



ROUND ORCAS Notice of Race

A race around Orcas Island on Saturday, June 22, 2019

Orcas Island Yacht Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the second annual race around Orcas Island. Held on the longest Saturday of the year, the race presents intriguing navigational challenges set against the splendid scenic beauty and tall, forested bluffs of the largest island in the San Juans.

Rules: The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020), 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.

Eligibility: All owner/skippers are invited to participate. All boats must have a valid 2019 PHRF certificate or be listed on the current PHRF-NW roster. Advance registration is required no later than Wednesday, June 19th 1800. If you have any questions, please email Chris White at cweyes@me.com.

Fleets: We are planning on a fully crewed division, a double-handed division.

Course by committee: Yes, this is new. When registration closes on Wednesday the 19th, one vote by email to cweyes@me.com per entrant will be counted for **CW** clockwise or **CCW** counter-clockwise. The voting window will close by Thursday 20th 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 1900.

The course: If registrants vote for 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 at 07:00 (or after the 6:45 ferry leaves, whichever is later). Heading east, keep Orcas Island to port. The next mandatory mark is the halfway gate between Parker Reef at 48°43.548N 122°53.663W and Bartwood dock at 48°42.831'N by 122°53.372'W, keeping Parker Reef to starboard. Continue to keep Orcas Island to port. **If CW,** the reverse of the above. Both courses to 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. The time limit will be 1930.

Social Event: 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, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided for competitors starting at 1700 after 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.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$40 with net profits going to Sail Orcas youth sailing. Entry fee includes free moorage Friday and Saturday night at the OIYC dock, picnic, and awards.

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). Awards will be provided by division and for fastest overall finisher.

Responsibility: The skipper of each boat is responsible to help in the operation of the racing program and for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of their crew. All boats are required to be insured by valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$400,000 USD per event or the equivalent. Occasionally, sailboat racing has resulted in injury or loss of life. All competitors in OIYC events participate at their own risk. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure they understand and accept those risks, to decide whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race. The Orcas Island Yacht Club, its officers, directors and members accept no responsibility for damage to property, injury or loss of life as competitors participate at their own risk. By registering and/or competing in OIYC events you and you alone accept this risk.