



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE

2024 BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB SEASON RACES

1. **Organizing Authority** - The races described here are organized under the authority of Bellingham Yacht Club.
2. **Racing Location** - All races will be conducted in Bellingham Bay or adjacent inshore waters.
3. **Rules** - All races are governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024), this Notice of Race and 2024 BYC Sailing Instructions.
4. **Eligibility** - Bellingham Yacht Club welcomes boaters from all local and regional yacht clubs and boating organizations. BYC racing is open to any member in good standing of a recognized yacht club. A registration form and payment must be received in order to race and be scored.
5. **Registration Requirement-**
 - 5.1. Registration for complete series or individual races is available on the BYC Website: <https://www.byc.org/racing> To compete in the BYC's Racing Season boat owners/skippers MUST submit the following prior to competing in any season series or race.
 - Acceptance of Racing Liability Waiver
 - Proof of Liability Insurance with a minimum \$300,000
 - Registration completed
 - 5.2. **Registration Fees** - Race Season Pass - Member \$200, Non-Member \$265, Registration for an individual series or race is \$25/Member, \$30/Non-Member (long distance races include complimentary skippers breakfast)
 - 4 - Wednesday Night Race Series**
 - Numb Bum Series April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1
 - Bloomin' Breezes Series May 8, 15, 22, 29, and June 5
 - Dick Johnson (Sizzling Summer) Series June 12, 19 and July 3, 10, 17
 - Hot August Night Series July 24, 31 and August 7, 14, 21
 - 6 - Long Distance Races**
 - Vendovi Island Race March 18
 - Governor's Point Race April 20
 - Point Roberts Race June 8
 - Marmetta Cup Pursuit Race September 14
 - Round Lummi Island October 12
 - Jack Island Race October 26
 - 1- Other Races/Regattas**
 - Moore Invitational Regatta June 26



Note: The following events are covered by a separate Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions and may require additional registration and fees:

- Bellingham Youth Regatta June 22 & 23
- Women on the Water (WOW) Regatta July 13
- Keelboat One Design (KBOD) Regatta June
- Pink Boat Regatta - Bellingham August 24
- PITCH Regatta August 31 & September 1
- Dale Jepsen One Design (DJOD) Regatta September 21 & 22

5.3. Measurement and Class Certificates -

- In addition, all competitors in the PHRF classes **MUST** have a current PHRF - Northwest Rating Certificate in order to be scored.
- One Design Class competitors must be a member in good standing of their class association to be scored.

6. Sailing Instructions -

Sailing Instructions will be included in the registration packet at the time of registration on the BYC Website: <https://www.byc.org/racing>.

7. Starting Time -

The Warning Signal for the Wednesday Keelboats Series will be 1800 HRS with a multi sound alert 1 minute prior. Starting times for other races will be provided in the applicable Sailing Instructions for those races.

8. Courses -

Courses to be sailed will be designated in the "Courses" Appendix of the applicable Sailing Instructions for the series.

9. Penalties -

For a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, the (RRS) Rule 44.2, the two turns penalty, is modified to require a one turn penalty, including one tack and one gybe, except that a two turns penalty shall be required for any foul committed inside the zone (three boat length circle) of any turning mark.



10. Scoring -

Individual Races (This changes (RRS) RuleA4)

10.1. Scoring for the PHRF fleet shall be Time-on-Time for Weekday Series Races; Time-on-Distance for Distance Races.

10.2. Boats not starting, finishing, disqualified, or retired shall be scored as follows:

- DNC (Did not come to the starting area) = # Registered + 1
- DNS (Came to starting area, but did not start) = # Finishers + 1
- OCS (On the course side of starting line & failed to re-start) = # Registered + 1
- DNF (Did not finish) = # Finishers + 1
- RET (Retired) = # Finishers + 1
- DSQ (Disqualified) = # Registered + 1

11. Series Scoring -

11.1 Individual Wednesday night races will be combined into 5 - week series. The worst 20% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of each competing boat's excludable races will be excluded from their series scores.

11.2 Excludable races shall consist of all of a boats races in a series without a DSQ or OCS finish.

12. Awards -

12.1. Wednesday Night and Long Distance Races -

12.2. Awards will be presented at the Bellingham Yacht Club Awards Banquet for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class for the Wednesday Night Series' and Long Distance Races.

Engravings will be made on the Perpetual Trophies for the overall winners of the Long Distance Races.

12.3. Boat of the Year -

12.4. In addition, the perpetual trophy for "Boat of the Year" will be announced and awarded at the Awards Banquet. A committee of BYC sailors shall be selected by the Racing Fleet Captain to calculate and select the "Boat of the Year" based on the criterial published in the SI's.

12.5. One Design Classes -

One design fleets may make separate Fleet Championship awards based on series scoring criteria set by the local class.

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