



Wednesday Night Racing

AYC RACE PACKET 2026



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About Our Club

Anacortes Yacht Club is the second oldest yacht club in Washington State. Our yacht club offers a full calendar of social events and get-togethers planned all year round. The Club bar is open on Fridays during the year, and during the summer most Wednesday evenings usually until 9pm. Having a cold beverage and great conversation with your friends is such a treat. Each month there is a General Meeting of the membership which includes delicious meals and speakers. We also host a monthly “Chef’s Night” dinner series usually prepared by our members who are passionate about food and entertaining friends. Our yacht club is powered by an all-volunteer Corinthian spirit focusing on three main themes. Cruising, Racing and Community.

CRUISING - AYC hosts exciting group cruising options to locations throughout the San Juans and Canada. If you are new to boating or new to our area, you will never have to cruise alone and many of our members have great experience sailing and cruising these waters. Cruising is a great way to make new friendships, enjoy new places and have fun.

RACING – Our club sits in the epicenter of great northern Puget Sound racing. AYC offers members almost year-round racing options. Beginning in February we kick off with the annual ***Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race*** to Friday Harbor. AYC also features ten distance races grouped into three historic series! Each series focuses on challenges sailing in the different areas around the San Juan Islands. From April through September there is a race every Wednesday night, usually ending with a burger and a beer back at the yacht club for good humored mid-week fun. AYC’s sailing calendar is integrated with our sister yacht clubs in Bellingham, Oak Harbor, and Orcas Island resulting in a super fun regional racing circuit.

COMMUNITY - At AYC, we believe in supporting our community too. Our yacht club is a proud supporter of our town’s youth and high school sailing programs, and our club house provides a location to support many of our city’s social clubs like our local Rotary club and Boys Scout troops. AYC members participate annually in the City’s Waterfront Festival offering free boat rides to the community, giving many their first experience on a boat or seeing Fidalgo Island from the water. Anacortes Yacht Club, our ties to this beautiful island city have been woven into the fabric of our community since 1891.



Welcome to AYC Racing

2026 will be a great year of racing! We have a lot of races planned and we can't wait to get started! AYC's traditional season opener is the *Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race*. This is an invitational race and is one of two regional invitational races we will conduct in 2026.

2026 AYC RACE PACKET

Register for all AYC Club races with a single purchase of the AYC Race Packet. The Race Packet will qualify you to sail in all AYC Wednesday night races and club distance racing events. To be scored, you will need to purchase one. The AYC member price is \$125.00. Non-Member price is \$185.00. Race Packets are available for purchase on AYC's website via the Racing Page.

AYC Racing Schedule for 2026

WED NIGHT RACING SERIES

Our popular Wednesday night buoy racing series begins March 25th with the AYC Skipper's meeting held in the Club. If you would like to participate or find skippers looking for crew or just learning more about the Wednesday night series; here is your opportunity to meet the skippers and ask your questions.

We commence our first race of the Spring Series on April 1st at 6pm and continue through September 16th. We will conclude the AYC racing season in November with the AYC Commodore's Race & Awards Banquet. We welcome sailors of all experience levels. After racing, come join us for burgers and some mid-week fun at AYC!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

AYC Skipper's Meeting: Wednesday March 25th @ the Club 5:30-8:00pm.

Spring Series: 6:00 start April 1- May 6

Mack's Solstice Series: 6:30 start May 13 - June 17

Summer Series: 6:30 start June 24 - August 5

Wally's Tours Fall Fun Series: 6:00 start August 12 - September 16

DISTANCE RACE SERIES

AYC also features ten distance races grouped into three historic series! Each series will focus on challenges sailing in the different areas around the San Juan Islands. For those who prefer longer tacks and the strategy of navigating our beautiful islands. Come out and join us on these Saturdays!

The Center Straits Series

- 3/28 Lawson Reef Race
- 4/11 Doug Fryer Memorial - Smith Island Race
- 4/25 Davidson Rock (Rum Race)

The Otterstedt Island Series

- 5/09 Post Point Race
- 5/30 Vendovi Island Race
- 6/13 The Charles Webb - Jack Island Race
- 7/18 Guemes Island Night Race

The Salish Series

- 8/15 Bird Rocks Race (Pursuit Race)
- 9/26 Cone Island Race
- 10/10 Two Rock Race



AYC REGIONAL INVITATIONAL RACES

AYC hosts two big regional races which are open to skippers throughout the Puget Sound and Canadian waters. Test your metal against the region's best sailors! We have made some great changes for 2026. Invitational races will have a separate entry fee for each event.

Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race, February 21st

AYC will kick off the racing season Feb 21st. We will start Saturday morning @ 9:30am in front of the refinery dock on. We finish at Friday Harbor and meet with racers and cruisers at San Juan Island Yacht Club for a celebration and big lasagna dinner. A great way to remember the man that has become a legend. See you there!



Northern Century, September 4th – 7th *Labor Day Weekend*

AYC's flagship race billed as the *"toughest race you'll ever love!"* Friday night there will be a club reception and last-minute registration for racers. Saturday morning, we will have a breakfast buffet and a 9:30 Skippers meeting - then at "high Noon" we set sail for 100 miles around the San Juan Islands. The **Fifty Cent** is a 50-mile challenge event. Both offer warm summer sailing under a canopy of August stars. An experience you will never forget.



2025 BOAT OF THE YEAR



SC27-#84 **“OFF CONSTANTLY”**
Skipper, JEFF HULME - Well Done!

2025 Distance Racing Champion



ORN – PAUL BIEKER

2025 Bouy Racing Champion



AVALON – GREG & BARB SIEWERT

2025 Scott Truesdell AYC Volunteer Yachtsman of the Year



MARK BUNJE

2025 Series Winners

Center Straits Series

CHIMERA

Otterstedt Series

ORN

Salish Series

ORN

Wednesday Nights

Spring Series

CHIMERA Class 1
WILD RUMPUS Class 2
LITTLE ANNIE Class 3
UNDINE Class 4

Solstice Series

KENETIC Class 1
AVALON Class 2
LITTLE ANNIE Class 3

Summer Series

BLACK ARROW Class 1
AVALON Class 2
THOR Class 3

Wally's Fall Series

KINETIC Class 1
AVALON Class 2
CARPOFORO Class 3

2026 NOTICE OF RACE – AYC CLUB RACE EVENTS

1. Governing Rules

Anacortes Yacht Club races are governed by these Sailing Instructions and comport with the current U.S. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet Northwest (PHRF-NW), and the US Coast Guard's International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72COLREGS) and U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (aka the Rules of the Road Manual). Any exceptions, exclusions or variances to these regulations shall be noted in these instructions.

To download these references please follow the links below:

- US racing rules of sailing (RRS) please visit: [Racing Rules - US Sailing](#)
- PHRF-NW requirement please refer to: [PHRF NW website at: \(phrf-nw.org\)](#)
- USCG Rules of the Road for International and Inland Waters please visit: [Rules of the Road \(uscg.mil\)](#)

2. Responsibility

Skippers of each boat are responsible for the safe operation of their vessel at all times and shall give due regard to the U.S. Racing Rules of Sailing and exceptions thereof as noted in this document. Sportsmanship and sportsmanlike conduct are expected from each Skipper and members of their crew both on the water, on the docks and while on the grounds of Anacortes Yacht Club. Skippers are responsible ultimately to preserve and protect the highest ideals of our Corinthian yachting spirit and to ensure the Anacortes yacht racing program is fun and safe for all participants.

3. Insurance

All boats are required to be insured by valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

4. Liability - Hold Harmless Clause

Occasionally, sailboat racing has resulted in property damage, personal injury, or loss of life. All competitors in AYC events participate at their own risk. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure they understand and accept those risks, to decide whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

The Anacortes Yacht Club, its officers, directors, and members accept no responsibility for damage to property, injury, or loss of life as competitors participate at their own risk. By registering and/or competing in AYC events you and you alone accept this risk.

5.. Entry & Registration Process

To be scored a boat must have a valid current PHRF Northwest rating or a club rating for Wednesday Fleet 4 and a Race Packet.

An AYC boat is defined as a boat owned either in whole or in part by an AYC member. AYC member boats that wish to participate in AYC buoy and distance events must register on-line using the AYC website and pay a \$125.00 registration fee. In the case when a person owns multiple boats additional registration fees will be minimal, to cover the costs associated with Regatta Network.

Non-AYC boats that wish to participate in AYC buoy and distance races may do so in up to three (3) races without registering. However, they will not be scored. Thereafter, the boat must register on-line using the AYC website and pay a \$185.00 registration fee.

