



Seattle Yacht Club

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Grand Prix Invitational Regatta

October 21-23, 2011

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and G2. The text of these prescriptions is available from the US Sailing web site at raceadmin.ussailing.org/rules/prescriptions.
- 1.3 Other 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 shall have precedence.
- 1.4 Changes to the Notice of Race will be available from the Seattle Yacht Club web site at www.seattleyachtclub.org or, if not available from the web site, on the notice board at the Seattle Yacht Club south entrance.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Classes to race are PHRF Northwest handicap and one-design keelboats of at least 24 feet. Monohull, multihull, and cruiser/racer boats will race in separate classes. Other classes may race at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Only boats that qualify based on their performance in selected races in the prior year and are invited, at the discretion of the organizing authority, will be eligible to register. Boats may also qualify at the discretion of the organizing authority. The following events are qualifiers in racing classes with at least four boats registered:

Seattle Yacht Club Events (1st, 2nd or 3rd in class)

SYC Tri-Island Series and races:	SYC/CYC NOOD Regatta	SYC Grand Prix Regatta (prior year)
- SYC Smith/Protection Island Race	SYC Jack & Jill Race	
- SYC Vashon Island Race	SYC Mark Mayer Race	
- SYC Blake Island Race	SYC Star & Bar Regatta	

Other Events (1st, 2nd, or 3rd in class)

SSSS South Sound Series and races:	CYC Center Sound Series and races:	Whidbey Island Race Week
- TYC Vashon Island	- CYC Blakely Rock	CBSA Cowichan Bay Regatta
- TTPYC Duwamish Head	- CYC Scatchet Head	Van Isle 360
- OYC Toliva Shoal	- CYC Three Tree Point	RVanYC/LYC Vic-Maui
- GHYC Islands	CYC PSSR	CYC PSSC
WVYC Southern Straits	RVicYC Swiftsure (S, CF, UCF, JF, UJF)	OIYC Round the County

Other Events (1st in class)

STYC Iceberg	SISC Round Saltspring	AYC Northern Century
RVanYC VARC Opener	AYC Windermere Cup	BYC PITCH
STYC Blakely Rock Benefit	Sail Northwest J-Fest	MBYC Maple Bay Regatta
RVicYC THRASH	RVanYC WAVES	SBYC Trans-Puget
FCYC VARC Spring	RVanYC Easter Seals Regatta	CYCE Foulweather Bluff
SBYC/STYC Ballard Cup Series (I, II, III)	NYC SIN	STYC Fall
STYC Race to the Straits	RIPS Canadian Race Week	RVanYC VARC Closer

- 2.3 A whole one-design class may qualify if several boats of the class have qualified and can register a number of boats suitable for a one design class start. For more information, please contact the regatta organizers listed below.
- 2.4 A cruiser/racer class will be open to boats that competed in the cruiser/racer class of any SYC race.
- 2.5 If your boat has qualified but you have not received an invitation, please contact regatta organizers listed below.



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- 2.6 Entrants must register online at www.seattleyachtclub.org, or by form delivered to Seattle Yacht Club, and pay appropriate fees by the registration deadline. Registration after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority and may require an additional late fee.
- 2.7 A boat wishing to use sails with identification different from her own must notify and receive permission to do so from the organizing authority by the registration deadline or when her late registration is accepted. This changes RRS 77.
- 2.8 A boat racing in a handicap class must ensure that her correct rating is issued and recorded by the class organization by the registration deadline or when her late registration is accepted. Boats participating without a valid class certificate will not be entered or scored and her entry fee may not be refunded.
- 2.9 A change in a boat's handicap class rating will take effect on the day it is recorded by the class organization. Changes are not retroactive. When a boat's rating changes between races that are part of a series, the boat shall remain in the same class in which she started the series.
- 2.10 A boat rated by her handicap class in consideration of water ballast may use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.

3 Registration Fees

- 3.1 The registration fee is as follows based on boat length:

Under 30':	\$125
30' to under 40':	\$160
40' and over:	\$195

- 3.2 The registration deadline is October 19, 2011 (Wednesday). Late registrations may be assessed a late fee of \$20.
- 3.3 Boats that register within two weeks of achieving their first qualification or by February 28, 2011, will be offered a registration discount of \$20.

