



Seattle Yacht Club

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Grand Prix Invitational Regatta

October 23-25, 2020

Notice of Race

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, 48.1, 60.3(b), 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix G and R. These prescriptions are available from the US Sailing website at www.ussailing.org.
- 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 Prior to the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available from the Seattle Yacht Club website at www.seattleyachtclub.org or on the notice board at the Seattle Yacht Club south entrance.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Due to lack of qualifying races, all boats that meet the eligibility requirements are invited. Classes to race are ORC, PHRF-NW, Multihulls, and any One-Design keelboats of at least 24 feet with at least five boats.
- 2.2 Entries are limited to the first 80 boats that register.
- 2.3 Competitors must register online at the Seattle Yacht Club website at www.seattleyachtclub.org and pay appropriate fees by the registration deadline. Registration after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.3 All boats racing in handicap classes must have a current rating certificate.
- 2.4 A boat rated by her handicap class in consideration of water ballast may use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.
- 2.5 Racing yachts crew size and composition should comply with the applicable government regulations regarding group size and households.
- 2.6 Crew size and composition will not be grounds for protest.

3 REGISTRATION FEES

- 3.1 The registration fee is \$100.

- 3.2 The registration deadline to enter is the Wednesday before the regatta.

- 3.2 There is no late fee, after 80 boats register, those who register and pay will be added to the waitlist.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Friday

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| 0930-1030 | Packet and glasses picked up at small tent near the North Dry Storage area. |
| 1300 | First warning signal |
| 1700 | No warning signal after this time |

Saturday

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| 1030 | First warning signal |
| 1700 | No warning signal after this time |

Sunday

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| 1030 | First warning signal |
| 1500 | No warning signal after this time |

5 RACING AND SCORING INFORMATION

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Multiple races may be sailed each day. The Race Committee will have discretion to select between long buoy courses and medium-distance courses based on anticipated conditions. The course designations will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3 Boats will be scored in class.
- 5.4 Corrected times for PHRF Northwest classes will be calculated using the Time on Time method as defined by PHRF Northwest. ORC will use standard Time on Time scoring.
- 5.5 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired (RET), or is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, DGM, BFD) will be scored the number of finishers plus one. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.
- 5.6 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. Boats that do not finish within



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their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

- 5.7 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if six or more races are completed in the series. This changes RRS A2.
- 5.8 One race will constitute a series.

6 OPERATING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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 A boat racing must comply with the following equipment requirements:
 - ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)*, without US Sailing prescriptions, according to the category requirement identified below:
 - Category requirement is **Special Regulations – Inshore** and Appendix B requirements. The text of these regulations is available from the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) at www.sailing.org.
- 6.3 Boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- 6.4 Boats must be operated in accordance with the Puget Sound Sailboat Safety Regulations, available in the Seattle Yacht Club Sailboat Race Book.
- 6.5 Penalties under Notice of Race 6 may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and INFORMATION

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available Wednesday before the regatta from the Seattle Yacht Club website at www.seattleyachtclub.org. The Regattas page on the SYC website will be the Official Notice Board.

8 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

- 8.1 Social events after racing will be on a boat by boat basis and comply with mask and distancing etiquette.
- 8.2 There will be no trophy presentation. Take-home trophies will be mailed to the top three boats in each class. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the top boat in each class.

9 REGATTA CONTACTS

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