



**Gig Harbor Yacht Club – Islands Race**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2020**  
**NOR - Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**  
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The Gig Harbor Islands Race runs from Gig Harbor to a temporary mark north of Blake Island before returning to Gig Harbor. This is the final race of the Southern Sound Series (SSS).

**Registration/Race fee:** Pre-registration is required for all entrants. Register online using the series web link <http://www.ssseries.org/>. Registrations must be received no later than 6PM PST Wednesday March 11 to avoid a \$5 late fee. Please use the exact same sail number or assigned sail number if you registered for previous races in the SSS and register in the same class. **Race fee: \$45 and \$50 for late registrations.**

**Post-Race Party:** Gig Harbor Yacht Club invites you and your crew as guest to a post-race party at the GHYC clubhouse featuring food, drinks, and photos of the racing. Preliminary results will be up-to-the-minute. **DON'T MISS IT!** - 8209 Stinson Ave.

**Moorage:** Moorage is generally available at the public dock at Jerisich Park (below the large U.S. Flag). A limited number of berths may be available at Peninsula Yacht Basin, Arabella's Landing, and other marinas in Gig Harbor.

**Information:** For more information check the club website <http://www.gigharboryc.com> or contact Erik Carlson at (253) 224-1513 / [ecarlson@aquaquip.com](mailto:ecarlson@aquaquip.com)

Race results will be posted on the Southern Sound Series web site as quickly as possible.

## **Sailing Instructions:**

**Rules, Class Breaks, Race Schedule:** See Series Instructions at the Southern Sound Series Website at: <http://www.ssseries.org/>.

**Starting Line:** Start in northeasterly direction between the race committee boat and an orange buoy anchored about ¼ mile northeast of the entrance to Gig Harbor.

**Start times & Sequence:** The start time and class sequence is specified in the Series Sailing instructions as noted above.

0925 – NFS Cruising and Commodore Class Warning

0955 – PHRF Racing Class Warning

The course time limit for the Islands Race is 12 hours after each start. The time limit for a shortened course is 8 Hours.

## **The Course:**

### **Blake Island Course**

Start in northeasterly direction between the race committee boat and an orange buoy anchored about ¼ mile northeast of the entrance to Gig Harbor. Proceed in a northeasterly direction through Colvos Passage around the EAST side of Blake Island to an orange turn buoy anchored approximately 1000 yards north of Blake Island. Leave the Buoy to PORT and proceed back EAST of Blake Island, south through Colvos Passage and finish in a southwesterly direction back across the (starting) finish line. The Total course distance is about 29.5 Miles.

**Blake Island Shorten Course Options:** After the race starts the race committee may elect to shorten the Blake Island course at the turn buoy located north of Blake Island with a finish line between the buoy and the race committee boat. . **Alternatively** the course could be shortened at a line in Colvos passage running due west towards Fragaria from Colvos Passage Light #3 at 47° 27.698 N and 122° 302.572W. The committee boat will record when a boat crosses this line at any point. A shortened course will be announced on channel 72 and with an “S” flag will be displayed on the committee boat. The decision to shorten will be made prior to the first boat arriving at the turn buoy.

### **Optional Fern Cove Short Course**

**Optional Course Fern Cove:** In light wind the race committee **may elect prior to the race start** to use a shorter course as follows and will fly a change of course “C” flag at the start of the race and will announce on Channel 72.

From the starting line, proceed in a northeasterly direction through Colvos to an orange turn buoy in Fern Cove off the west shore of Vashon Island approximately 2 miles South of Point Vashon and ½ mile NE of Peter Point. (Approximately 46° 29.95 N and 121° 29.30 W) Leave the buoy to Port and proceed south through Colvos Passage and finish in a southwesterly direction across the (starting) finish line. The approximate course distance is 20 Miles.

**Shorten Course:** The race committee may elect to shorten this course at the turn buoy located in Fern Cove with a finish line between the buoy and a race committee boat. The decision to shorten will be made prior to the first boat arriving at the turn buoy

**Course Safety Notes: All Communication with the Race Committee will be on VHF Ch. 72 or call at (253) 224-1513**

- Safety requirements for US sailing Nearshore shall be followed, except any single or double- handed crew must wear a PFD at all times.

- The course will take all boats through the ferry traffic/lanes from Vashon to Southworth. Washington State Ferries and Commercial Shipping Traffic have the right of way.
- Racers must obey all right of way, distance clearance requirements, Coast Guard regulations and vessel traffic control rules.

**SSS Instructions:** Refer to Series Race Instructions at <http://www.ssseries.org/>

**Withdrawals:** *Please* contact Race Committee on Ch. 72 or (253) 224-1513

**Protests:** Refer to the SSS instructions regarding protests. Notify the race committee of your intent to protest upon crossing the finish line. E-mail protests to [ecarlson@aquaquip.com](mailto:ecarlson@aquaquip.com)

**Awards:** GHYC will present awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 3 or more entrants in each class