



## Gig Harbor Yacht Club – Islands Race Saturday, March 16, 2019 NOR - Notice of Race

This event that will take the fleet from Gig Harbor to a temporary mark north of Blake Island before returning to Gig Harbor. This is the final race of the Southern Sound Series.

**Rules, Class Breaks, Race Schedule:** See Series Instructions at the Southern Sound Series Website at: <http://www.ssseries.org/>.

**Registration/Race fee:** Pre-registration is required for all entrants. Register online using the series link above. Registrations must be received no later than 6PM PST Wednesday March 13 to avoid a \$5 late fee. Please use the same sail number or assigned sail number if you registered for previous races in this series and register in the same class. **Race fee: \$45 and \$50 for late registrations.** <https://gigharboryachtclub.wildapricot.org/>

**Starting Line:** Start in northeasterly direction between the race committee boat and an orange buoy anchored about ¼ northeast of the entrance to Gig Harbor.

**Start times & Sequence:** The start time and sequence is specified in the Series Sailing instructions as noted above.

**The Course:** From the starting line, proceed in a northeasterly direction through Colvos Passage around the EAST side of Blake Island to an orange turn buoy anchored approximately 1000 yards north of Blake Island. Leave the Buoy to PORT and proceed back EAST of Blake Island, south through Colvos Passage and finish in a southwesterly direction across the (starting) finish line. The approximate course distance is 29.5 Miles.

**Shorten Course Option:** The race committee may elect to shorten the course at the turn buoy located north of Blake Island with a finish line between the buoy and a race committee boat.

### Course Safety Notes:

- Safety requirements for US sailing Nearshore shall be followed, except any single or double-handed crew must wear a PFD at all times.
- The course will take all boats through the ferry traffic/lanes from Vashon to Southworth. Washington State Ferries and Commercial Shipping Traffic have the right of way.

- Racers must obey all right of way, distance clearance requirements, Coast Guard regulations and vessel traffic control rules.

**SSS Instructions:** Refer to Series Race Instructions at <http://www.ssseries.org/>

**Withdrawals:** *Please* contact Race Committee on Ch. 72 or (253) 358-5193, or (253) 224-1512

**Protests:** Refer to the SSS instructions regarding protests. Also notify the race committee of your intent to protest upon crossing the finish line. E-mail protests to [sailchair@gigharboryc.com](mailto:sailchair@gigharboryc.com)

**Awards:** GHYC will present awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats in each class.

**Post Race Party:** Gig Harbor Yacht Club invites you and your crew to a post-race party at the GHYC clubhouse featuring FREE food, drinks, and photos of the racing. Preliminary results will be up-to-the-minute. DON'T MISS IT! - 8209 Stinson Ave.

**Moorage:** Moorage is generally available at the public dock at Jerisich Park (below the large U.S. Flag). A limited number of berths may be available at Peninsula Yacht Basin, Arabella's Landing, and other marinas in Gig Harbor. Please note the Jerisich Park dock now has water and power and charges an overnight fee.

**Information:** For more information check the club website <http://www.gigharboryc.com> . If you have more questions contact Tom Gray (253) 358-5193 / [sailchair@gigharboryc.com](mailto:sailchair@gigharboryc.com) or Erik Carlson at (253) 224-1513 / [ecarlson@aquaquip.com](mailto:ecarlson@aquaquip.com).

Race results will be posted on the Southern Sound Series web site and GHYC website as quickly as possible.