



## **Section I: General Rules & Wednesday Night Series Races**

#### 1. RULES

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these instructions.

### 2. SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

PHRF boats

Shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) "Near shore"

One Design boats

Must meet the safety requirements specified in their class rules.

#### 3. REGISTRATION

Wednesday Night Series Race Packets will be available online at BYC - Racing website (www.BYC.org) for a season fee of \$100 for BYC yacht club members and \$120 for Yacht Club members of other clubs.

Long Distance Series Race Packets will be available online at BYC - Racing website (www.BYC.org) for a fee of \$15 each race for BYC yacht club members and \$20 for Yacht Club members of other clubs.

#### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the *Official Notice Board* (ONB) located on the window at the downstairs entrance to the BYC Clubhouse. General communication to the race fleet may be made via email to racers who have registered their email address with the Race Committee (RC); however, Emails will not be considered official notices.

### 4.2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions shall be posted 6 hours before the start, except for changes affecting Long-Distance Series Races shall be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start. Except for changes made on the water prior to the start, see (BYC SI's) #19, below.

#### 4.3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm in front of the BYC Clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

#### 5. SCHEDULE, CLASS ASSIGNMENTS & CLASS FLAGS

5.1 The warning signal[s] for the first race of the Wednesday Series will be 1800 hrs. Subsequent races each evening will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.

### 5.2 Class Flags will be as follows:

Etchells PHRF A PHRF B Open Class Flag bearing Etchells Class Logo -----Numeral Pennant #1 -Numeral Pennant #2 -----Numeral Pennant #3 -----

- 5.3 PHRF Class assignments will be posted on the ONB prior to the first night of racing.
- Any Changes to the above class assignments will be at the discretion of the Racing Fleet Captain and posted on the ONB prior to the start of a new series.
- Assignments to the Open Class will be made at the discretion of the Sailing Fleet Captain. Open Class boats are eligible for "Boat of the Year" award.

#### 6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Bellingham Bay and areas prescribed by:

(BYC SI's) Addendum – A for Wednesday Night Series Races

(BYC SI's) Addendum – B for Long-Distance Series Races

#### 7. COURSES

- 7.1 Wednesday Night Series course numbers and descriptions are per Addendum A. Course numbers will be displayed on the starboard side of the Race Signals boat.
- 7.2 All turning marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated on the Course Chart.

#### 7.3 Restricted Start-Finish Line

After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. For reasons of safety, a boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (RRS) Rule 44.2. This modifies (RRS) Rule 28.1, and (BYC SI's) #13.1 The Start-Finish line is considered an obstruction as governed by (RRS) Rule 18.

### 8. MARKS

Marks for the courses are described in the (BYC SI's) Addendum - A for Wednesday Night Series Races or in each Long-Distance Series Races (BYC SI's) Addendum -B respectively.

#### 9. THE START

- 9.1 One or more classes may be combined for a start at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and mark "S."
- 9.3 A boat whose Warning Signal has not been made, and is not racing, shall stay well clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

#### 9.4 **RECALLS**

The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers or boat names of those boats that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) with a hailer or on VHF Channel 68.

Failure of a boat to see or hear the recall notification, and the timing and order of such notifications, shall not be grounds for redress under (RRS) Rule 62.1(a).

#### 10. FINISH

10.1 The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Signals boat and the Starting mark "S." Any boat that withdraws must inform the Race Committee as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### 11. TIME LIMIT

On Wednesday Night races (RRS) Rule 35 is modified as follows: If one boat in a class sails the course as required by (RRS) Rule 28.1 and finishes within two hours after the class starting signal, all boats in that class that finish within two hours and twenty minutes after the class starting signal shall be scored as finished. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes (RRS) Rule 35, A4 and A5.

#### 12. PENALTIES

12.1 **PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT** – (RRS) Rule 44.1 in part is changed to: <u>'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.</u>

However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.' Other conditions of (RRS) Rule 44.1 remain in effect.

