



2019 KarMART PITCH Regatta

August 31-September 1, 2019, Bellingham, WA

Notice of Race

Bellingham Yacht Club, as the Organizing Authority (OA) is pleased to present the 2019

KarMART PITCH Regatta

To be sailed on Bellingham Bay on August 31, - September 1, 2019.

The Regatta Website for registration information and links to race documents is:

<http://pitch.byc.org>

1. **Racing Area** – The 2019 PITCH Regatta shall take place on Bellingham Bay and surrounding waters
2. **Rules** – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the most current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) for this event.
3. **Safety** – Competitors are encouraged to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times. The Race Committee (RC), at its discretion, may elect to invoke RRS Rule 40. Wet suits and dry suits **are not** PFDs. All participating yachts must be compliant with PIYA Inshore standards.
4. **Eligibility**
 - 4.1. The regatta is open to all multi-hull and self-righting single hulled sail boats that conform to their class rules, and/or hold a valid PHRF rating and/or are a member of a recognized one-design class association racing in an authorized one design division.
 - 4.2. All participating PHRF yachts shall have a current PHRF-NW certificate. The OA will process new PHRF-NW applications provided that the competitor's complete application is submitted with race registration at time of registration (per 5.1). This regatta is a *Grand Prix Regatta* qualifier and a *48 North Top 25* qualifier.
5. **Entry and Fees**
 - 5.1. **Entry** – Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form (available online at <http://pitch.byc.org>). Entry forms must be accompanied by a copy of a valid PHRF Rating Certificate, proof of insurance (see 12.2) and the required entry fee.
 - 5.2. **Fees** – Entry fee includes: Skipper's Race Packet, moorage from August 30 – September 2 and Friday evening BBQ and beverages.
 - Registration: \$85 USD by 22 August 2019
 - Late Registration: \$130 after 28 August 2019

Online registration is preferred! If paying by check, it should be made payable to "BYC" and mailed to:
PITCH Regatta, Bellingham Yacht Club, 2625 South Harbor Loop Drive, Bellingham, WA 98229

6. Schedule of Events and Warning Times for Races

6.1. Friday, August 30, 2019

- 1600: Registration – BYC Club House
- 1700: Free BBQ and refreshments (tickets are included in the Race Packet).
- 1930: Mandatory Skippers' Meeting

6.2. Saturday, August 31, 2019

- 1100: First Warning Signal (Scheduled time of first race)
- 1600: BYC Lounge will open. Happy hour (No-Host bar) and Back East BBQ dinner to follow. (Saturday night dinner tickets are available for \$15 per person).

6.3. Sunday, September 1, 2019

- 1100: First Warning Signal (Scheduled time of first race)
- No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1700: Monica's Mexican Dinner (\$9.50 per person) and awards following racing (time will vary depending on protest hearings).

7. Classes and Awards

7.1. Classes and class breaks will be assigned based upon the number of entries received. PHRF class assignments will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting. A minimum of five (5) entries, at the discretion of the OA, may be required to form a one-design class. The RC may combine two or more classes into a single start. All Multi-Hulls will be grouped into a separate class.

7.2. There will be up to three awards per class.

7.3. The **Kelly O'Neil Cup** will be awarded the top scoring Yacht Club Team.

7.3.1. Yacht Club Teams will be comprised of three yachts from a participating yacht club. Teams must be registered with the OA by 2100 hours, August 30, 2019. Yacht clubs may have more than one team; however, no boat may be on more than one team.

7.3.2. The award is based on the combined overall scores of the team members. Each Yacht's scores are weighted by number of yachts in its class and number of races sailed by its class.

7.4. At the discretion of the OA, an overall performance award may be made at the end of the Regatta.

8. Skippers' Meeting, Communications and Signals Made Ashore

8.1. A mandatory Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1930 hours August 30, 2019. At least one person from each registered boat must attend.

8.2. Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted online at <http://pitch.byc.org> prior to the event. Copies will be provided in the Skippers' Packet and available at the Skippers' Meeting.

8.3. Any amendments to the SIs, class breaks, streamer requirements and any other relevant information will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is located inside adjacent to the lower level entrance to the BYC Clubhouse. The RC will make a reasonable attempt to post communications on the Regatta website as well.

8.4. Signals Made Ashore will be flown from the flagpole in front of the BYC Clubhouse.

9. **Courses** – Courses to be sailed will be clearly designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signals Boat. Probable courses will be depicted in Addendum A to the SIs.

10. Scoring – The regatta will be scored using RRS Appendix A; Time on Distance formula. Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. A minimum of one race will constitute a series.

11. Moorage and Other Arrival Information

- 11.1. Moorage will be available at no charge to registered boats. The OA will try to accommodate tenders in the same mooring area whenever possible.
- 11.2. A greeting boat may be on station to assist with moorage instructions. If no boat is available, hail the BYC on VHF channel 72 for moorage assignment.

12. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 12.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

For additional information, please see refer to the Regatta Website at: <http://pitch.byc.org>