



Seattle Yacht Club

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Grand Prix Invitational Regatta

October 23-25, 2015

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: RRS 34, 40, 48.1, 56, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix G, R, and T. 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, if not available from the website, on the notice board at the Seattle Yacht Club south entrance. After the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available on the official notice board described in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Classes to race are IRC, PHRF-NW, and One-Design keelboats of at least 24 feet with at least five boats. Other classes may race at the discretion of the organizing authority. Monohull and multihull boats will race in separate classes.
- 2.2 Only boats that qualify based on their performance in selected races in the prior year will be eligible to register. Boats may also qualify at the discretion of the organizing authority. The events listed below under "Qualifying Events" are qualifiers in racing classes with at least four boats registered.
- 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 If your boat has qualified, please consider your qualification as an invitation to register.
- 2.5 Competitors must register online at the Seattle Yacht Club website 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.

- 2.6 A boat wishing to use sails with identification different from her own must notify and receive permission from the organizing authority by the registration deadline. This changes RRS 77.
- 2.7 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. Boats participating without a valid class certificate will not be entered or scored, and their entry fee may not be refunded.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 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':	\$150
30' to under 40':	\$200
40' and over:	\$250
- 3.2 The registration deadline is the Wednesday before the regatta at 1159 PST.



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4 SCHEDULE

4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Friday

1000 – 1130 Check in at Corinthian Yacht Club
1130 – 1145 Competitor's briefing at CYC
1300 First warning signal
1700 No warning signal after this time
After racing Social at CYC

Saturday

1030 First warning signal
1700 No warning signal after this time
After racing Social at CYC

Sunday

1030 First warning signal
1500 No warning signal after this time
1800 Awards Dinner Party at Seattle Yacht Club.

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 buoy and 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.

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 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 in a handicap class must comply with one of the two following sets of equipment requirements, (a) or (b):

(a) *Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards (PIYASR)* according to the category requirement identified below. The text of these regulations is available from the PIYA website at www.piyasailing.net. Category requirement is Category **Nearshore** requirements. The text of these regulations is available from the PIYA website at www.piyasailing.net.

(b) *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)*, without US Sailing prescriptions, according to the category requirement identified below. The text of these regulations is available from the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) website at www.sailing.org/documents/special-regs. Category requirement is **Category 5** 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 The race committee may inspect a boat any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.

6.6 Penalties under Notice of Race 6 may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.



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7 SAILING INSTRUCTION

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available by the Thursday before the regatta from the Seattle Yacht Club website at www.seattleyachtclub.org or, if not available from the website, on the notice board at the Seattle Yacht Club south entrance and at check-in on Friday with your race information packets.

8 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

8.1 Social events after racing on Friday and Saturday at Corinthian Yacht Club. Awards Dinner Party at Seattle Yacht Club beginning at approximately 1800 after racing on Sunday.

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.

9 CONTACT

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QUALIFYING EVENTS

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

SYC Tri-Island Series and races:	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
CYC Sound Wednesday Series (S,I,S,F)	RVanYC Easter Seals Regatta	CYCE Foulweather Bluff
SBYC/STYC Ballard Cup Series (I,II,III)	NYC SIN	STYC Fall
STYC Race to the Straits		RVanYC VARC Closer