#### 13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Notification of intent to protest must be made by notifying the Race Committee or by contacting a member of the Protest committee via cell phone by 2040 hours.
- 13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the BYC and given to the Protest Committee at the BYC before 2100 hours.
- 13.1 Notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at BYC either immediately after racing or as scheduled by the Protest Chairman

#### 14. VHF COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 The Race Committee may attempt to communicate announcements on VHF Channel 68. Competitors shall monitor this channel.
- 14.2 Failure to receive announcements shall not be grounds for redress under (RRS) Rule 62.1(a).

### 15. SCORING Individual Races shall be per (RRS) Rule Appendix A

- 15.1 PHRF fleet shall be based on:
  - Time on Time formula for Weekday Series Races.
  - Time on Distance for Distance Races.

#### 16. Series Scoring

16.1 If 5 or more races are completed in a series, the score of each competing boat's worst excludable scores will be excluded from her series score.

#### 17. AWARDS

See Notice of Race

#### 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See (RRS) Rule 4, 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 racing.

### **Section II: Long-Distance Series Races**

NOTE: Sailing Instructions in this section may change instructions in Section I.

#### 19. CHANGES ALLOWED

- 19.1 Clarifications or changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made by the PHRF Fleet Captain or thedesignated PRO for the race at the skippers meeting. The only changes to the Sailing Instructions that may be made on the water are: The Starting Area and Time, Rabbit or Regular Start, and Long Course or Short Course. These changes may be made at the discretion of the designated PRO for the race and shall be announced on VHF and/or by hail.
- 19.2 It shall not be construed as outside assistance if a competitor notifies a boat of a course or start change under (BYC SI's) #19.1 above.

#### 20. SAFETY

- 20.1 Skippers meeting as specified in the individual race description is mandatory
- 20.2 For BYC Long-Distance Series Races boats shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) "Near shore"
- 20.3 A VHF radio capable of monitoring channels 68, 16 is mandatory.
- 20.4 (RRS) Rule 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.

#### 21. CLASS

- 21.1 Class breaks for the year shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, and may be communicated via email and/or on the website (www.BYC.org).
- 21.2 A PHRF shorthanded (single/doublehanded) class may be scored if a boat so indicates during registration or announces that intention at the Skipper's Meeting. Shorthanded boats will start with the same PHRF class breaks as fully crewed boats.

#### 22. SCHEDULE

#### 22.1 DATES

•	Sat March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Vendovi Island Race
•	Sat April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	Marmetta Cup Pursuit Race
•	Sat May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Point Roberts Race
•	Sat September 09 <sup>h</sup> , 2023	Governor's Point Race
•	Sat October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Round Lummi Race
•	Sat October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Jack Island Race

#### **23. STARTS**

- 23.1 Regular Start Starts shall be per (RRS) Rule 26.6 between the designated RC boat and a starting buoy.
- 23.2 <u>Rabbit Start</u> The designated rabbit is an RC boat with right of way until free, and any boat striking her or interfering with her course during a starting sequence may be disqualified without a hearing.
  - 23.2.1 <u>Upwind Rabbit Start</u> The start line shall be a line between the stern of the rabbit and the buoy as designated. Boats racing shall cross from the downwind side of the line, on starboard tack once the countdown reaches zero. The rabbit shall endeavor to pass the buoy close hauled on port tack with one minute to go. The rabbit shall stay on course until 1:00 past the starting time, at which point the line is closed and the rabbit will be free to maneuver. Boats not crossing the line before the rabbit is free shall pass within one boat length of the buoy to start. The rabbit shall attempt to make audio and visual signals at 5, 4,1, and 0 minutes to the start and may announce them on VHF.
  - 23.2.2 <u>Downwind Rabbit Start</u> Boats may start on either tack from the upwind side of a line between the stern of the designated rabbit and the buoy as the countdown reaches zero. No flying sails shall be set until the countdown reaches zero. The rabbit shall endeavor to pass the buoy with one minute to go and shall steer approximately perpendicular to the course to the first mark. The rabbit shall remain on course until 1:00 past the start time, at which point she is free to maneuver. Boats not crossing the line before the rabbit is free shall pass within one boat length of the buoy to start.

