



Puget Sound Sailing Championship - Small Boats & J/Fest

September 26th- 27th, 2026

Puget Sound, Shilshole Bay
Seattle, Washington

Notice of Race

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

1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 For the J/24 and J/70 Class: See Addendum RS RaceSense rules for other RRS changes.
- 1.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows, (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or
- 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

1100 First warning signal

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

Sunday

1100 First warning signal

1600 No warning signal after this time

After racing Awards party at clubhouse. Bar is open!

- 2.2 Four to six races are targeted each day, with a race duration of 30-60 minutes.
- 2.3 Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class will be presented after racing Sunday in the Clubhouse.

3 Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website two days prior to the regatta.

4 Communication

- 4.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: <https://cycseattle.org/regatta/CB5uZC5mQ4>
- 4.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 4.3 A messaging service (or similar) may be used to provide supplementary communications. Information regarding sign up to this service will be provided separately.

5 Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1 This event is open to boats in the following classes:
 - (a) RS Aero, ILCA, Optimist, Snipe, Tasar and any other centerboard class with 5 or more registrants.
 - (b) J/105, J/80, J/24, J/70, and other one-design keelboats with 5 or more entrants.
- 5.2 Registration fees:
 - (a) Centerboard-classes: \$125 Non-Member/\$100 Member (\$35 for Optimist class)
 - (b) Keelboat-classes: \$248 Non-Member/\$198 Member
- 5.3 Entrants must register online at the event website, or by form delivered to CYC, and pay appropriate fees by the registration deadline.



- (a) Registration Deadline: Wednesday Sept. 23rd 11:59pm PDT
 - (b) Registrations accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority or race committee after the deadline will be assessed a \$20 late fee.
 - (c) Skippers who have purchased a season pass are still required to register online for this event.
- 5.4 Boats must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000 per incident.
 - 5.5 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.
 - 5.6 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.
 - 5.7 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.

6 [DP] Operating and Equipment Requirements

- 6.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies for all centerboard boats.
- 6.2 [DP] Keelboats must comply with federal safety regulations concerning life jackets (33 CFR 175 Subpart B), visual distress signals (33 CFR 175 Subpart C), fire extinguishers (46 CFR 25.30), sound producing devices (33 CFR 83 Subpart D), and navigation lights (33 CFR 83 Subpart C). These are identified in US Coast Guard publication A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats, available at publications.usa.gov or www.uscgboating.org.
- 6.3 [DP] The race committee or technical committee may inspect a boat at any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.

7 Scoring

- 7.1 Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. This modifies RRS A2.1
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.

8 Risk Statement

- 8.1 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. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

9 Guest Moorage and Trailer Parking

- 9.1 The Shilshole Marina north parking lot adjacent to the dry storage area is available for guest dry storage & trailer parking from 1400 September 25th – 1800 September 27th
- 9.2 Hoist access and use is the responsibility of boat owners and access cards are rented from the Port of Seattle marina office.
- 9.3 Guest moorage will be provided along pier W only. Moorage is available 1400 Sept. 26th – 1800 Sept. 28th. Moorage is limited and rafting is required. You must notify the OA if moorage is required.
- 9.4 Boats who moor in any other locations must register and pay with the Shilshole Marina office.

10 CONTACT INFORMATION

- 10.1 Fleet Captain Race – Jon Anderson – 360-927-3759 – anderjonathan@gmail.com



ADDENDUM RS

RaceSense RRS Changes

Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge (hereafter “Vakaros device” inclusive of both Atlas 2 and Atlas Edge) configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Vakaros device may have one provided by the Organizing Authority (OA), for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing.

RS.2 Competitors shall

- a. calibrate their Vakaros device before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
- b. turn their Vakaros device off after sailing each day. New battery life is approx. 100 hours.
- c. take all reasonable measures to keep the Vakaros device safe and operational while racing and promptly notify appropriate Race Committee (RC) or appointed person on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the RC and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#)

RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Vakaros device from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.7 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS.8 Any alleged failure of the Vakaros device, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.9 If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS.10 If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros device unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.11 If firmware updates to a Vakaros device are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Fleet WhatsApp Group.