



NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules, Requirements, and Eligibility

1.1 The 2018 Oregon Offshore Race will be sailed under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea ("COLREGS"), US and Canadian Coast Guard requirements, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Supplemental Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The minimum overall length of a yacht to qualify for entry is 24 feet.

1.3 Each yacht must meet the 2018 Oregon Offshore Safety and Equipment Requirements (SERs) and must demonstrate compliance to a CYC representative if requested. Specific SERs for the Oregon Offshore Race are available for download at www.oregonoffshore.org.

1.4 Each yacht must have a VHF transmitter-receiver equipped with marine channels 1, 5A, 9, 13, 14, 16, 68, 71, and 72. Racers must monitor VHF channel 16 at all times during the race. Racers that are found to be not monitoring VHF channel 16 are subject to disqualification.

1.5 CYC-issued transponders will be required for all yachts.

1.5.1 Transponder units will be distributed along with Race Packages at the Skippers' Check-in in Astoria, OR on May 9, 2018.

1.5.2 Transponders must be returned to the greeters at the docks in Victoria upon completion of the race or returned to the Race Committee at the May 13, 2018 awards party at Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Although CYC will distribute the transponders, it assumes no liability for the transponder devices. Please see Section 3.4 for details on transponder rental fees.

1.5.3 Yachts that fail to turn on the transponder prior to the start of the race or turn it off during the race may be subject to disqualification.

1.5.4 Yachts are reminded that the transponders may require being reset every 24 hours to keep them operational during the race. If you fail to reset your transponder (and check to be sure it is still on), we will not be able to track your yacht, and your supporters will not know where you are. Confirm whether your transponder must be reset every 24 hours at check-in on May 9, 2018.

1.6 Yachts must be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US \$500,000 per occurrence liability coverage that does not contain an exclusion from sailboat racing, and which covers property damage, personal injury, and death.

2 Schedule of Events

2.1 Monday, April 16, 2018, 1830 hours. Kickoff Party, Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub,
112 SW 2nd Ave, Portland, OR.

2.2 Monday, April 16, 2018. Deadline for Entries. All entries must be made by the close of the Kickoff Party or postmarked no later than midnight April 16, 2018.

2.3 Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Boat check-in, Astoria, Or.

2.3.1 Skipper or representative must check in with the Race Committee between 1500 and 1730 hours at the Astoria Yacht Club, 300 Industry St, Suite 201, Astoria, OR, 97103, on May 9, 2018.

2.3.2 The skipper of each yacht must submit a final crew list on the appropriate form, as well as crew waivers, at check-in. Final class breakdowns will be announced at this time, and changes or additions to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at www.oregonoffshore.org before 1800 hours on May 9, 2018 and distributed in writing at the Skippers' Meeting.

2.4 Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Skippers' Meeting, 1800 hours at Rogue Public House, 100 39th St, Astoria, OR 97103.

2.4.1 Attendance by the skipper or a representative at the Skippers' Meeting is mandatory. **ANY YACHT WHOSE SKIPPER OR REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT CHECK IN BEFORE THE SKIPPERS' MEETING OR IS NOT PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL AT THE SKIPPERS' MEETING MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

2.4.2 Attendance is limited to 2 people per yacht for the first 45 minutes. At that time, all crew are welcome and encouraged to join us for a social with t-shirts and drinks available for purchase. Please see www.oregonoffshore.org for updates.

- 2.4.3 Transportation will be provided to and from the Skippers' Meeting from the west basin marina via the Historic Astoria Trolley. The Trolley will leave at 1730 hours for the Skipper & Navigator then a second trip will leave at 1830 hours.
- 2.5 The race will start Thursday morning, May 10, 2018. Exact start time will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 2.6 Sunday, May 13, 2018, 1100 hours. Awards BBQ at Royal Victoria Yacht Club.
- 2.6.1 This event will be completed in time for participants to get to the Black Ball Ferry in time for the 1600 departure for Port Angeles.
- 2.6.2 Transportation will be provided via private bus to and from the marina and RYVC. Please see Oregonoffshore.org for exact details.
- 3 Entry Forms and Fees**
- 3.1 Entry forms are available for download at www.oregonoffshore.org.
- 3.2 Entry forms should be sent:
- 3.2.1 Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland
865 NE Tomahawk Island Drive, Suite 102, Box 302
Portland, OR 97217
- 3.2.2 Sign up online (including entry fee): Regatta Network Oregon Offshore 2018
- 3.2.3 Via email: oregonoffshore@cycportland.org
- 3.3 Entry fees and the rental fee for the transponders must be paid in full by the deadline, April 16, 2018. Entry Fees are \$300 and the transponder fee is \$75.00 (see, Section 3.4 below) and can be paid by check, Regatta Network, or <https://squareup.com/store/corinthian-yacht-club-of-portland>
- 3.4 The rental fee for the transponders is \$75.00 USD.
- 3.4.1 A prepaid deposit is no longer required for transponder rentals, but skippers are responsible for returning the transponder immediately after the race.