#### 24. FINISH

- 24.1 If there is an RC boat on station, finish between the RC boat and the finish pin from the direction of the last mark.
- 24.2 If there is no RC boat on station finish within one boat length of the designated buoy as it bears 270° M. If overlapped with another boat in the act of finishing, the outside boat may finish withinone boat length of the inside boat. A boat finishing shall announce her finishing time on VHF 68.

#### 25. SCORING

- The overall winner shall be the boat with the lowest corrected time for the long course, regardless of class. If no boat finishes the long course the overall winner shall be the boat with the lowest corrected time for the short course.
- 25.2 If three or more boats in a class finish the long course, the short course shall not be scored. If one or two boats in a class finish the long course, they shall be scored 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively and the remaining boats scored based on their short course times.

#### **26. TIME REPORTING**

26.1 Finish times shall be reported by email to <a href="Ralph142@yahoo.com">Ralph142@yahoo.com</a>, or text 360 296 9310 with the following information:

**Boat Name:** 

Sail Number:

**Boat Finishing Ahead:** 

**Boat Finishing Behind:** 

Finish GPS Local Time:

Halfway GPS Local Time:

26.2 Finish times shall be reported within 24 hours of the Time limit for a particular race.

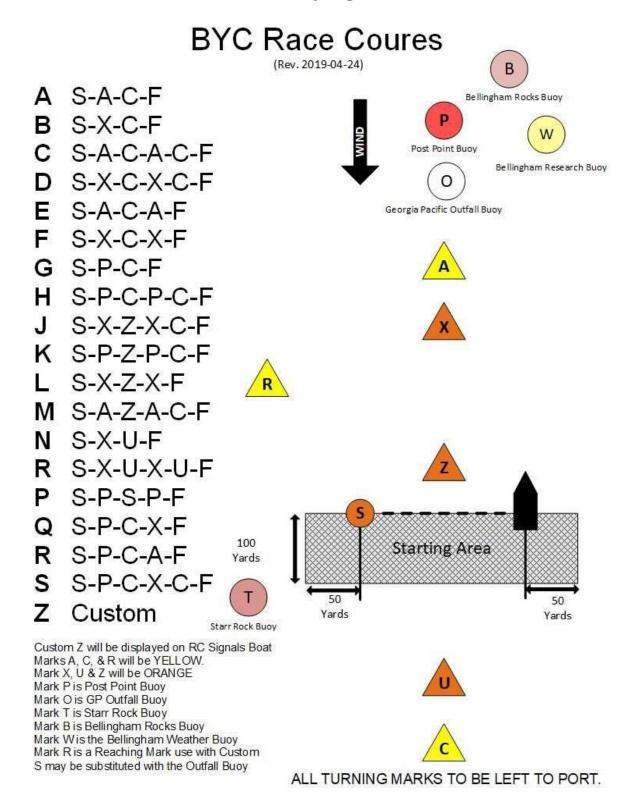
#### 27. PROTESTS

- 27.1 Notice of Intent to Protest can be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:Sailfleet@BYC.org">Sailfleet@BYC.org</a> or, send by text to the Sail Fleet Captain or Protest Chair within 24 hours of the Time limit the race in which the incident occurred.
- 27.2 Official Protest forms (available at the BYC) shall be filed by 9 pm of the Wednesday following the race in which the incident occurred.

#### 28. AWARDS

- Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> within each class, and an overall winner shall be presented at the annual awards banquet with the exception of pursuit races where there will be only an overall winner. The boat name of the overall winner shall be engraved on the perpetual trophy for the race.
- 28.2 The overall winner of the Long-Distance Series Races shall be the BYC boat with the lowest overall score across the series. The scores of Non BYC boats shall not be included in these calculations.

