



**Anacortes Yacht Club presents:  
2020 Northern Century  
NOTICE OF RACE  
August 14-16, 2020**

**1. BACKGROUND**

100 miles of awesome, and the toughest race you'll ever love! The event was founded as a double-handed endurance race, and we have added more options for the sane people:

-Double-handed 100

-Fully-crewed 100

-Double-Handed and Fully Crewed 50

The course is through/around (skipper's choice) the San Juan Islands and each year competitors are met with a unique set of challenges and some of the most beautiful conditions the Salish Sea has to offer. The race starts on Friday evening, and night time spinnaker runs are the norm on the way up to the first mark of the course. Due to the time of year, we have come to expect meteor showers and phosphorescence that light up the night and continue to add to the excitement of the race.

**2. RACE DESCRIPTION**

The N100 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Point Roberts, then south any way you choose to Hein Bank, followed by a return to Anacortes with a finish off Washington Park (details at skippers meeting).

**There will be a halfway finish when each boat in the N100 race reaches 48' 48' Latitude after rounding the mark at Point Roberts. Boats will be required to provide adequate GPS proof of their halfway crossing time if they wish to be scored for the halfway finish.**

The N50 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Alden Bank, then south any way you choose to the finish off Washington Park.

The race starts on Friday, August 14, 2020.

This can be a very challenging event that involves considerable navigational skills, plus night sailing, strong currents, transit of vessel traffic lanes, and potentially strong winds near Hein Bank.

The race is open to all yachts that have submitted the following:

-Completed registration on-line

-Paid registration fee of \$120.

### **3. SCHEDULE**

#### ***Friday, August 14, 2020***

**1300-1700** Registration and check-in at Cap Sante Marina B Dock

Distribution of race packets and sailing instructions

Final crew lists must be provided

T-shirt sales and race swag bags

**1800-1830** Boat parade between Cap Sante A and B docks

**1920** First start in Fidalgo Bay

#### ***Sunday, August 18, 2015***

**1300** LIKELY awards on the AYC lawn, social distant gathering

### **4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

**4.1** To enter the event, entrants must register online and pay the appropriate fees by the registration deadline. Registration after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the race organizers and will require an additional late fee.

**4.2** A boat wishing to use sails with numbers different from her own must notify the Race Chairman before 1730 on race day.

**4.3** All boat racing must ensure that her correct rating is issued and recorded by PHRF Northwest by the registration deadline or when registration is accepted. Boats racing without a valid PHRF Northwest certificate will not be scored.

**4.4** A change in a boat's rating will take effect on the day it is recorded by the rating agency.

**4.5** A boat rated by PHRF Northwest in consideration of water ballast will be allowed to use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.

### **5. FEES**

\$120.00

Event t-shirts are available for \$20 each at Race Headquarters on Cap Sante B Dock, starting at 1:00 on Friday night.

### **6. RULES**

The Regatta is a PIYA "Coastal Category" event.

**6.1** The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are changed by the sailing instructions or as follows:

**6.2** Boats not finishing by **1200 on Sunday, August 16** will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35. Boats not finishing the Short Course N100 by **1159 on Saturday, August 15** will not be scored for the short course/ halfway finish.

**6.3** A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), or is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, DGM, BFD) will be scored the number of finishers plus one. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9

**6.4** Between sunset and sunrise, the “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea” shall replace the relevant rules of Part 2. Furthermore, all double-handed competitors are required to wear life jackets while on deck during these hours.

**6.5** A boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to disqualification.

**6.6** No single handed entries are permitted due to US Coast Guard regulations.

## **7. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY**

**7.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Anacortes Yacht Club, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is the responsibility of each skipper to competently inform their crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure their crew understands and accepts those risks, to decide whether their crew is competent and their equipment adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

**7.2** Boats racing must comply with current Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment for Coastal Category .

**7.3** The race committee may inspect a boat or its equipment at any time before or after racing for compliance with safety requirements.

**7.4** Boats shall follow all Covid-19 state and federal guidelines to the best of their ability during this event. Neither the US Coast Guard nor the Anacortes Yacht Club will monitor this or be held responsible for the actions of race boats not following health guidelines. It is expected that Skippers meet with crew to make common agreements for the mutual safety of all of them.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website ([www.northerncentury.org](http://www.northerncentury.org)), plus printed copies will be available at the required skippers meeting.

## **9. SCORING & AWARDS**

All scoring will be done using time-on-distance at 100 nm (and 50 nm) based on elapsed times. Awards will be given to the following boats:

- First finishers in each division within each race
- The last boat in the Regatta to finish before the time limit
- Boats breaking the elapsed time records in each race
- Additional awards are likely, based on unique crew characteristics and performance.

## **10. MOORAGE**

Moorage is available at Cap Sante Marina. Call 360-293-0694 for reservations or call VHF channel 66A between 0700 and 1700 daily. Advance notice is required to reserve a slip, so call ahead as this is a very busy time of the summer.

**11. Questions?**

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