited to participate. All boats must have a valid 2011 or 2012 PHRF certificate and must meet PIYA Category III equipment requirements. Advance registration is required.

Sailing Instructions: The final sailing instructions (SIs) will be sent to registered skippers on or about February 15th, 2012 and posted at <http://oiyc.org>. There will be no pre-race skippers' meeting.

Fleets: There will be at least two fleets. The slowest boats will be Division A. The rating cutoff will be determined before the SIs are distributed and will be selected such that each fleet has roughly the same number of boats. If the previous years' participation is used as a guide the rating cutoff will be approximately 100.

Course: The start/finish line will be set up in Harney Channel. A flag on the upper balcony of the Orcas Hotel will mark the port end of the line. All signals will be flown/sounded from the balcony of the Orcas Hotel. The postponement flag will drop promptly after the 10AM inter-island ferry departs Orcas Landing. Please stay out of the way of the WSF as it departs. An announcement shall be made by radio VHF-68 shortly prior to the start sequence. Flag sequence will be as specified in Rule 26 and will be fully described in the SIs. All divisions will start at the same time, approximately 1015 hours. Racers will proceed clockwise around Shaw Island, keeping it to starboard, and return to the start/finish line. The cutoff time for finishing is 1700 hours.

Entry Fee and Forms: The entry fee is \$35.00, or \$30.00 for U.S. Sailing members. Advance registration is required. *Your entry fee includes one dinner ticket for the buffet after the race.* Register by returning the entry form. For information call Tom Maiuro, at 360-376-4879. **Deadline for registration is Monday, Feb. 12th, 2012.**

Moorage: Moorage is available at West Sound Marina or the OIYC dock (no power or water), both in West Sound about 20 minutes from the start/finish line. Moorage at West Sound Marina is free for racers. Call West Sound Marina at 360-376-2314 to reserve dock space. Moorage at the OIYC dock is first come first serve for racers who are members of reciprocal yacht clubs. Transportation to/from the Orcas Hotel can be arranged from either location upon request.

Land Accommodations: The Orcas Hotel has rooms available for racers. Call the Orcas Hotel at 360-376-4300 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are sailing in this race.

Social Events: A buffet dinner and awards ceremony will be held at the Orcas Hotel on Sunday. Dinner will be served beginning at 1600 hours and continue until 2000 hours. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 (price includes tax and tip) for each additional person besides the one included dinner ticket and must be paid with the registration and entry fee. *Please support our sponsor.*

Awards: Trophies, provided by Orcas Hotel, will be awarded for the top three boats in each division on corrected time. Additionally, the fastest overall winner will be memorialized on the permanent trophy on display in the Orcas Hotel dining room.

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ENTRY FORM

Yacht Name: _____ Skipper: _____
Sail Number: _____ Address: _____
Yacht Type: _____
Yacht Club: _____ Phone: _____
Hull Color: _____ Fax: _____
Length Overall: _____ e-mail: _____
Spinnaker Color(s): _____
PHRF Rating: _____

Attach a copy of your 2011 or 2012 PHRF Rating Sheet.

Registration fee: \$35.00 OR \$30.00 for U.S. Sailing Members: = \$ _____
U.S. Sailing Membership Number: _____

Number of additional people attending the buffet dinner
Sun Feb. 19th, 2012 at the Orcas Hotel: \$20.00 X _____ number of people = \$ _____
(Note: one dinner ticket is included in your entry fee.)

Total Entry Fee Plus Dinners: = \$ _____

Make check payable to **Orcas Island Yacht Club**. Entry fee must be *received* by Monday Feb. 12th, in order to provide a dinner count. No refunds after February 15th, 2012.

I certify that my yacht qualifies for PIYA Category III special regulations governing minimum equipment and accommodations standards. In consideration for participating in this event, I represent to its organizers that my yacht has liability insurance currently in effect covering property damage, personal injury and death and that that policy covers yacht racing activities. I acknowledge that the decision to enter my yacht and participate in this event is solely my own, and I agree to be bound by the International Yacht Racing Rules as adopted by U.S. Sailing, including national prescriptions, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions for this event.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Entry Form and Fee must be *received* by February 12th, 2012.

Return the entry form with your payment and a copy of your PHRF certificate to:

**Tom Maiuro
P.O. Box 338
Eastsound, WA 98245**

Call Tom Maiuro at 360-376-4879 if you have questions. Entry Forms **MUST** be signed to be valid. Phone registration and e-mail entries are not valid until the signed entry form and fee are received.