



## Gig Harbor Yacht Club – Islands Race Saturday, March 20, 2021 NOR - Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

This event that will take the fleet from Gig Harbor to a temporary mark north of Blake Island before returning to Gig Harbor (See optional short course) as the final race of the Southern Sound Series.

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

**Registration/Race fee:** Pre-registration is required for all entrants. Register online using the series link above. Registrations must be received no later than 6PM PST Wednesday March 13 to avoid a \$5 late fee. Please use the same sail number or assigned sail number if you registered for previous races in this series and register in the same class. **Race fee: \$45 and \$50 for late registrations.**

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

**Start times & Sequence:** The start time and sequence is specified in the Series Sailing instructions as noted above. As specified at 9:25 the first warning signal is raised.

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:** From the starting line, 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 across the (starting) finish line. The approximate course distance is 29.5 Miles. **Shorten Course:** The race committee may elect to shorten the course at the turn buoy located north of Blake Island 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.

**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 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 Point Peter. (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 253-358-5193**

- 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 call (253) 224-1512

**Protests:** Refer to the SSS instructions regarding protests. Also notify the race committee of your intent to protest upon crossing the finish line. E-mail protests to [sailchair@gigharboryc.com](mailto:sailchair@gigharboryc.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

**No Post Race Party:** There will NOT be a post-race party. With the unknowns of Covid and possible vaccines, and until the rules allow for large gatherings understandably the club will not be holding the traditional post-race party.

**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. Please note the Jerisich Park dock now has water and power and charges an overnight fee.

**Information:** For more information check the club website <http://www.gigharboryc.com> . If you have more questions Erik Carlson at (253) 224-1513 / [ecarlsongh@outlook.com](mailto:ecarlsongh@outlook.com)

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