

**RCYC Long Distance Race**  
**Rose City Yacht Club (RCYC)**  
**September 7-8, 2024**  
**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 series is open to all boats sailing in a one-design, level, cruising, or PHRF classes. A minimum of three boats is required to constitute a level fleet or one-design class. PHRF entrants must hold a current PHRF certificate.

4.4 Classes may be defined as follows: PHRF, Level, and Cruising Fleets, and J/105, Martin 24, Melges 24, Merit 25, and Moore 24 one-design fleets

4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.sailpdx.org](http://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.

5 **FEES**

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

RCYC 2032 full membership:	\$10.00
Non-member of RCYC:	\$35.00

5.2 Other fees: No other RCYC fees. As noted above entries must be members of OCSA, which includes a membership fee. See: [www.sailpdx.org](http://www.sailpdx.org).

6 **SCHEDULE**

6.1 Registration: Deadline, September 6, 2024, 1700 PDT

6.3 Dates of racing: September 7-8, 2023

6.4 Number of races:

Scheduled: Two (2)

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is September 7, 1200 PST. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the second race is September 8, 1000 PST.

## 7 **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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

7.2 Each boat racing shall produce or verify the existence of a working VHF radio by checking in with RC over the radio on Channel 72.

## 8 **VENUE**

8.1 The Racing Areas for this race is the Columbia River between the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers at Day Mark "39" and and the Green Bouy "77" approximately 0.72 Nautical Miles north of Sand Island in St. Helens.

## 9 **COURSES and MARKS**

9.1 **WIND-FINDER START:** A "Wind-finder start" will be used for both Saturday and Sunday. Racers times will be recorded based on the start established by the normal sequence.

A wind-finder start allows Race Committee to start the race at the noticed starting line or shorten the course by moving the starting line forward along the course. The wind-finder start will begin at the time indicated in the notice of race and accompanied by 5-short horn blasts. If there is sufficient wind, a normal start sequence will follow.

### **If there is not sufficient wind (as determined by Race Committee), the wind-finder portion of the start will begin as follows:**

If Race Committee determines there is not sufficient wind to start the race at the noticed starting line, Race Committee will fly the Come Within Hail Flag and the Postpone Flag to indicate that the starting line is moving. RC will then lead the fleet along the noticed course and establish a new starting line between RC and an acceptable Day Mark. To indicate the new starting line, once selected, Race Committee will lower the Postpone Flag prior to providing the first warning (6 minutes). All other flags will follow the standard sequence.

9.2 **COURSES:** There will be one start for all classes on Saturday. This start will be a wind-finder start. There will be one start for all classes on Sunday. This start will be a wind-finder start. All classes will race on both days unless otherwise determined at the Skipper's meeting on Sunday morning. The legs of the race may be shortened at any navigation mark or temporary mark at the discretion of the Race Committee. Saturday: Wind-finder start between the Race Committee and DM "39", leave the Red/Green "St. Helens Junction Lighted Buoy" downriver from Sand Island to port, and finish between the Race Committee stationed at the Sand Island Public Docks and a temporary orange mark. Sunday: Wind-finder start between the Race Committee and DM "2" at the north end of Sand Island, leave the Red/Green "St. Helens Junction Lighted Buoy" to STARBOARD, and finish between the Race Committee and DM "39".

## 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 Prizes will be given based upon the number of entries in a class. This series qualifies for the OCSA Participation and Performance Trophy.

15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

15.1 For further information please contact [race.captain@syscosailing.org](mailto:race.captain@syscosailing.org) and see the official notice board for this series at [www.sailpdx.org](http://www.sailpdx.org).

## **END NOTICE OF RACE**