

Anacortes Yacht Club

presents:

2023 Northern Century

NOTICE OF RACE

August 11-13, 2023



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 over the years. Race includes:

-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 any way you choose to **Point Roberts**, then south any way you choose to **Hein Bank**, and return to **Fidalgo Island**. Details coming soon with potential changes for the finish line in 2023. *Traditionally, the race finishes at Guemes Channel Lighted Buoy 2, near the entrance to Guemes Channel, but this may be changed for the 2023 race.*

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

The race starts on **Friday evening, August 11, 2023.**

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.

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

-Completed registration on-line

-Paid registration fee of \$80.

-Valid PHRF NW 2023 rating certificate

3. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 11, 2023

All day / weekend: Guest moorage is available all weekend at the AYC Reciprocal Moorage, on a first come, first served basis, located at the end tie of O Dock, in the north basin of Cap Sante Marina.

1400- 1700 Registration and check-in at Anacortes Yacht Club

Distribution of race packets and sailing instructions

Final crew lists and race documents completed

1700 Dinner and Competitor Meeting, group photo

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

1920 First start in Fidalgo Bay

Sunday, August 13, 2023

1300 Prizes at Anacortes Yacht Club

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

\$80.00 per entry

Each boat will receive one race t-shirt with entry. Additional t-shirts may be available for \$20 each at Anacortes Yacht Club.

Each boat will receive Friday night crew meals with entry. Additional meals may be available for \$7 each at Anacortes Yacht Club.

6. RULES

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 13** will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

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.

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 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) of “Coastal” other than any exceptions noted in the Sailing Instructions.

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

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website (visit anacortesyachtclub.org) and look for the tab “Regattas”. Printed copies will be available at Anacortes Yacht Club on Friday night.

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, up to third place.
- 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. There will be moorage available in the Anacortes Yacht Club reciprocal slips at the end of O Dock on a first come, first served basis.

11. Questions?

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