

NORTHERN CENTURY



LABOR DAY RACE
AUG 29 – SEPT 1
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OF AWESOME

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FOR
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&
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Welcome Racers to the NORTHERN CENTURY!

Anacortes Yacht Club proudly presents the *Notice of Race (NORs)* for 2025 Northern Century and Northern 50, happening over Labor Day Weekend, August 29th to September 1st, 2025.

“100 miles of awesome, and the toughest race you’ll ever love!”

The Northern Century (N100) was founded as a double-handed endurance race, and we have added more options over the years.

The Northern 50 (N50), affectionately referred to as the “Fifty Cent” is for those who just want “faster fun!” This race was added for racers with smaller boats or those not ready to sail the full 100.

Both races will have “Double-handed” and a “Fully Crewed” divisions. Multi-Hull and Mono-hull division splits may be added depending on sufficient entry of vessels.

This year the NORTHERN CENTURY happens over the Labor Day Weekend, which allows us to change the format of the event a little bit. Most notable will be the daytime start, plus 8 more hours to finish the race!

Friday night August 29th AYC will host a Racer’s Reception 5:30 – 10:00pm and we will rock to the sweet sounds of live music performed by Skagit County’s own “Chill D’Ville” at the Anacortes Yacht Club. Saturday there will be a 9:30 AM Skippers Meeting at the yacht club, coffee, juice and muffins will be available, and the Start will happen at *High Noon, Saturday August 30th* in Fidalgo Bay. Racers will have a full 48 hours to finish the race. Afterward there will be the traditional hot dog and chili at the trophy awards happening at AYC from Noon - 3:00PM, and the presentation of the big “Barn Door”.

The course is skipper’s choice through and around the San Juan Islands. Each year competitors are met with a unique set of challenges and some of the most beautiful conditions the Salish Sea has to offer. This race features night-time spinnaker runs, expect meteor showers and phosphorescence that light up the night and continue to add to the excitement of the race.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The Organizing Authority for this racing event is **Anacortes Yacht Club**. The point of contact for AYC is John Sanford, AYC Racing Chairman, email: John.Sanford@Comcast.net, cell: (206) 697-0098



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2. Registration Timeline and Schedule:

Entry Deadline: 6:00 PM Friday, August 29th, 2025. Entry Fee: \$ 95.

Schedule of Events:

DATE	WHERE	WHAT	TIME
Friday, August 29th	Anacortes Yacht Club	<i>Racers Reception Party! Dance to the sweet sounds of Chill D'Ville!</i>	5:30 – 10:00 PM
		Deadline to Register	6:00 PM
		Live Music	7:00-10:00 PM
Saturday, August 30	Anacortes Yacht Club	Skippers Meeting (Coffee Bar and Breakfast Snacks Available)	9:30 AM
	Fidalgo Bay	Race Start!	12:00 High Noon
Monday, Sept 1 st Labor Day	Anacortes Yacht Club	Hot Dogs & Chili Trophy Awards	12:00 -3:00

3. RACE DESCRIPTION

The NORTHERN CENTURY course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north anyway you choose to Point Roberts, then south anyway you choose to Hein Bank, and returns to Fidalgo Island. The race finishes west of the Burrows Island Lighthouse.

The NORTHERN 50 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Alden Bank, then south anyway you choose to the finish west of the Burrows Island Lighthouse.

The race will start on Saturday August 30th 2025 at High noon! 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 \$95
- Valid PHRF NW 2025 rating certificate



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4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 To enter the event, entrants must register online and pay the appropriate fees by the registration deadline. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted.

4.2 A boat wishing to use sails with numbers different from her own must notify the Race Committee immediately following the Skippers Meeting on Saturday 9:30am 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 may not be scored.

4.4 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. RULES

5.1 The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are changed by the sailing instructions or as follows:

5.2 Boats not finishing by 1200 (noon) on Monday September 1st will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

5.3 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

5.4 Between sunset and sunrise, the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" shall replace the relevant rules of Part 2. Furthermore, all competitors are required to wear life jackets while on deck during these hours.

5.5 A boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to disqualification.

5.6 Self-steering devices are permitted for boats racing in all divisions of the Northern Century race.

5.7 No single-handed entries are permitted.

6. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 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



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their crew is competent and their equipment adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

6.2 Boats racing should comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) of “Coastal”. However, the category of safety requirements per US Sailing 2025-2025 SER is changed to “Nearshore”. While there is certainly a substantial amount of night sailing in this race, it is always in relatively protected waters. Most of the racecourse is in close vicinity to protected harbors in the San Juan Islands, and in close vicinity to other boats able to render assistance in an emergency. Many of the items in the category of “Coastal” are recommended, but the list is deemed to be excessive for the conditions presented in this race.

Links to references:

- SER Nearshore: Monohull SER Nearshore
- SER Coastal: Monohull SER Coastal

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

7. 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.

8. 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:

- a. First finishers in each division within each race, up to third place.
- b. The last boat in the Regatta to finish before the time limit.
- c. Boats breaking the elapsed time records in each race.
- d. Additional awards are likely, based on unique crew characteristics and performance.

9. 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.

10. Questions or More Info? For additional information please contact:

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