

Soaker Race
Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon (SYSCO)
July 6, 2023
Columbia River near Portland, Oregon USA
Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions are available at : <https://sailpdx.org>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://sailpdx.org>

3.2 [DP][NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68, and 72.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The race is open to all boats sailing PHRF to compete in this fun race between the I-5 and I-205 Bridges.

4.4 Classes are defined as follows: One PHRF class.

Division 1: One-design fleets including Cal 20, Ranger 20, Venture 21, Catalina 22, Martin 24, J/24, Moore 24, Melges 24, and Merit 25.

Division 2: PHRF, Level boats, and all Cruising classes

4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.sailpdx.org "Event Notice Board & Registration" menu, and submitting it, together with the required fee.

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and be a current Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association (OCSA) member and have a current PHRF rating.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

SYSCO 2022 full membership:	no fee
Non-member of SYSCO:	no fee

5.2 Other fees: No other SYSCO fees. As noted above entries must be members of OCSA, which includes a membership fee. See: www.sailpdx.org.

6 **SCHEDULE**

6.1 Registration: Registration is free. Boats are encouraged to register online at www.sailpdx.org. On-the-water registration is acceptable by passing by the Race Committee at least 5 minutes before the start and yelling your boat name.

Be sure they acknowledge you.

6.3 Dates of racing: Thursday, July 6

6.4 Number of races:

Scheduled: One (1)

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for first division is 18:30 PDT. The second division will be at 18:35 PDT.

7 **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

7.1 Each boat racing PHRF shall produce or verify the existence of a valid PHRF certificate.

8 **VENUE**

8.1 The Racing Areas for this series are specified in the Sailing Instructions Provision 7.

9 **COURSES and MARKS**

9.1 Courses will be determined by the Race Committee and will be available at the committee boat or over VHF Channel 72.

10 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 The penalty system is described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 **SCORING**

11.1 The Scoring for this series are specified in Sailing Instructions provision 15.

12.1 **RISK STATEMENT**

12.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

13 **INSURANCE**

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 **PRIZES**

14.1 None

15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

15.1 For further information please contact race.captain@syscosailing.org and see the official notice board for this series at www.sailpdx.org.

16 **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

16.1 All boats are encouraged to have buckets of water, short and long ranger soakers, water cannons, and other methods of water propulsion that allow for the soaking of competitors. The soaking of competitors can only begin after the starting gun. We encourage boats to invite new crew members who want to participate in SYSCO sailing.

END NOTICE OF RACE