The Race Packet registration does not apply to AYC regional invitational races and regattas. A separate online registration and payment for AYC and non-AYC boats is required for the following events:

- ***Girls Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race***
- ***Northern Century***

6. Class Splits

Buoy racing class splits are as follows. The race committee reserves the right to modify these splits plus assign individual boats to specific classes outside of these rating bands:

<i>Class "1"</i>	<i>Multi-hulls and PHRF rating less than 179 with hull displacement exceeding 4,000 lbs</i>
<i>Class "2"</i>	<i>PHRF rating 179 or less with hull displacement less than 4,000 lbs</i>
<i>Class "3"</i>	<i>PHRF rating 180 and above with flying sails</i>
<i>Class "4"</i>	<i>PHRF or Club rating with or without spinnaker</i>

All boats will be required to finish the race series within the class they started sailing. A boat may move from a slower rated class to a faster rated class in the subsequent series start. For distance racing no class splits will be observed and all boats will be scored in one fleet.

7. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the AYC Racing website. Be sure to check the website as changes may be made regarding Wednesday night and club distances races. Notices to competitors may also be made via email or text message no later than 18:00 hrs one day prior to the race. Messages will go out to racers who have registered their email address and cell numbers with the race committee at the time of purchasing the race packet. Notices may also appear on the AYC web site no later than 18:00 hrs one day prior to the race. Prior to the race start, the race committee will broadcast on **VHF channel 72** all race announcements before the first warning signal.

8. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagpole in front of the AYC clubhouse. Warning signals for races postponed from shore will be sounded no sooner than one hour after the A.P. flag has been lowered ashore. We will RARELY signal from shore, and only in the case that all racers are already at the yacht club waiting for the weather.

9. Schedule of Races

The Race Schedule is posted on the AYC General Calendar and the Racing page at www.anacortesyachtclub.org

10. Marks

The marks used for buoy racing are described in this document, or alternate marks set by the race committee may be used. The use of alternate marks will be announced by the race committee prior to the first warning signal. The race committee reserves the right to modify or move these marks at any time.

11. Racing Areas and Courses

Buoy racing is conducted primarily in Fidalgo Bay using fixed government marks, inflatable marks and AYC permanent marks, subject to modification by the race committee on the water. Distance racing areas and courses are as described in this document. Pursuant to current state regulations, item 12 has been added this year.

12. Protection of Orcas

Washington Senate Bill (SB) 5371 states: “Operators of motorized, non-motorized (i.e. sailing vessels) and paddle vessels must stay 1,000 yards (approximately one-half nautical mile) away from “southern resident killer whales” (SRKW) in all directions. If the SRKW approaches within 400 yards of any vessel, state law requires that the vessel disengages the transmission, luffs sails, or stops paddling (if it is safe to do so) until the animal(s) moves away.

Boaters who think they may be closer than 1,000 yards to SRKW, but not within 400 yards, should attempt to navigate out of the path and away from SRKW at a speed of 7 knots or less.”

If an orca is seen by the crew of a boat, the boat shall not enter the circular area within 1000 yards of the orca (therefore, that area is an obstruction.); and if the boat is within 400 yards of an orca, she shall, as soon as reasonably possible, luff (or, if motoring before or after racing, disengage her transmission) to slow to the slowest safest speed, which may be to stop, until they are no longer within 1000 yards of any orca.

(a) AYC club races are conducted under the requirements of SB 5371

(b) AYC racers shall regard these precautions for all orca whales; not just SRKW.

(c) A boat may be subject to protest for willful disregard of these requirements.

Add to RRS Rule 32.1 (R/C Abandonment of Race)

(e) if an individual orca or orca pod is found to be in, near, or approaching the race area.

Add to RRS Rule 61.4 (b): (Protests / Redress)

6) reasonable actions she took to comply with (SB 5371)

13. The Start

Except for the boats starting within a class fleet, boats shall not enter the starting zone defined as a box area 25 yards either side of the starting line extending 50 yards aft of the starting line after the first warning (5-minute) signal. The AYC Race Committee will use a “rolling start” sequence. Meaning the “Start” signal for a prior class, represents the “Warning” signal (5min) for the following class start.

Races shall be started per RRS 29 using the following sequence:

<i>Minutes before Start</i>	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
5	<i>Hoist Starting Class Pendant</i>	<i>1-Horn</i>	Warning Signal
4	<i>Hoist "Prep" Flag</i>	<i>1-Horn</i>	Preparatory Signal
3			
2			
1	<i>Lower "Prep" Flag</i>	<i>1-Horn</i>	1-Minute to Start
0	<i>Lower Class Pedant</i>	<i>1-Long Horn</i>	Start!

