Seattle Yacht Club

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To: Tri-Island Series Competitors

cc: Dave Ferguson, Roger Pawley, Rhonda Halffman, Phil Calvert, Mike Milburn, Brian Ledbetter

Re: Welcome to the Vashon Island Race

Thank you for racing the Protection Island race and joining us for the Vashon Island race. Since Protection, several more boats have signed on.

In case you were wondering, your race committee intends to run the starts like at Protection Island, starting the classes of each course together, as follows:

    Long Course classes together
    Short Course classes together
    Sport Boat Course classes together (currently no entries, may be a start with no starters)
    Cruiser/Racer Course classes together

In the last note I mentioned that boats can let the race committee know about any location publishing technology they are using. A few boats did and it turned out to be helpful, both in doing our job and engaging our curiosity. If you would be willing to voluntarily share your SPOT or other locating information with us, we would appreciate it.

Some people had questions about the course distance used for Protection Island. When you spend quality time on this topic, you realize there are different ways to do it – different tools, techniques, considerations, conventions – that are all reasonable, depending on your point of view, but may favor higher or lower rated boats. We revisited this, putting more thought, structure, and precision into it than probably ever before, and updated the distances based on a policy. This didn't happen to change the standings but it was a good process. The calculations are posted on the web site.

Please let me or any of us know of any questions or considerations. Like with the course distance topic, this helps us understand and improve.

Brian

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P.S. Remember the party is after the Blake Island Race at Elliott Bay Marina. The marina has graciously offered free moorage, based on availability, Friday and Saturday nights. See the Blake Island NOR for details (link).