## **Addendum A - Wednesday Night Series Race Courses**







1. Vendovi Island Race	Saturday - March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
2. Marmetta Cup Pursuit Race	Saturday – April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022
3. Point Roberts Race	Saturday - May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
4. Governor's Point Race	Saturday - September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
5. Round Lummi Race	Saturday - October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
6. Jack Island Race	Saturday - October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023

# 1. Vendovi Island Race Saturday – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **RULES:**

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

0830 HRS Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse
 Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by
 the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

• 1000 HRS First Warning Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

START GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #23.1 Regular Start (BYC SI's) #23.2 Rabbit Start

#### Short Course: (13.50 NM)

Eliza Island (to Port)

Eliza Rocks - Junction Light (to Port)

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 0°M within 1 NM

Long Course: (18.00 NM)

Vendovi Island (to Port)

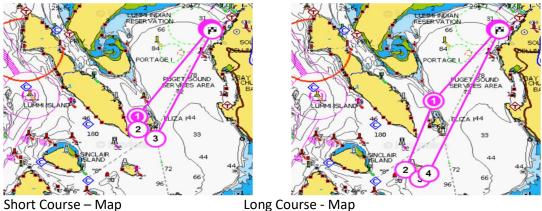
Vendovi Island - Light 2 \* (to Port)

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 270°M within 2 NM

FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 1800 HRS.

### **RACING AREA:**



#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time or Halfway GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

Ralph142@yahoo.com, or text 360 296-9310

#### **AWARDS:**

# 2. Marmetta Cup Pursuit Race Saturday – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

#### **RULES:**

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **Class Breaks:**

There are no class divisions for this pursuit race. There shall be a "reverse start" based on a Time-on-Distance calculation for a course of 22.0 nautical miles. All participants must indicate their intent to race by the end of the day Friday before the race to give the RC time to calculate the start times.

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

0830 HRS Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse
 Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by
 the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

1000 HRS First Warning

Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

**START** GP Outfall - Buoy

Scratch Boat Starts first at 1006

Course: (20.00 NM)

Padilla Bay Lighted Bell Buoy – 4 \*

(to Port)

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 270°M within 4 boat lengths

FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 1800 HRS.

#### **RACING AREA:**



Course – Map

#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time or Halfway GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

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Scoring will be the order of the boat for boat finishes.

### **AWARDS:**

### 3. Point Roberts Race

## Saturday - May 13th, 2023

#### **RULES:**

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

• 0830 HRS Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse

Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

0900 HRS First Warning Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

START GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #23.1 Regular Start (BYC SI's) #23.2 Rabbit Start

Short Course: (32.10 NM)

Viti Rocks - Buoy & Viti Rocks (to Starboard)
Lummi Island (to Starboard)

At Village Point - Light Beacon - 18 \*

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 90°M within 2 NM

Point Roberts - Buoy #4 (to Port)

FINISH Point Roberts - Buoy #4 at 180°M within 4 boat lengths

Long Course: (64.20 NM)

Viti Rocks - Buoy & Viti Rocks
Lummi Island

Point Roberts - Buoy #4 \*

(to Starboard)

(to Port)

nt Roberts - Buoy #4 \* **(to Port)**\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 180°M within 4 boat lengths

Lummi Island (to Port)
Viti Rocks - Buoy & Viti Rocks (to Port)

FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

 Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 24 Hours after the official start time.

#### **RACING AREA:**



Short Course - Map



Long Course - Map

#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time or Halfway GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

Ralph142@yahoo.com, or text 360 296-9310

#### **AWARDS:**

# 4. Governor's Point Race Saturday - September 09th, 2023

#### RULES:

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

0830 HRS Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse

Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

• 1000 HRS First Warning Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

START GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #23.1 Regular Start (BYC SI's) #23.2 Rabbit Start

Short Course: (12.00 NM)

Bellingham Bay Rocks - Buoy (to Port)
Chuckanut Island (to Port)

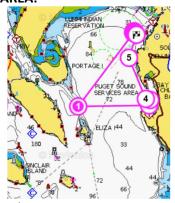
Long Course: (19.00 NM)

Vendovi Island (to Port)
Chuckanut Island \* (to Port)

FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

• Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 1800 HRS.