Individual Recall signals will be in accordance with RRS 29.1

General Recall shall be per RRS 29.2

The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. Failure to do so or failure to hear the hail will not constitute grounds for redress. There may be races where the boats shall start on GPS time without a race committee. On those occasions, skippers are asked to use their best judgement in the case that they might be over early at the start.

When a race boat acts as the start boat it may start anytime in the 10 minutes following the last start. The start boat must record their elapsed time from start to finish. For example, if you start within 3 minutes of the last start then proceed, or if you need the full 10 minutes to prepare then this is also allowed. The start boat may run its engine up to one minute before its own start.

14. Start/Finish Line Restrictions

Unless otherwise instructed by the Race Committee prior to the 1st warning, all boats shall regard the start and finish lines as closed. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finish line until she has completed her last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error as per Rule 28.1. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty as per Rule 44.2. This changes Rule 28.1.

The start/finish line (the boats or buoys that define it) ranks as an obstruction on upwind and downwind legs. Before finishing, boats may therefore leave the start finish line either to port or starboard. As an obstruction, Rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats as they approach and pass it.

Exceptions to this rule may be made by the race committee on the night of the race or hailing on **VHF channel 72**.

15.. Changes of Course after the Start

The race committee will announce any change over **VHF channel 72**. Short course finish lines will be defined as follows:

- Twice around will be shortened too once around.
- A line 50 yards long and perpendicular to the line between the short course finish mark and the previous mark. Leave the Short Course mark to port unless otherwise instructed.

OR

- A line defined as a magnetic bearing to a mark of the course, to a navigation aid on a chart or to a prominent feature easily recognizable on land.

Shorten Course for Distance Races

All competitors for distance races are to **record** their times at the halfway point as well as the finish time for full course if within the time limit. It is advisable to **report** both the Short Course and Full Course finish times to the Scorer after completing the race. Short Course Finish lines are described in the Sailing Instructions for each distance race. Results will be calculated using full course times unless no boats finish the full course within the time limit in which case results for all will be based on short course finish timesheet.

16. The Finish

Wednesday night races the Race Committee shall be on station to record finish times. However, each Skipper is responsible for recording their own finish times and furnishing it if requested to do so by the Scorer.

If the Race Committee is not on station at the time of finish, each boat is required to record and report its own finish time using a GPS or other Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) device. Finish times (or DNFs) for all other events should be turned in within hour (1) hour following the race time limit, but not later than 24 hours after finishing to be scored.

Reporting Your Score

Skippers will report their finish time by sending an SMS “text” message by cellular phone to Mark Bunje, AYC Race Committee/Scorer, **(206) 619-9406**

The text will include:

- Boat Name
- Time of Finish (24/Hr: Minutes: Seconds)
- Indicate Full Course or Short-Course.

Example:

BOAT NAME, 18:32:03, Full Course

17. Time Limit

The finish time limit for all distance races over 6 miles is 12 hours. The finish time limit for all other distance races (6 miles or less) and for Wednesday night buoy races is 2 hours after the start time of each class. The time limits are final. If a boat that starts but does not finish by the specified time limit as defined in this race packet or sailing instructions, will be scored **DNF**.

If a boat performs the duties of the start boat for an event, she will have her finish time limit adjusted based on their actual start time so that her time limit is in equal duration to other competitors.

18. Protests and Withdrawing

Boats who wish to protest or withdraw shall inform the race committee upon finishing or withdrawing from the race. Written protests for buoy races must be given to the race committee within (1) one-hour after the Race Committee boat returns to the dock. Protests for distance races must be filed with the race committee no later than (2) two hours after the time limit for that race. All protests must be in writing on the US Sailing official protest form. The identity of the protesting and the protested boats and the schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the AYC outside bulletin board by the conclusion of the time limit for filing.

It is the responsibility of all skippers to check the AYC outside bulletin board. Protests will be heard downstairs at AYC in as timely a manner as possible. Unless otherwise stated by the Race Committee's PRO (Principal Race Officer) protest committee hearings shall be closed to observers. Protesting and defendant Skippers and their witnesses are not allowed in the protest room until called upon; but shall make themselves available to the hearing until excused.

19. Race Scoring

All races will use low point scoring. The first boat to finish, per her corrected time, is awarded one point and one point will be added successively for each boat finishing behind. All boats counted in a series must start at least one race in that series.

