



# ROUND ORCAS Sailing Instructions

A race around Orcas Island on Saturday, June 24, 2023

**Amended 6/23/23**

[Orcas Island Yacht Club](#) is pleased to invite you to our annual race around Orcas Island, part of the [North Sound Party Circuit](#), on June 24, 2023. 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.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association.
- 1.2. All boats must have a valid 2023 PHRF certificate. Any rules of the individual Class Associations shall apply for each participating class.
- 1.3. U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for "Nearshore" shall apply to all PHRF boats.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T and Rule V1 in Appendix V will apply.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. A boat rated by her handicap class in consideration of water ballast may use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.
- 1.7. Each competitor shall fly the official Party Circuit sponsor flag from their backstay. For those that have not yet received a flag from a prior event, flags will be available from AYC, BYC, OHYC and OIYC race chairs in advance of the race. Flags may also be available on race day by prior arrangement. [DP]

## 2. FLEETS

We are planning on two fleets. Division splits will be announced prior to the start.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be published on the [electronic notice board](#) on the event site.
- 3.2. Notices to competitors may also be made on VHF channel 68 at the top of the hour. Failure to do so, the failure to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 4. THE COURSE

- 4.1. The course is a circumnavigation of Orcas Island. The course direction will be selected by and communicated to competitors as described in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2. The start will be off the Orcas ferry landing as described in THE START section.
- 4.3. If the counterclockwise (CCW) course, competitors will leave Orcas Island to port.
- 4.4. If the clockwise (CW) course, competitors will leave the Orcas Island to starboard.

- 4.5. Racers shall record and report their halfway time when crossing longitude 122° 53.6W (Parker Reef). If the reported time does not include seconds, it shall be assumed to be 59 seconds. Send a snapshot of your GPS showing longitude and time, noting the boats immediately ahead and behind, via text to Justin Wolfe at 360.627.2768. The halfway time must be sent no later than the time limit for the race (SI 5.2).
- 4.6. The finish will be in West Sound as described in THE FINISH section.
- 4.7. The course direction will be sent to competitors via email before the race and posted on the [Round Orcas page](#) on [oiyc.org](#). The course will not be shortened or changed. This changes rule 33.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The scheduled start time is not earlier than 0730. Please note that ferries are scheduled to arrive at Orcas Island at 0710, depart at 0735, and arrive at 0810. All three ferries will be coming or going to Anacortes via Shaw Island.
- 5.2. The time limit for the race shall be 1930. No signals will be made after this time.

## 6. THE START

- 6.1. All boats must check in with the race committee on VHF 68. The race committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the race committee acknowledges her check-in.
- 6.2. The race will be started by using rule 26 with the class flag going up five minutes before the starting signal. Horns may not be used. All boats will start together. Competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF 68 during the starting sequence.
- 6.3. The start is between an orange flag on either the balcony of the Orcas Hotel OR on the public dock, and the flagpole on Shaw Island at approximately 48° 35.169' N / 122° 56.549' W.
- 6.4. A boat on the course side (OCS) at the start may re-cross the line to start correctly.

## 7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. **Please be advised of the shoal area to the west of Picnic Island** by West Sound Marina.
- 7.2. The finishing line will be in West Sound between the end of the OIYC dock and ~~an inflated mark~~ **a pin with a flag** south of the dock. When finishing, leave the mark to port and OIYC dock to starboard.
- 7.3. The Race Committee will be present on the OIYC dock or monitoring via the [club webcam](#). Boats must also report their GPS finish time, including boats finishing immediately ahead and behind, by sending a text to Justin Wolfe at 360.627.2768.

## 8. PROTESTS

- 8.1. Protests will be heard at the conclusion of the race at the OIYC Picnic Shelter. Forms will not be provided.
- 8.2. A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee by VHF channel 68, by email at [Boris@Rockisland.com](mailto:Boris@Rockisland.com), or in person when finishing or by the protest time limit, whichever is earlier.
- 8.3. The protest time limit will be 30 MINUTES from the time of the last boat to finish or 2000 hours, whichever is earlier.

## 9. SAFETY

- 9.1. U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for "Nearshore" shall apply to all PHRF boats.
- 9.2. Each boat must have a VHF and charts of the area around Orcas Island.
- 9.3. All competitors must wear personal floatation devices (PFDs).**
- 9.4. Boats must obey any instructions from, and keep clear of, all commercial traffic. All vessels transiting in Vessel Traffic Lanes should monitor Channel 5A on the VHF radio. All vessels transiting ferry lanes should monitor Channel 12 on the VHF radio.
- 9.5. Vessels with an Automated Identification System shall broadcast their position.
- 9.6. A boat retiring from the race is required to notify the race committee before leaving the race area or as soon as possible thereafter. The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68. You may also reach the race coordinator via voice or text at 360 9516941 or [Boris@Rockisland.com](mailto:Boris@Rockisland.com).
- 9.7. The race committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone due to unsafe conditions. However, the fact that the race committee has not canceled a race, nor the fact that other boats are still racing, should not be interpreted to mean that conditions are necessarily safe for all vessels. It is the responsibility of the individual yacht to decide when conditions are unsafe for their vessel and to take appropriate safety measures.
- 9.8. Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale. Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission [Move away] of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident whale and boaters may not feed a southern resident whale.

## 10. SCORING AND AWARDS

- 10.1. There will be overall scoring and fleet scoring for all boats.
- 10.2. The race will be scored time on distance with a total distance of 31.5nm for the CCW course and 34nm for CW course. The shortened course will be scored using a distance of 17.5nm for the CCW course or 13.2nm for the CW course.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Awards will be provided for first, second, and third in each class and for fastest overall finisher. Awards will be distributed after the event.
- 10.5. A post-race BBQ party will be hosted at the OIYC picnic shelter with free food and drinks. Competitors are welcome to bring their own supplies as well. All competitors and crew are invited to attend. Free moorage is available on the OIYC dock with rafting up to three boats deep permitted.

## 11. Risk, Liability, and personal Conduct

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the event at their own risk. See Rule 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 11.2. A boat's Person In Charge will accept full responsibility for the actions of the boat's crew during any activity related to this event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

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