### **RACING AREA:**



Short Course – Map



Long Course - Map

#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

Ralph142@yahoo.com, or text 360 296-9310

### **AWARDS:**

### 5. Round Lummi Race

## Saturday - October 14th, 2023

#### **RULES:**

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

• 0830 HRS – October 14<sup>th</sup> Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

1000 HRS First Warning

Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

START GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #23.1 Regular Start (BYC SI's) #23.2 Rabbit Start

Course: (28.00 NM)

Lummi Island

(to Starboard if CW) or (to Port if CCW)

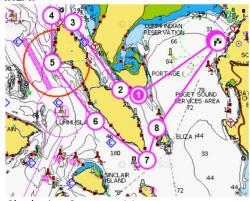
At Village Point - Light Beacon - 18 \*

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 90°M within 2 NM

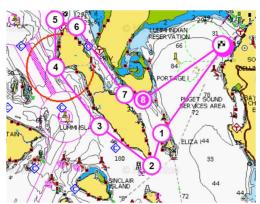
FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

• Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 1800 HRS.

#### **RACING AREA:**



Clockwise Course - Map



Counter Clockwise Course - Map

#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time or Halfway GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

Ralph142@yahoo.com, or text 360 296-9310

#### **AWARDS:**

### 6. Jack Island Race

## Saturday - October 28th, 2023

#### RULES:

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Registration can be found online on the Racing page of the Bellingham Yacht Club website (www.BYC.org).

#### **RACE SCHEDULE:**

• 0830 HRS Skippers Meeting at the BYC Clubhouse

Course selection will be made at skippers meeting and/or on the water before the start, by the Race Committee of the designated PRO, as allowed by the (BYC SI's).

1000 HRS First Warning Communication on VHF Channel - 68

#### **COURSE:**

START GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #23.1 Regular Start (BYC SI's) #23.2 Rabbit Start

Short Course: (20.00 NM)

Viti Rocks Light (to Port)
Bellingham Channel Buoy – 8 (to Port)
Vendovi Island (to Port)
Vendovi Island - Light 2 \* (to Port)

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 270°M within 2 NM

Long Course: (22.50 NM)

Viti Rocks Light (to Port)
Jack Island (to Port)
Padilla Bay Lighted Bell Buoy – 4 \* (to Port)

\*Record halfway GPS time when bearing 270°M within 4 boat lengths

FINISH GP Outfall - Buoy (BYC SI's) #24.1 with RC (BYC SI's) #24.2 without RC

Time limit for all yachts to finish the short or long course shall be 1800 HRS.

#### **RACING AREA:**



Short Course - Map



Long Course - Map

#### TIME REPORTING:

Finish GPS Time or Halfway GPS Time shall be reported by email to:

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#### **AWARDS:**

### Addendum C - BOAT OF THE YEAR

### **BYC Boat of the Year Committee**

BYC sailors shall be selected by the Sail Fleet Captain to calculate and select the "Boat of the Year" based on the following criteria: All places are within class.

### Performance in BYC Sponsored Races:

BYC Wednesday Night Race Series 1st = 12 pts., 2nd = 10 pts., 3rd = 8 pts.BYC Long-Distance Race Series 1st = 6 pts., 2nd = 5 pts., 3rd = 4 pts.BYC Long-Distance Race Series Short-Handed\* 1st = 12 pts., 2nd = 10 pts., 3rd = 8 pts.

### Performance Regional Club Sponsored Regattas & Races:

Regattas (PNW Race Week, PITCH, Windermere, etc.)

1st = 12 pts., 2nd = 10 pts., 3rd = 8 pts., Participation = 4 pts.

Distance Races less than 50NM

1st = 8 pts., 2nd = 6 pts., 3rd = 4 pts., Participation = 2 pts.

Distance Races greater than 50NM

1st =12 pts., 2nd = 10 pts., 3rd = 8 pts., Participation = 4 pts.

### **Championships Grand Prix, Worlds and North Americans**

Less than 20 boats in class:

1st = 16 pts., 2nd = 14 pts., 3rd = 12 pts., Participation = 4 pts.

More than 20 boats in class:

Top 25% = 16 pts., Top 50% = 8 pts., Participation = 4 pts.

<sup>\* (</sup>all races in the series must have been sailed shorthanded)