- a. **Distance Races** - Distance races will be scored using the time-on-distance method as prescribed by PHRF Northwest with the course distance as listed in this document. A boat must start at least one race in that series to be counted. Time-on-distance is applied using the following formula:

$$\text{Elapsed Time} - (\text{PHRF} \times \text{Distance} \div 60) = \text{Corrected time}$$

- b. **Bouy Races and Wednesday Nights** – Bouy races and Wednesday Night races will be scored using the time-on-time method as prescribed by PHRF Northwest using the following formula: **TCF = 650 / (520 + PHRF)** thus, **Corrected Time = TCF * Elapsed Time**

Note:

- PHRF is the boat's current PHRF Northwest or Club rating.
- TCF is the Time Correction Factor. When multiplied into the elapsed time, in minutes, it results in the Corrected Time for the boat's score.

c. **Volunteering** – On Wednesday nights a boat who forgoes a race or withdraws early to perform volunteer duties such as bartending, cooking or race committee will receive a score of “0” for the night. Remember it’s fun to volunteer!

d. **Penalty Scoring** - Penalty scoring will be applied by the Race Committee if a boat participating in a series does not start a race in the series, or if during a race the boat does not sail the course or does not finish or retires before finishing a race (except in the case of Volunteer duties mentioned above) shall be scored accordingly:

DNS - Did not start, will be awarded points according to the number of starters in that boat’s class for that series + 1

NSC - Did not sail the course, will be awarded points according to the number of starters in that boat’s class for that race +1

DNF - Did not finish, will be awarded points according to the number of starters in that boat’s class for that race + 1

RET - Retired before finishing race, will be scored as DNF above

DSQ -Disqualified, will be awarded points according to the number of starters in that boat’s class for that series + 2

Other provisions of RRS, Appendix A apply, except that Rule A9 of the RRS will not be in effect. Series scoring will have no score excluded.

20. Race Scoring

Results for Wednesday evening buoy races are typically presented at the evening meal following the race. All race results will be posted on the club website. Results will be scored using the Regatta Network program and will be immediately available on their website. All Series results will be tallied and presented at the end of the year Commodore’s Awards Banquet.

21. End of Year Performance Criteria for AYC Honor Awards

As stated above all scoring will be based on the low scoring method. The performance criteria will be weighted by participation in all AYC and other North Sound regional events. To be awarded these AYC “honor” awards the boat shall be sailed under the AYC burgee and the skipper(s) shall be AYC members in good standing.

DISTANCE RACE CHAMPION

Shall be decided by the boats participating in all nine club distance races within the distance race series. The lowest overall score will be the leader. Participation in any or all regional distance races shall be counted into the overall score. And placing in those events will be added to the overall total score average.

Total Score Average = (Numerator) DIVIDED BY Total # of Races Sailed = (Denominator) = Result for the season

Example: Two Boats are tied for 1st place at 40 points each. Boat 1 sailed only AYC distance races and is scored: **40 pts/10 races = 4.0** yet, Boat 2 also has 40 pts in AYC races but participated in two more regional distance race events and is scored **40 pts/12 races sailed = 3.33**. A boat that started a regional racing event but does not finish will get DNF for the race based on the total number of AYC boats that participated in that event, but will still get credit for sailing the race. All AYC boats will be placed in accordance with their Corrected Time on Distance elapsed time.

BOUY RACE CHAMPION

Similarly, to the distance racing scoring, the overall score total will be divided by the number of buoy races sailed. If the boat participates in additional regional buoy racing events that will weigh the score, and total number of races sailed. All AYC boats will be scored on their cumulative placement score divided by the number of races sailed.

