

# **The Benson Cup**

## **Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions**

### **October 5, 2008**

The Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Orcas Children's House are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2008 Benson Cup Race around Waldron Island, on October 5, 2008. The \$20 race registration fee goes to the benefit of the Children's House. Trophies are provided by the Orcas Island Yacht Club for the first, second, and third place handicap-adjusted finishers.

**Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions will govern the race.

**Eligibility:** All owners or skippers and their crew are invited to participate. All boats should have a valid PHRF certificate. Registration prior to the warning signal is required. Handing your entry form to the race committee before the start of the race is allowed. We appreciate any email notice of entry in advance.

**Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions are part of this Notice of Race. A race committee boat will be at the northeast corner of Jones Island (the north end of Spring Passage) the morning of October 7th. A starting line will be set between the permanent marker at 48 37.217N & 123 02.562W and the red flag on the committee boat. The pin end area of the line is an obstruction, so watch the depth. The starting direction will be from the SE to the NW. The start sequence will begin at 9:55 a.m. with the warning flag. The 5-minute sequence as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used. The start will be at 10:00 a.m. unless delayed. The course is around Waldron Island in any direction, finishing at the same location as the start. The finishing direction will be from the NW to the SE. Boats finishing after 4:00 p.m. will not be scored. The time on distance formula will be used; the course distance of 15 miles will be applied in the calculation.

**PIYA:** This is a PIYA Category III event.

**Weather and tides:** Be aware that fog can be a player, as can significant current. GPS equipment is recommended.

**Communications:** Monitor Channel 16 for boats needing assistance and for announcements. The race committee may request that further communications regarding the race, such as abandonment be switched to ch. 68.

**Check-in:** No check-in is required. Boats that cross the start line within 10 minutes of the start will be assumed to be racing; any that cross the line later should radio the race committee to confirm an intent to race.

**Protests:** Protests must be announced to the RC boat and acknowledged as the protesting boat finishes, either by a sail-by or by radio, going from ch. 16 to 68. Valid protests will be heard at the West Sound Community Center approximately one hour after the committee boat docks.

**Entry Form:** The entry form can be downloaded from [www.oiy.org](http://www.oiy.org) or can be picked up at the West Sound Marina.

**Post-race:** Results will be announced as soon as practical at the West Sound Community Center. Warm food will be available at no cost to racers. Trophies are distributed at the annual OIYC awards dinner in November.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your US Sailing number \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee of \$20 will be given to the Orcas Island Children's House.

Make checks payable to Orcas Island Yacht Club.

In consideration for participating in this event, I agree to be responsible for any property damage, personal injury or worse, which might occur as a result of my yacht racing activities. I acknowledge that the decision to enter my yacht and participate in this race is solely my own, and I agree to be bound by the International Yacht Racing Rules as adopted by US Sailing, including national prescriptions, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions for the specific event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the entry form **with your payment** to:

Betsy Wareham at the West Sound Marina, or to

Rebecca Earnest  
PO Box 598  
Eastsound WA 98245

or to the Committee Boat prior to the start of the race.