

Sequim Bay Yacht and Sailing Club 2015 Duck Dodge Races

Notice of Race

Dates: There are three Thursday night Duck Dodge Series

Stout Series: April 2 – May 14, 7 races/ 2 throw-outs

Pilsner Series: May 28 – July 2, 6 races/ 1 throw-out

IPA Series: August 6 - September 17, 7 races/ 2 throw-outs

Rules: The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions or the Appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility: Open for registrants who are SBYC Regular Members, Associate, and Junior Members, Sustaining Members, and Limited Members. Members of PIYA *Active, Associate, or Affiliate* Yacht clubs or Sailing Associations may participate in Duck Dodge Series races. Non-member registrants may also participate, but will pay a higher entry fee.

Eligible participants may enter by completing an online registration form with the required fee prior to racing. Web address for the registration is

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10103>

Cost: Each Duck Dodge Series will cost SBYC members and PIYA affiliated yacht club members \$30. Non-member race fees are \$45.

Classes: PHRF A (PHRF rating of 135 or less), PHRF B (PHRF rating of 136 or larger), and a non-flying sails division (3 or more boats needed for a NFS division). Small centerboard boats may also race if a committee boat is on-station.

Skippers Meeting and Registration: There will be a Skippers meeting at 4:00 PM in the SBYC clubroom before the start of the first race of the season, April 2nd. Registration after that date can be done with Alan Clark at his boat, slip D 26, between 4:00 and 4:30 on any race day.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10103> or at the SBYC clubroom, or from

PHRF fleet Captain Alan Clark.

Race Schedule:

17:25 First warning schedule

The race committee will attempt to start races on time, but wind conditions may cause a postponement.

Course: Courses will typically have windward/leeward legs and may incorporate leeward gates, gybe marks, and weather offsets at the weather mark. Gold Cup or Olympic style course may also be set at the race committees discretion.

Scoring: The low point scoring system (Appendix A of RSS) will be used with one change. A boat that starts a race but does not finish will be given a score equal to the "*number of boats in the race + 1*", rather than the usual scoring of "*number of boats in the series + 1*". Two "throw-outs" will be allowed for each series. If a skipper has to serve as Race Committee, that race will be scored as one of the "throw-outs".

Time Limit: If no boats in a division have finished by 7:10 PM, then the race will be Abandoned for that division. If the race is not abandoned, then any boats failing to finish by 7:30 PM will be scored DNF.

The race committee will be given some latitude (up to 10 minutes) to extend a race : if they believe that a short extension of the race would allow at least one boat to finish the race and that the weather conditions will allow most of the remaining boats in that division to finish the race by the DNF time. Both the Abandon Race and DNF times will be extended by 10 minutes.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the SBYC Duck Dodge Series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 (RSS), Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

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