3.4.2. Skippers will be assessed a \$200 USD fee for transponders that are not returned.

3.5 A skipper who wishes to withdraw his/her entry must request a refund in writing at oregonoffshore@cycportland.org or CYC Portland, 865 NE Tomahawk Island Drive, Suite 102, Box 302, Portland, OR 97217, as follows:

3.5.1 A skipper who withdraws before the entry deadline, at midnight April 16, 2018, will receive a full refund of the entry fee and transponder rental fee paid.

3.5.2 A skipper who withdraws after midnight, April 16, but before midnight, May 4, 2018, will receive a refund of 50% of the entry fee paid, but no refund of the transponder rental fee.

3.5.3 No refund will be allowed for any skipper that withdraws after midnight, May 4, 2018.

4 Skipper's Verification of Compliance

4.1 Yachts not complying with all relevant national and international regulations, including but not limited to the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, COLREGS, Coast Guard Regulations, 2018 Oregon Offshore SERs, and other requirements listed in this Notice of Race and any Sailing Instructions, will be disqualified from racing unless CYC offers and the skipper and/or yacht owner accepts a Compliance Variance.

4.2 Skippers must demonstrate compliance by checking off 'YES' to each line item of the SERs and signing the bottom of the page verifying that each SER meets the set forth standard. This sheet should be submitted before or during registration along with verification of current life raft certification per SER 3.39.

4.2.1 CYC may ask for and/or check for verification of additional SER items at their discretion. Skippers must verify compliance on the spot or be susceptible to NOR 4.4 as described below.

4.2.2 If a skipper has any questions regarding safety or SERs and compliance, please contact Dennis Damore at (503) 318-6295 or oregonoffshore@cycportland.org.

4.3 Skippers must be prepared to demonstrate their compliance at any time before or immediately after the race.

4.4 CYC may disqualify any yacht from racing at its discretion. CYC may, at its discretion, consider a variance to non-life-threatening safety requirements, allowing a yacht to sail only if the skipper and/or yacht owner signs a Waiver and Indemnification for Compliance Variance form.

5 Handicap Ratings

5.1 All competing yachts, except those in the Cruising Class, are required to have a valid handicap rating certificate for their appropriate class (e.g., PHRF NW, ORC, etc.).

5.2 If a yacht is not listed on the appropriate handicap rating authority's website at the time of entry with a 2018 rating, the skipper of that yacht must present a copy of its current certificate no later than the Skippers' Meeting on May 9, 2018. In this event, the organizing authority reserves the right to review, at its sole discretion, the validity of the certificate and respond appropriately.

5.3 Cruising Class yachts do not need a PHRF rating, and the method of calculating scores for this class is described in Section 9.3.

5.4 The First Overall award is only available to yachts with a valid 2018 PHRF NW rating who are not racing in the Cruising Class or ORC class.

6 Course

6.1 The Course Length is 193 nautical miles.

6.2 The starting line will be off the mouth of the Columbia River between Buoy 2 and the Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat. The name and description of the Race Committee Boat will be posted at the Skippers' Meeting.

6.2.1 The race will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the warning signal made 10 minutes before the starting signal (this modifies RRS rule 26).

6.2.2 The Race Committee Boat will be on station at Buoy 2 for 60 minutes after the start. A yacht starting later than 60 minutes after the starting signal will start herself, leaving Buoy 2 to starboard. This changes RRS rule A4.

6.3 Yachts will proceed north to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, leaving Duntze Rock buoy to Starboard, and finish at Victoria, B.C., inside the harbor entrance.

6.4 The finish line shall be between the light on the Ogden Point Breakwater, located at 48 24.810 N and 123 23.682 W and buoy V21 with a green 1 second flashing light (Please see CHS Chart 3412). Boats shall shine a light on their sail numbers prior to crossing the finish line.

6.5 If a class has no finishers within the time limit, the class will be scored on a shortened course. All skippers must record their time when passing 124°45'W longitude, leaving Duntze Rock to starboard. If the course is shortened, this will be the finish time. Yachts which abandon racing after passing 124°45'W will still be scored if the course is shortened for that class.

7 Conduct of Race

7.1 The race begins the morning of Thursday, May 10, 2018. The start time will be announced at the Skipper's meeting held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The organizing authority reserves the right to change the start time and will communicate changes via Channel 72 no later than three hours prior to the originally announced time.

7.2 The Class Flag for all yachts will be the Code Flag Number 1.

7.3 An attempt will be made by the Race Committee to hail premature starters on VHF Channel 72.

7.4 When a general recall has been signaled, the code flag "First Substitute" will be flown. A new Warning signal will be made one minute after lowering this flag.

7.5 Skipper or crew from each yacht must check in with MCTS Prince Rupert (formerly MCTS Tofino) on VHF Channel 74 when transiting north of 48°N latitude and prior to entering the Strait of Juan de Fuca. MCTS Prince Rupert may give further instructions regarding transiting shipping lanes. Each yacht must comply with these requests from MCTS Prince Rupert.

7.6 Each yacht must check in with Seattle Vessel Traffic (VTS) on channel 5A as soon as their yacht enters the Strait at 124° 40' W. VTS will have a list of all yachts competing in the race and will list you as overdue with the Coast Guard if you do not check in.

7.7 When a yacht comes into the vicinity of Race Rocks, her skipper or crew shall make a reasonable effort to contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 or by telephone at a number to be published in the Sailing Instructions.

7.8 When their yacht is within 30 minutes of finishing, skippers or crew shall notify the Race Committee by VHF Channel 72 or by telephone at a number to be published in the sailing instructions. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in the Race Committee not being at the finish line.

7.9 The finish deadline is Sunday, May 13 at 1000 hours, or 72 hours after the start, whichever is the earliest. **Yachts finishing after this time will be scored DNF.**

7.10 The skipper or crew of a yacht retiring either before or after the time limit must inform the Race Committee of this action at the first opportunity at a number to be published in the Sailing Instructions.

7.10 After finishing, skippers and crew shall come monitor VHF Channel 72 for confirmation of finishing and instructions from the Race Committee.

7.10.1 Skippers may be required to demonstrate compliance with safety regulations after finishing.

7.10.2 All skippers must record their finish time and position in relation to other yachts when passing between the light on the Ogden Point Breakwater, located at 48 24.810 N and 123 23.682 W and buoy V21. If the Race Committee is absent when a yacht finishes, the skipper should report the yacht's finishing time and position in relation to nearby yachts to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

7.11 Each yacht landing in Victoria must clear Canadian Customs.

7.11.1 Please be aware that due to heightened security concerns, positive identification (Passport, Birth certificate, Government ID) are likely to be required. Passports are required for re-entry to the United States.

7.11.2 Skippers are encouraged to check with Canadian and American Customs about current requirements and then to preview crew documents to ensure safe and smooth transit.

7.12 A skipper must advise the Race Committee of an intention to protest within three (3) hours of finishing.

7.12.1 Protest forms are available online at <http://sailpdx.org/racing/race-protests/> or from the Hospitality Committee, located at the Greater Victoria Harbour.

7.12.2 Requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee at the finish line or by emailing a completed protest form to commodore@cycportland.org within 120 minutes after the last yacht has finished.

7.12.3 Notices will be posted at www.oregonoffshore.org no later than 90 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2018, location and time to be determined.

7.13 Rules Regarding Engine Use

7.13.1 *For Racing Class yachts:* Engines may be used for propulsion in emergencies. A written situation report must be given to the Race Committee within three (3) hours of finishing. Penalties may be assessed. Automatic pilots and automatic steering devices, including wind vanes, shall not be allowed.

7.13.2 *For Cruising Class yachts:* A written report of engine and automatic steering device use must be given to the Race Committee within three (3) hours of finishing so that allowances may be assessed. Cruising Class skippers and crew are reminded that automatic steering devices DO NOT relieve the necessity of constant lookout and watch keeping.

7.14 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to use of mobile phones. It is permissible to contact Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 near Astoria and Channel 71 near Victoria or mobile phone to make position updates or to convey information.

8 Charts

8.1 THE FOLLOWING CHARTS WILL BE REQUIRED:

The following charts must be on board. They should be current and in usable condition. This list is by no means a substitute for common sense and sound navigational practices.

Chart Number	Description
US No. 1	Symbols and Abbreviations
US 18521	Columbia River Bar (Astoria to the Starting Line)
US 18500	Columbia River Bar to Destruction Island (The Start to Half way to the Big Corner)
US 18480	Destruction Island to Cape Flattery (Half way up the coast to the Big Corner)
US 18485	Umatilla Reef to Cape Flattery
US 18460	West End of the Juan de Fuca Straits
US 18465	East End of the Juan de Fuca Straits
Charts US 18460 & US 18465 or CN 3606	Juan de Fuca Straits (The Big Corner to the Finish)

8.2 The following charts are suggested in case of an emergency:

CHART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
CN 3412	Victoria Harbor
CN 3410	Sooke Inlet to Parry Bay
US 18502	Grays Harbor
US 18504	Willapa Bay
US 18484	Neah Bay

9 Calculation of Results

9.1 The scoring system to be used is the Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

9.2 *For Racing Class yachts:* Handicap scored classes shall be rated according to their current handicap rating. Corrected time will be determined using the Time on Distance system with a Course Length of 193 nautical miles. All overall scoring shall be calculated based on PHRF-NW ratings.

9.3 *For Cruising Class yachts:* Cruising class shall be rated as a level fleet.

9.3.1 Cruising class yachts may use autopilot without penalty.

9.3.2 Cruising class yachts may use their motor with an applied time penalty. The time penalty is assessed to reduce the average speed of the yacht to 2 knots while under motor. A complete log of motoring time, distance, and course shall be provided to Race Committee at first reasonable opportunity after finishing. A motoring penalty worksheet will be attached.

10 Supplemental Race Instructions

10.1 These instructions may be supplemented in writing at, or before, the Skippers' Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. If supplemented before the Skippers' Meeting, notices will be e-mailed to all entries already received and posted on the Oregon Offshore website at www.oregonoffshore.org.

(End of Notice of Race)