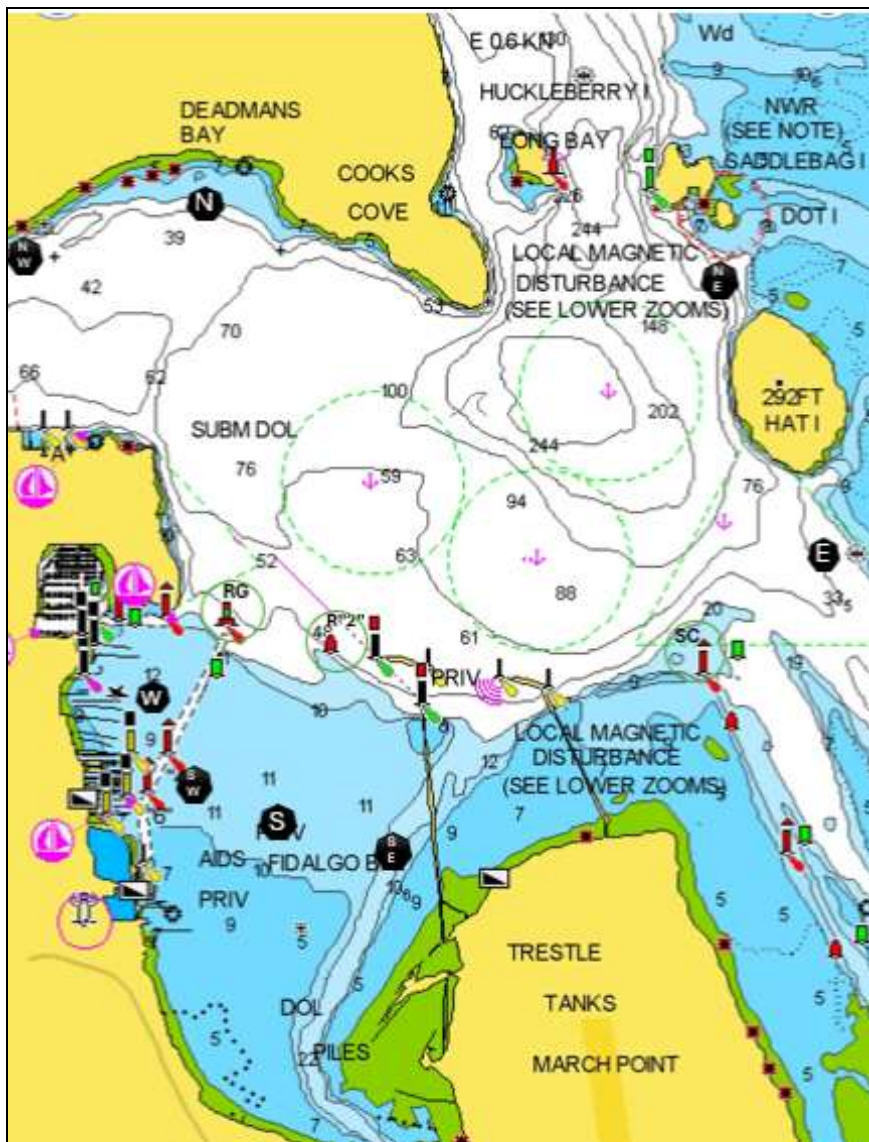
BOAT OF THE YEAR









Shall be the boat scored with the best overall lowest score with consideration to placement in AYC Distance and Bouy racing scores, and their participation in some or all North Sound regional events.



THE FOLLOWING PAGES REPRESENT THE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL
AYC CLUB RACING EVENTS

AYC FIDALGO BAY MARKS & SIGNALS



-  Class 1 - white with red dot
-  Class 2 - blue with white dot
-  Class 3 - red, white, blue sections
-  Class 4 - red with white cross
-  L' (Lima) "Come within hail" - approach the RC boat to check-in.
-  P' (Papa) "Preparatory Signal" - It goes Up at 4 min. signal and Down at 1 min. signal
-  X' (Xray) "Over Early" - at least one boat jumped the gun!
-  Code "AP" - "Postponement" - RC may postpone a race. Watch and Listen for further instructions

STARTING SEQUENCE

Starting Time - the time published in the Race Packet.

Start Time -10 Minutes: On VHF Ch.72 RC will announce the course for the evening, the starting order of each class, and any other notes or instructions.

Start Time- 5 Minutes: The Class pennant is raised for the class which will be starting in 5 minutes. A blast of the horn will accompany the raising of the pennant.

Start Time-4 Minutes: Code flag "P" (Papa) - the "Preparatory" flag is raised accompanied by a blast of the horn. From this time until you finish you are bound by the US Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

Starting Time-1 Minute: Code flag "P" (Papa) is lowered accompanied by a blast of the horn.

START! - The Class flag is lowered accompanied by a blast of the horn. If it's your class this means "GO!" If you're the next class in sequence, this blast of the horn is your Start-5 minute signal, and you will see your class pennant raised.

