



# CYC Spring Regatta - Small Boats

April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Puget Sound, Shilshole Bay  
Seattle, Washington

## Notice of Race

The organizing authority is the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle (CYC).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.
- 1.3 Prior to the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available on the CYC website at [cycseattle.theclubspot.com](http://cycseattle.theclubspot.com). After the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available on the official notice board described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix TS, Traffic Separation Schemes, Version 2, Section A and TS1 apply to the Puget Sound Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS). This changes RRS 56.2.

### 2 Schedule of Events

- 2.1 The schedule of races is as follows:

#### Saturday

0930 – 0945 Competitor's briefing

1015 – 1145 Practice starts (when available)

1100 First warning signal

All racers are welcome at the Clubhouse after racing by invitation of CYC Commodore. Bar is open!

#### Sunday

1015 – 1045 Practice starts (when available)

1100 First warning signal

1600 No warning signal after this time

After racing Awards party at clubhouse. Bar is open!

- 2.2 Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class will be presented after racing Sunday in the Clubhouse.

### 3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 This event is open to boats in the following classes:
  - (a) RS Aero, ILCA, Optimist, Tasar and any other dinghy class with 5 or more registrants.
  - (b) J/24, J/70 and one-design keelboats with 5 or more entrants.
- 3.2 Registration fees:
  - (a) Centerboard-classes: \$113 Non-Member/\$90 Member
  - (b) Keelboat-classes: \$225 Non-Member/\$180 Member
- 3.3 Entrants must register online at [cycseattle.theclubspot.org](http://cycseattle.theclubspot.org), or by form delivered to CYC, and pay appropriate fees by the registration deadline.
  - (a) Registration Deadline: Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm PST
  - (b) Registrations accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority or race committee after the deadline may be assessed a \$20 late fee.
  - (c) Skippers who have purchased a season pass are still required to register online for this event.
- 3.4 Boats must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000 per incident.



- 3.5 A boat wishing to use sails with identification different from her registered sail number must receive permission from CYC by the registration deadline or when her late registration is accepted. This changes RRS 77.
- 3.6 Competitors give absolute right and permission for images and video of themselves and their boat to be published for commercial purposes by the event organizing authority and sponsors and their licensees.
- 3.7 Competitors may be required to complete release of liability, depiction release, medical consent, and medical and emergency information forms and agreements to complete the boat registration.

#### 4 **[DP] Operating and Equipment Requirements**

- 4.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies for all centerboard boats. In addition, centerboard boat competitors sailing in regattas 1 November through 31 March must also wear a wet suit or dry suit in addition to the required personal floatation device.
- 4.2 [DP] The race committee or technical committee may inspect a boat at any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.
- 4.3 [NP] Boats are recommended to monitor VHF channel 14- VTS Operations in addition to VHF channel 16 during the race.

#### 5 **Scoring**

- 5.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finishing time or a time of day. A boat that does not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 5.2 A boat scored OCS, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE, UFD, or BFD shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. A boat scored DNC or DNS shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS A5.2.

#### 6 **Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available two days before the regatta on the CYC website at [cycseattle.theclubspot.com](http://cycseattle.theclubspot.com) or, optionally, on the notice board at the CYC clubhouse.

#### 7 **Risk Statement**

- 7.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Consequently, the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, 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.
- 7.2 Restrictions on resident activities and business operations have been put in place by government authorities to control the spread of COVID 19 virus. These restrictions change frequently. CYC has no jurisdiction over the operation of boats (which are the private property of others) participating in CYC events outside the scope of the Racing Rules of Sailing. By registering and participating in a CYC event, the boat owner/operator acknowledges that various COVID 19 restrictions may apply and takes full responsibility for operating under those applicable restrictions. CYC is not responsible for any participant's failure to follow any such restrictio



## **Attachment B: Puget Sound Sailboat Safety Regulations**

2014 Revision as adopted by Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, Seattle Yacht Club, Shilshole Bay Yacht Club, and Sloop Tavern Yacht Club

We must share Puget Sound with its commercial traffic, including many deep-water vessels and tows. It is sobering to note that, if your boat is one mile dead-ahead of a freighter coming down the Sound at normal speed, and the freighter's helm is put hard over to avoid you, the freighter's bow will miss you, but her stern will not! Obviously, this implies that early and decisive action is required to keep your boat out of the path of a large oncoming vessel or tow. The requirements of this document may be incorporated into an event by reference in a notice of race.

1. Yachts must not sail across a tow line, too close ahead, or too close alongside of commercial traffic. Deep water vessels have limited ability to change course and speed. Barges under tow can yaw unexpectedly well out to the side at speeds essentially the same as they are being towed. Yachts should not pass less than one mile ahead and 1/4mile to the side of large vessels.
2. Rule 10 of the International and Inland Rules to Prevent Collisions at Sea(COLREGS) requires that no power-driven vessel less than 20 meters (66 feet) in length, and no sailing vessel (of any size) may impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a Vessel Traffic System (VTS) Lane.
3. Rule 9 of the COLREGS requires that no power vessel of less than 20 meters (66feet) in length and no sailing vessel (of any length) shall impede the safe passage of any vessel which can navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Puget Sound can be considered a "narrow channel" for most large commercial traffic. "Impede" means to cause to alter speed or course or to take evasive action.
4. A yacht in position where it may impede commercial traffic must exit from the "danger area" immediately, under auxiliary power if necessary. If power is used, it must be reported to the Race Committee at the finish line. Also, a written report must be made on a protest form, showing the location, time, duration of power use, speed, direction of exit, and that the competitive position of the yacht was not improved. If the last item cannot be demonstrated adequately, a time penalty may be imposed.
5. 5.Navigation lights must be shown between sunset and sunrise as required by the International Rules of the Road.
6. 6.Observed and/or reported violations of the safety regulations may be protested. The Race Committee shall have the option of issuing a "warning" when deemed appropriate. Warnings are recorded and may be considered when judging any future reports.



## US Coast Guard Warning

The following information was provided by the US Coast Guard.

**Do not approach within 100 yards of any Navy Vessel, Washington State Ferry, or Ship.**

If you need to pass within 100 yards of these vessels in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the ship on VHF-FM channel 16 or 13. (33 CFR 165.2030, 165.1317, 165.1313)

**You must operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any of these vessel types.**



Violations of these Security Zones are a felony offense, punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines.