



Oregon Offshore General Information and Suggestions 2019

Note: The following information related to the Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race is provided to competitors as a courtesy. No information or suggestion provided here is to be construed in any way as a supplement to or modification of either the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. These notes are merely designed to answer commonly asked questions regarding the myriad of details competitors must handle when participating in an international, multi-day offshore race.

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Equipment/Communications:

VHF Radio, AIS

The SERs require a VHF radio. Although AIS is not required, we recommend it. Please be aware that you are sailing in a busy area, especially in the Strait, and you are required to monitor and utilize multiple VHF Channels. Be alert to the various channels referenced in the NOR, SI, and SER as well as US and Canadian Coast Guard requirements, including the following channels:

- 5A and 14 – Port operations and Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) also known as “Seattle Traffic”
- 13 – Inter-ship communication. Ships in US waters maintain a watch on this channel
- 16 – Emergency and other general communications including Coast Guard weather (monitor at all times, change to another channel for extended communications). Note: If you are approaching Victoria harbor and see a Cruise ship, make sure you are maintaining a watch on 16. If they feel you are or will become a hazard, they will contact you on this channel.
- 68 – Boat to Boat communications
- 71 – Race Committee at the **finish** in Victoria
- 72 – Race Committee at the **start**

Transponder

CYC will be issuing transponders for all yachts when we distribute the Race Packages at the Skippers’ Check-In in Astoria, OR on May 8, 2019. The assigned Tracker will be



used to monitor and display your position during the race on the Oregon Offshore website. When you receive your Tracker, please take it down to your boat, turn it on, and mount it securely in a place where it has a clear line of sight skyward to the receiving satellites (Note: You can turn it off after the Skippers' Meeting to conserve the battery until the next morning when it should be turned back on, obviously, for the race.) This step is necessary for the Race Committee (RC) to confirm that your assigned tracker is both operating properly and is correctly assigned to your boat. If the RC cannot see the tracker, we will attempt to get in contact you as soon as possible using the information you have provided in your entry registration. The RC has extra trackers in cases of a failure.

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 12, 2019 awards party at Royal Victoria Yacht Club. If the transponder is not returned by Friday, May 17, 2019, the boat will be charged a \$200 fee. Although CYC will distribute the transponders, it assumes no liability for the transponder devices. Yachts are reminded that the transponders must be 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 during the race.

Meetings, Barbecue, Award, Protests, etc.

Skipper's Meeting at the Rogue Brewery

A pre-race Skippers' Meeting with weather briefing will be held at the Rogue Brewery at 5:30 PDT, May 8, 2019.

Address: 100 39th St, Suite 600, Astoria, OR 97103

Phone: 503-468-0923

Attendance by the skipper or a representative at the Skippers' Meeting is mandatory. Attendance is limited to 2 people per boat because of space constraints. We are working on a means of transport down to the Rogue (likely buses) and this information will be shared prior to the skippers meeting. [The trolley system we have used in the past is unfortunately under repair.]

Pre-Race Social at the Rogue Brewery

Starting at 6:00 at the Rogue Brewery (full food and beverage menu) will be a pre-race social where all crew, family, and friends are welcome. T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle of essential and cool sailing gear. Buy lots of tickets to support this race.



Victoria Barbecue and Awards Ceremony

A barbecue and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday after the race cutoff time, which is 10:00 a.m. PDT. Transportation to Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC) is provided by CYC. Buses from Wilson's Transport will pick up racers in the parking lot near Ships Point close to the floatplane facility. The first bus to RVYC will load at 10:30. A second trip will depart from the same location and load at 11:10. The barbecue/party at RVYC starts at 11:00 and will feature the great hamburgers and Nanaimo Bars that we all know and love, served to us by the great folks that run the Swiftsure International Yacht Race. **The trophy presentation will begin at 12:00, and we will be done by 13:00 in time for folks to make the ferry or their flights home.** The Ships Store at RVYC will be open for those that want to buy some of their great items. The bar in RVYC will be open (no host) to us as well. Be aware that RVYC typically has a luncheon on this day so be respectful when entering the club.

Protests

The Sailing Instructions provide the rules related to filing protests and participating in the hearings. Please be advised that the timetable for all events on Sunday, including the protest hearings, is very tight in large part because of the ferry and airline schedules. If you file a protest, come to the hearing prepared, and note that the first bus will get you to RVYC in time for the hearing and the second may not – a word to the wise.

Accommodations

Hotel in Victoria

CYC has negotiated a good rate at the Victoria Days Inn on the Harbor. This is a nice hotel directly across from the ferry landing and has a great restaurant and bar. If you are looking for 5-Star this isn't it, but it is a very comfortable and convenient place for your guests and crew to stay. If you decide to book a room, tell them our code CY59.

Moorage

It is necessary for all competitors to make their own slip arrangements for both the Astoria West Basin Marina and in Victoria.

Astoria

Contact Astoria Marina at (503) 325-8279 or by email marina@portofastoria.com as soon as possible. Please have your date of arrival set. The West Basin has a silting problem and the Marina staff will do everything they can to ensure you have a slip that is proper for your boat. CYC has provided Astoria marina with a list of each boat with LOA and draft information as well your contact information. It is, however, ***your responsibility*** to contact them to make arrangements ***before*** you arrive.



Victoria

Likewise, you need to contact the Greater Victoria Harbor Authority at (250) 383-8326 or by email at mconedera@gvha.ca as soon as possible. You will need to tell them how long you are going to stay, and if you are also doing the Swiftsure race. CYC has also provided the GVHA with a list of boats but it is, again, **your responsibility** to contact them to formally register and to hold your reservation with a credit card. Once all the boats are registered, GVHA will assign locations, probably at Ship Point (map to be sent soon). Be aware that GVHA cannot take payment by email. Their policy is to call you to get a credit card number and so the process can take a day or so to complete.

Miscellaneous

Customs and Immigration

You will need a passport to enter Canada as well as to return to the US. Be sure it is not out of date. Each boat landing in Victoria must clear Canadian Customs at the customs dock before mooring in the harbor basin.

Charts

While GPS is a ubiquitous navigation tool on just about every boat, paper charts and how to use them offer an alternative that many sailors consider essential to being completely prepared. The following charts generally cover the race route, but this list and the chart information is by no means either exhaustive or 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 Duntze Rock turning mark)
- US 18480 Destruction Island to Cape Flattery (Half way up the coast to the Duntze Rock turning mark)
- 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)

The following charts are suggested in case of an emergency:



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

Security Zones, Stand-Offs

- Security zones are in place for US Naval Vessels and Tankers that require competitors to stay clear by at least 100 yards and to avoid being within 500 yards of their direction of travel
- Do not approach within 100 yards of any Naval Vessel, Tanker, or Washington State Ferry. If you need to pass within 100 yards of these vessels in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Rules of Navigation, you must contact the vessel on VHF channel 16 or 13.
- DO NOT approach within 1000 yards of any escorted US Navy Submarine. If you need to pass within 1000 yards of a Submarine to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Rules of Navigation, you must contact the vessel on VHF channel 16 or 13.

Actions required in Protection of Whales

Washington State Law RCW 77.15.740 makes it illegal to:

- Cause a vessel or other object to approach, in any manner, within 200 yards of a Orca Whale
- Position a vessel to be in the path of and Orca Whale at any point located within 400 yards of the Whale. This includes intercepting an Orca Whale by positioning a vessel so that it is carried by wind or water current into the path of the whale
- Failure to disengage the transmission of a vessel that is closer than 200 yards from an Orca Whale.
- Feed an Orca Whale.