



# SPRING REGATTA

## NOTICE OF RACE



**Orcas Island Yacht Club** is pleased to invite you to the 2024 Spring Regatta, part of the **North Sound Party Circuit**, held in West Sound on Saturday & Sunday, April 13-14, 2024.

### Rules

The regatta will be governed by [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), the [prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association](#), and the [U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#) for "[Nearshore](#)", 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 2024 PHRF certificate or be listed on the current PHRF-NW roster.

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

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 multiple divisions, including a PHRF class, one-design class(es) with five or more entries, and a "Windseekers" (non-flying sails) class. Anyone in the "Windseekers" class without a current PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating.

### Courses

The racing area may include West Sound, Harney Channel and East Sound with each day starting in West Sound. Buoy racing and long-distance races will be offered. Temporary



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race marks will be used, though the race committee may also use islands, rocks, navigational buoys, or other objects for long distance courses. A course sheet will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. The race location may be moved to another location in the vicinity if conditions require.

## Schedule

As part of the [North Sound Party Circuit](#), we're going to do our best to have **lots of FUN!**

- FRIDAY NIGHT: A welcome reception will be held at 1830 at the OIYC picnic shelter. Bring your own beverages and snacks and enjoy the company.
- SATURDAY Race Day: A mandatory competitor's meeting will be held at 0900 at the OIYC picnic shelter. First warning signal is scheduled for 1030.
- SATURDAY NIGHT: After racing, join the party at the OIYC picnic shelter / West Sound Community Center for local food from the Farm to Ferry Food truck, drinks, and music 6PM to 10PM.
- SUNDAY Race day: First warning signal is scheduled for 1000. No signals will be made after 1500. An awards ceremony will be held immediately after racing at West Sound Community Center or OIYC.

## Entry fee

The entry fee is \$75 and includes two days of racing and one ticket for Saturday's Dinner. The tickets includes one meal. **Advance registration is required.** Additional meals including dinners, breakfast, and to-go lunches can be purchased on the event website.

Please buy tickets for each crew member separately for USD 24.99 per meal including 2 drinks. Additional meals can be purchased [here](#).

## Moorage

Free moorage is available on the OIYC visitor dock or at [West Sound Marina](#). If you plan to stay at West Sound Marina, call 360.376.2314, to make your reservation.

## Accommodations

There are several [Bed & Breakfasts and hotels](#) near West Sound. If you are in need of transportation to/from your accommodation, please send an email to Julia Soes/Stephanie Arnold at [fleetcaptainsail@oiyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptainsail@oiyc.org) with your information so that she can assist with transportation.

## Safety

Boats must meet the [U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#) for "Nearshore," including: SER 3.8.3—each boat must have a VHF. Charts of the racing area are required to be on board.

## Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

The race organizers (Orcas Island Yacht Club, organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, OIYC Board member, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By

participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### Insurance

The owner must have third-party liability insurance for their boat, applicable for sailboat racing, having a minimum coverage of \$500,000. If the owner is not on board, the policy must be valid for a non-owner person in charge.

### Clean Regatta

Our clean regatta goals are:

- **Less waste:** Reducing our reliance on landfill is one of our primary goals. We'll reject unnecessary waste, replace disposable options with eco-friendly alternatives, reuse items instead of creating new ones each year and recycle or compost much of what would otherwise end up in landfill.
- **No discharge:** None of us want to see rubbish floating in our oceans or washed up on our shores. Nor do we want the health of our marine ecosystems to suffer the effects of waste discharge from vessels. We have a no discharge rule for all competitors to ensure we do not contribute to pollution in the San Juan Islands.
- **Emissions reduction:** We're exploring ways we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, by minimizing vehicular travel, and utilizing more efficient and less polluting options where possible.
- **Locally sourced:** Not only will we minimize our carbon footprint, but we'll also support our local community by prioritizing local suppliers of the products and services we need.
- **Education & engagement:** The more people on board with our sustainability goals, the better. We aim to spread the word about our sustainability efforts, educate people about how they can help, and facilitate positive environmental change from everyone involved with our events, so we can all work together towards a sustainable future.

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