



ROUND ORCAS Notice of Race

A race around Orcas Island on Saturday, June 19, 2021

[Orcas Island Yacht Club](#) is pleased to invite you to the third annual race around Orcas Island, part of the [North Sound Party Circuit](#), on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Held on the longest Saturday of the year, the race presents intriguing navigational challenges set against the splendid scenic beauty of the largest island in the San Juans.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and the Class Rules of One-Design classes, except as changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

All boats, except those in the "Windseekers" class, must have a valid 2021 PHRF certificate or be listed on the current PHRF-NW roster.

RRS Appendix T and Rule V1 in Appendix V will apply.

Each crew, including skipper, will be required to sign a waiver of liability before competing.

RRS 52, Manual Power, is amended to include: Boats registered as shorthanded (single- or double-handed) are allowed to use autopilot mechanisms for sail changes and other situations where having one crew member assigned to steering the yacht may compromise the safety of crew and craft.

Fleets

We are planning on at least three fleets, including a PHRF shorthanded (single/double-handed) class, a PHRF crewed class, and a Windseekers (non-flying sails) class. Anyone in the Windseekers class without a current PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating.

Course

One vote by email/survey per boat will be counted for counterclockwise (CCW) or clockwise (CW). Each registered skipper will be sent an email on the evening of Wednesday, June 16 and the voting window will close on Thursday, June 17 at 1800. The popular vote will decide the course and the decision will be posted to the event site and an email sent to each registered skipper by 2000 on Thursday.

- **If CCW**, then the start is between a red flag on Orcas Landing and the flag pole on Shaw Island at 48° 35.169'N by 122° 56.549'W. Heading east, keep Orcas Island to port. Record your halfway time when crossing longitude 122° 53.6W at Parker Reef. Continue to keep Orcas Island to port.
- **If CW**, the reverse of the above.

Both courses will finish by sailing into West Sound through the finish line between the OIYC dock and a race mark set to the south of the dock, keeping the race mark to port.

Schedule

The starting sequence will commence no earlier than 0725 and when the starting area is clear of ferry traffic. Note that a ferry is scheduled to arrive at Orcas from Shaw at 0725. The time limit will be 1900.

- Social/moorage** After the finish there will be a gathering at the OIYC picnic shelter at the north end of West Sound to eat, drink, and tell stories of the day. Free beer and brats will be provided for competitors starting at 1700 after the race.
- Registration** The entry fee is \$40 and **advance registration is required**. Only those skippers registered by Wednesday, June 16 at 1800 will be invited to vote on the course direction.
- Scoring** The race will be scored time on distance with a total distance of 31nm and a halfway distance of 17nm (CCW course) or 14nm (CW course). Full course finishers will be scored in the order of their corrected time, followed by those who finished and reported their halfway time by the race time limit. Awards will be provided by division and for fastest overall finisher.
- Awards** Awards will be provided for first, second and third in each class and for fastest overall finisher. The awards ceremony will be held at the picnic shelter following the race.
- Safety** Boats shall sail with US Sailing SER nearshore safety equipment. Each boat must have a VHF and charts of the area around Orcas Island.
- Liability** Each skipper and crew are required to complete an online liability waiver before competing. Instructions will be provided to each skipper after registering.
- Insurance** The owner must have third-party liability insurance for their boat, applicable for sailboat racing, having a minimum coverage of \$400,000. If the owner is not on board, the policy must be valid for a non-owner person in charge.