Notice to Competitors in all Seattle Yacht Club Regattas

U.S. Coast Guard Advisory

The U.S. Coast Guard has requested that you be aware of Washington State Law RCW 77.15.740 which makes it illegal to:

- Cause a vessel or other object to approach, in any manner, within two hundred yards of a resident orca whale;
- Position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident orca whale at any point located within four hundred yards of the whale. This includes intercepting a southern resident orca whale by positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within four hundred yards of the whale;
- Fail to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is within two hundred yards of a southern resident orca whale; or
- Feed a southern resident orca whale.