4 Schedule and Logistics

- 4.1 The dates of racing are October 21-23, 2011 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).
- 4.2 The racing area is Puget Sound north of Alki Pt. and south of Pt. Wells. The starting line will be in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay and the area north of Meadow Point.
- 4.3 Multiple races may be sailed each day. The Race Committee will have discretion to select buoy and mid-distance courses based on anticipated conditions. If wind strength and direction permit, the Race Committee may seek to run a mid-distance race on Friday and buoy races, with perhaps one more mid-distance race, on Saturday and Sunday. The course designations will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.4 Race information packets will be available on Friday from 1000 to 1215 at Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 4.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1330 on Friday and 1030 on Saturday and Sunday. No warning signal will be made after 1630 on Friday and Saturday and 1530 on Sunday.
- 4.6 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from each boat's starting signal to her finish time. The time limit will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and will not exceed 8 hours.

5 Scoring

- 5.1 Boats will be scored in class.
- 5.2 Boats that do not finish within their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 5.3 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), or is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, DGM, BFD) will be scored the number of finishers plus one. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.
- 5.4 Corrected times for PHRF Northwest classes will be calculated using the Time on Time method as defined by PHRF Northwest.

6 Equipment and Responsibility

- 6.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race 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.
- 6.2 Boats racing in handicap classes must comply with one of the two following sets of equipment requirements, (a) or (b):



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- (a) *Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards (PIYASR)* according to the race category requirements identified below. The text of these regulations is available from the PIYA web site at www.ussailing.net/piya. Category requirement is Category III with the following changes:
- (1) PIYASR 3.8 interpreted that a radar reflector with any dimension less than 6 inches does not meet the requirement.
- (b) *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)*, without US Sailing prescriptions, according to the category requirements identified below. The text of these regulations is available from the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) web site at www.sailing.org/documents/special-regs. Category requirement is Category 4 with the following changes:
- (1) OSR 3.02.1, 3.11, 3.19, and 3.22 not required for boats under 9 meters or boats under 12 meters with crew torso position inboard and mostly below the local sheerline except briefly to perform a necessary task.
 - (2) OSR 3.14 not required for boats under 9 meters without lifelines or boats under 12 meters without lifelines with crew torso position inboard and mostly below the local sheerline except briefly to perform a necessary task.
 - (3) OSR 3.27.5 not required for permanently sealed, non-serviceable LED fixtures.
 - (4) OSR 3.28.1 required as in Category 3. If using outboard motor, it shall be on its operating mount and easily inserted into the water for immediate use including during severe sea and wind conditions.
 - (5) OSR 3.28.3 required as in Category 3 and (b) duration requirement changed to 6 hours.
 - (6) OSR 3.29.1(f) not required.
 - (7) OSR 4.06.1 must include anchor and 150' of rode consisting of chain and line with rode minimum weight $LOA^2/80$ lbs. and combined anchor and rode minimum weight of $(LOA/17)^3 + LOA^2/80$ lbs. (LOA in feet.)
 - (8) OSR 4.10.1 octahedral radar reflector minimum diagonal measurement changed to 300 mm (12 inches). In addition, radar reflector must have a minimum dimension of 150mm (6 inches) or greater.
 - (9) OSR 4.26.4 (f) and (g) not required.
 - (10) OSR 5.01.1 (a) and (b) replaced by US Sailing prescription to RRS 40, (c) required from one hour before sunset until sunrise.

6.3 Boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations (some of which may be Canadian regulations for Canadian boats).

6.4 Boats must be operated in accordance with the Puget Sound Sailboat Safety Regulations, available from the Seattle Yacht Club web site at www.seattleyachtclub.org.

6.5 The race committee may inspect a boat any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available by the Thursday before the race from the Seattle Yacht Club web site at www.seattleyachtclub.org (or, if not available on the web site, on the notice board at the Seattle Yacht Club south entrance) and on Friday with your race information packets.

8 Social Activities and Awards

8.1 Party schedule after racing each day:

Friday	Bar open, heavy snacks, location to be announced (may be Anthony's Shilshole or CYC)
Saturday	Bar open, light snacks at Corinthian Yacht Club
Sunday	Awards party, complementary beer and soft drinks, buffet dinner at Seattle Yacht Club

8.2 Take home trophies will be awarded for the top three boats in each class. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the top boats in each class.

8.3 Commemorative participation gifts will be available for each boat on Friday with the race information packets. Modest fun prizes will be given at the awards party subjectively and by a drawing of your qualification announcement postcards.

9 Contact

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