



Pacific NW Offshore 2020

Ilwaco, Washington, USA
May 7 – 10, 2020
Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]', i.e., Discretionary Penalty, after a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the sole discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of *US Sailing* will not apply: Rule 63.2 and Rule 63.4.
- 1.3. US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) as modified by the Organizing Authority (a hybrid of Ocean and Coastal categories) will apply, including specifically of note, Section 4.3.1 Skills: Safety at Sea Training, which states, in part, "At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew... including the person in charge, shall have attended a one-day or two-day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years..." [DP] SERs are available for download at www.cycportland.org (menu: *PNW Offshore – Race Information*).
- 1.4. Transponders, provided by CYC of Portland, shall be equipped on all boats and turned on and functioning continuously during the race. [DP]

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of at least 24 feet length overall (LOA) that have:
 - 2.1.1. A valid PHRF NW rating; or
 - 2.1.2. A valid ORC rating; or
 - 2.1.3. Are sailing in a One-Design or the Cruising class.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering at: www.cycportland.org (menu: *PNW Offshore – Race Information*), or at www.sailpdx.org (menu: Racing/Event Notice Board & Registration/PNW Offshore).
- 2.3. Entries will not be accepted after 2100 hours (PDT) on Monday, April 13, 2020 (Entry Deadline).

3. FEES

- 3.1. Required fees are as follows:

Race entry	\$300
Transponder rental	\$75
- 3.2. The transponder issued to the boat shall be returned by Friday, May 15, 2020, or the boat may be charged a \$200 fee. [DP]
- 3.3. A boat that wishes to withdraw its entry must request a refund in writing at: race.captain@cycportland.org.
 - 3.3.1. A boat that withdraws before the Entry Deadline, will receive a full refund of all required fees paid.
 - 3.3.2. A boat that withdraws after the entry deadline, but before 1800 hours (PDT), Wednesday, May 6, 2020, a 50% refund of the race entry fee, but no refund of the transponder rental fee.
 - 3.3.3. No refund will be allowed for any skipper that withdraws after 1800 hours (PDT), Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. **Registration:** Skipper or representative shall check in with the Race Committee between 1500 and 1700 hours (PDT) at the Salt Hotel and Restaurant (2nd floor), on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.
- 4.2. **Equipment inspection:** The Technical Committee shall inspect all boats for SER compliance prior to 0800 hours (PDT), Thursday, May 7, 2020 and may inspect after the finish in Victoria Harbor, BC.

An Inspector will be assigned to each boat. Their role will be to attempt to identify any omitted safety requirements, review the proper installation of the boat's equipment, and review any proposed variations with the Technical Committee. The inspection is not a survey. These inspections or advice given do not relieve the Skipper of ultimate and full responsibility for compliance with the SER and the safety of his or her boat and crew.

The boat may be re-inspected at any time before the start and after its finish. A boat, her Skipper and/or the person in charge, found not to comply with the SER may be disqualified, penalized, and/or excluded from future Offshore participation.

4.3. **Dates of racing:** May 7 – 10, 2020

4.4. **Warning Signal:** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1000 hours (PDT), Thursday, May 7, 2020 – final determination to be announced at the Skippers Meeting 1800 hours (PDT), Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1. Prior to 1800 hours (PDT), Wednesday, May 6, 2020:

5.1.1. All boats, other than those sailing in the Cruising Class, shall produce a valid rating PHRF NW or ORC certificate.

5.1.2. All boats shall produce a valid life raft certification.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.cycportland.org (menu: *PNW Offshore – Race Information*) no later than 1800 hours (PDT), Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

7. THE COURSE

7.1. The course to be sailed shall be as follows:

7.1.1. Start will be off the mouth of the Columbia River between a line connecting the southernmost edge of Government Buoy 2 and the southernmost point on the Race Committee Boat.

7.1.2. Proceed north to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, leaving the Duntze Rock Government Buoy (DRGB) to Starboard, or, if no DRGB is in place, then leave the location of 48° 25' 03" N and 124°45' 39" W to Starboard.

7.1.3. Finish between the light on the Ogden Point Breakwater, located at 48° 24' 48.5" N and 123° 23' 37.7" W, and Government Buoy V21, located

at 48° 24' 52.1" N and 123° 24' 11.7" W with a green 4 second flashing light (See, CHS Chart 3412).

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. ALTERNATE PENALTIES: Two (2) hours will be added to the finishing time of any boat On Course Side (OCS) at the Start in the event the boat does not exonerate itself by restarting.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Time on distance
9.2. The Course Length is 193 nautical miles.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
10.2. Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 16 at all times during the race especially in the Strait of Juan de Fuca when sailing in or crossing over the established commercial traffic lanes. [DP]

11. International Navigation Rules, Steering and Sailing Rules, Traffic Separation Schemes.

- 11.1. Racing occurs near active shipping channels, which include *Traffic Separation Schemes*. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2. In particular take note of:
“...When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions...”
11.2. A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have violated the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS. This changes RRS 44.1.
11.3. The Organizing Authority will cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental agencies regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or otherwise violating the 72 COLREGS (Public Law 95-75; 91 Stat. 308; 33 U.S.C. 1601-1608, 33 CFR 80-82).

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

2-3 Yachts – 1 trophy

4 Yachts – 2 trophies

5+ Yachts – 3 trophies

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. INSURANCE

14.1. Yachts shall be insured and provide proof thereof 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1. For all race questions including safety or SERs and compliance, please refer to www.cycportland.org (menu: PNW Offshore), or contact CYC Race Captain, Dennis Damore, at race.captain@cycportland.org.

(End of Notice of Race)