AYC Marks and GPS Coordinates

Marker Name	Description	Depth (Ft @ MLLW)	Latitude (DDM)	Longitude (DDM)
W	AYC "West" small white spar bouy	-9	N48 30.400	W122 36.000
SW	AYC "South West" small white spar bouy	-9	N48 30.000	W122 35.800
S	AYC "South" small white spar bouy	-6	N48 29.900	W122 35.300
SE	AYC "South East" small white spar bouy	-18	N48 29.900	W122 34.800
E	AYC "East" small white spar bouy	-35	N48 30.900	W122 32.600
NE	AYC "North East" small white spar bouy	-75	N48 31.880	W122 33.150
N	AYC "North" small white spar bouy	-12	N48 32.100	W122 35.700
NW	AYC "North West" small white spar bouy	-20	N48 31.950	W122 36.340
R2	US Gov. Fidalgo Bay nun bouy Red "2"	-48	N48 30.604	W122 35.119
RG	US Gov. Anacortes Hbr Junction Bouy "A"	-28	N48 30.685	W122 35.622
SC	Swinomish Channel North Entrance "2"	-21	N48 30.530	W122 33.289

Notes: Monitor VHF ch 72 - RC will announce the course and any changes via VHF ch 72

Do not interfere with commercial traffic

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CENTER STRAIT SERIES

Race #1

Lawson Reef Race March 28th - 09:30am GPS time

Start: Guemes Channel West Entrance between G3 & R4.

Course:

- Lawson Reef RG Mark to Starboard,
- R2 Bell Bouy to Starboard

Finish: Guemes Channel West Entrance between G3 & R4. Take your GPS Finish time!

Distance: 20.6nm

Short Course Distance: 8.9nm

Short Course: Lawson Reef RG Mark to Starboard, magnetic compass bearing 000'

Notes:

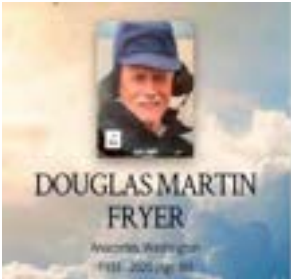
Skippers take your time at Lawson Reef RG Mark, in case race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CENTER STRAIT SERIES

RACE #2



Doug Fryer Memorial

SMITH ISLAND RACE April 11th - 09:30am GPS time

Start: Guemes Channel West Entrance between G3 & R4.

Course:

- Smith Island to Port

Finish: Guemes Channel West Entrance between G3 & R4. Take your GPS Finish time!

Distance: 29nm

Short Course Distance: 14.5nm

Short Course: Smith Island S.W. point bears magnetic compass 000°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Smith Island S.W. point in case race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CENTER STRAIT SERIES

RACE #3

Davidson Rock (Rum Race) April 25th - 9:30 GPS time

Start: Guemes Channel West Entrance
between G3 & R4.

Course:

- Davidson Rock Light to Port

Finish: Guemes Channel West Entrance
between G3 & R4. Take your GPS Finish time!

Distance: 20.1nm

Short Course Distance: 9.5nm

Short Course: Davidson Rock Light magnetic
compass bearing 000°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Davidson Rock Light, in
case the race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to
Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OTTERSTEDT ISLAND SERIES

RACE #1

POST POINT RACE MAY 9th – 10:00 GPS time

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Round Post Point Lighted Bouy R2 to Port

Finish: Between R2 and the refinery pier range mark

Distance: 25nm

Short Course Distance: 12.5nm

Short Course: Post Point Lighted Bouy R2
magnetic compass bearing 180°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Post Point Lighted Bouy R2 in case the race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OTTERSTEDT ISLAND SERIES

RACE #2

VENDOVI ISLAND RACE May 30th – 10:00 GPS time

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Round Vendovi Island to Port or Starboard (Skipper's Choice!)

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 14.8nm

Short Course Distance: 7.4nm

Short Course: Vendovi Cove Light, magnetic compass bearing 180°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Vendovi Cove Light in case race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OTTERSTEDT ISLAND SERIES

RACE #3

THE CHARLES WEBB - JACK ISLAND RACE JUNE 13th – 10:00 GPS time

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Round Padillia Bay lighted Bell Bouy R4 to Port
- Round Jack Island to Port

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 10.8nm

Short Course Distance: 5.4nm

Short Course: Center of Jack Island, magnetic compass bearing 180°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Jack Island in case the race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OTTERSTEDT ISLAND SERIES

RACE #4

GUEMES ISLAND NIGHT RACE July 18th – 19:30 GPS time

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Guemes Island to Port or Starboard (Skippers Choice!)
- Pass Eastward of Padilla Bay Lighted Bell Bouy #R4, by Jack Island.
- Pass Northward of Padilla Bay Lighted Bouy #R6 by Clark Point (Northern tip of Guemes Island.)

