

WINTER CLASSIC

Sponsored by Orcas Hotel, West Sound Marina, and the Orcas Island Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE Sunday, February 17, 2008

Orcas Hotel, West Sound Marina, and the Orcas Island Yacht Club are pleased to invite you to participate in the seventh annual Winter Classic.

Rules: The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2005-2008), 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 2007 or 2008 PHRF certificate and must meet PIYA Category III equipment requirements. Advance registration is required.

Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions (SI's) will be sent to registered skippers on or about February 11, 2008 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 SI's 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 red flag on the deck of the Orcas Hotel will mark the port end of the line. All signals will be flown/sounded from the deck of the Orcas Hotel. The postponement flag will drop at 0954 hours. Flag sequence will be as specified in Rule 26 and will be fully described in the SI's. All divisions will start at 1000 hours. Times may be modified if any Washington State ferry is in the vicinity of the start line. 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 \$30.00, or \$25.00 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 Rebecca Earnest at 360-376-2788. **Deadline for registration is Monday, Feb. 11, 2008.**

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 \$15.00 (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 Sunday, February 17, 2008

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

Do you want to race Non-Flying Sails: yes or no (circle one) If NFS is selected the race committee will review your standard rating and assign a NFS rating, The rating assigned is not contestable.

Attach a copy of your 2007 or 2008 PHRF Rating Sheet.

Registration fee: \$30.00 OR \$25.00 for U.S. Sailing Members: _____ = \$ _____

U.S. Sailing Membership Number: _____

Number of additional people attending the buffet dinner

Sun. Feb. 17, 2008 at the Orcas Hotel: \$15.00 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. 11. No refunds after February 13, 2007.

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 11, 2007.

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

**Rebecca Earnest
P.O. Box 598
Eastsound, WA 98245**

Call Rebecca at 360-376-2788 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. Do NOT mail entry forms to OIYC – that PO Box is not checked daily.