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 15nm

Short Course Distance: 7.5nm

Short Course: Lighted Bouy #R6 by Clark Point, magnetic compass bearing 180'

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Lighted Bouy #R6 by Clark Point, in case the race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SALISH SERIES

RACE #1

BIRD ROCKS “PURSUIT” RACE AUGUST 15th - Start times in GPS.

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Round Bird Rocks to Port

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 17nm

Short Course Distance: 8.5nm

Short Course: Bird Rocks, magnetic compass bearing 180°

Notes:

Skippers take your time at Bird Rocks in case the race is shortened due to light air.

Skippers will report (text) their finish time to Mark Bunje, (206) 619-9406



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243	0:00:00	9:30:00 AM	150	+01:36	9:54:38 AM
234	+2:24	9:32:24 AM	108	+11:12	10:05:50 AM
231	+00:48	9:33:12 AM	105	+00:48	10:06:38 AM
210	+05:36	9:38:48 AM	102	+00:48	10:07:26 AM
192	+04:48	9:43:36 AM	92	+00:16	10:10:06 AM
189	+00:48	9:44:24 AM	81	+02:56	10:13:02 AM
183	+01:36	9:46:00 AM	15	+07:12	10:33:38 AM
168	+04:00	9:50:00 AM	0	+04:00	10:37:38 AM
162	+01:36	9:51:36 AM	-3	+00:48	10:38:26 AM
156	+01:36	9:53:02 AM			

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SALISH SERIES

RACE #2

CONE ISLAND RACE SEPTEMBER 26th – 10:00 GPS time

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course:

- Take Cone Island to Starboard

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 16nm

Short Course Distance: 8nm

Short Course: Cone Island, magnetic compass bearing 090° (see waypoint #4)

NOTES:

Cone Island is just East of Eagle Harbor on Cypress Island. There are 3 islands in this area. Round the largest, most Easterly of the Islands.

Guemes Island is an obstruction, not a mark of the course. Boats may round Guemes on either side. This Chartlet simply shows the shortest route of the course.

Skippers take your time at Cone Island in case the race is shortened due to light air.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SALISH SERIES

RACE #3

TWO ROCK RACE (Black Rk./Belle Rk.) OCTOBER 10th – 10:00 GPS time

Start: Guemes Channel West Entrance between G3 & R4.

Course:

- Black Rock to Port
- Belle Rock to Port

Finish: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Distance: 16.8nm

Short Course Distance: 8.4nm

Short Course: Belle Rock, magnetic compass bearing 090 deg

NOTES:

Black Rock is designated as a wildlife sanctuary and should be rounded at no closer than 100 yards.

Beware of strong tidal currents when rounding both marks of the course.

Skippers take your time at each rounding in case the race is shortened due to light air.

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END OF YEAR – COMMODORE’S FUN RACE

FIDALGO BAY OCTOBER 31st – High Noon! 12:00 GPS time

It’s been a wonderful year of racing! Wear your Halloween Costumes! Boat Prizes will be awarded for best costume themes!

In years past, we haven’t had much luck with the weather... If wind speed is +20 Knots or there is a “Gusher” of rain, we will likely scrub this event. Skippers will be notified of a cancellation via email or text.

Otherwise, we will see you on the start line at Noon!

Start: Between R2 and the Refinery Pier Range Mark

Course: TBD

- Race Committee will advise the course on VHF 72

Listen for the date of the Annual Commodores Racer Awards Banquet.

Skippers bring your hungry Crew!



CLOSING REMARKS

We remember our friends that have sailed on before us. This year we have included their names in their favorite events. Both Mac and Charles have shown us what friendship and community mean, while always competing for the win. Both men would always make room for one more to go sailing with him. This year when we go sailing the Mac's Solstice Series, or the Charles Webb-Jack Island Race, please consider sailing with our youth sailors on board. Share your love and enthusiasm for racing while showing the way to our next generation. While we trim for speed, discuss tactics, cross bows bravely, let's come back over a cool beverage at the club and talk about it with our friends.

See you on the water friends!

Good Luck and Good Racing!

John Sanford

AYC 2026 Race Chairman



**In remembrance of
Mac Madenwald and Charles Webb**