



NOTICE OF RACE
July 9 – July 14, 2017

1 EVENT MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Organizing Authority for Whidbey Island Race Week 2017 (WIRW 2017) is Whidbey Island Race Week LLC.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 2.1 Racing venue: Saratoga Passage and Penn Cove. The starting area will be within 4 miles of the Oak Harbor Channel Entrance Buoy.
- 2.2 Event Website: www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com. Any amendments to these NORs and other important information regarding the event, including Sailing Instructions, will be posted there as soon as practical.
- 2.3 Race Week Headquarters will be located at the entrance to the fenced shore-side activities area on the South lawn of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
- 2.4 Contact Information Whidbey Island Race Week LLC:
Schelleen Rathkopf
2400 NW 80th Street, #130 Seattle, WA 98117
schelleen@whidbeyislandraceweek.com
- 2.5 Customs: Oak Harbor is not a Port Of Entry. Canadian vessels should clear customs at Friday Harbor, Anacortes, Bellingham, or any other Port of Entry.
- 2.6 One Designs: One design fleets with eight (8) or more boats who are interested in holding a regatta, special event, or championship, are invited to contact the Organizing Authority to discuss customized racing options and registration rates, including less than five (5) days of racing and course specifications. If such arrangements are made, these NORs will be amended to notify all potential competitors.

3 COMPETITOR LIMITS

3.1 Registration will be limited to the first 150 boats that register. Boats after the first 150 boats may be put on a waiting list and informed if there are cancellations.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to cruising/racing yachts 19 to 75 feet LOA that comply with the sub rules of 4.1 enumerated below.
- 4.1.1 Monohulls must be self-righting.
- 4.1.2 A multihull class will be included provided there are at least 6 multihull yachts entered.
- 4.1.3 Boats shall conform to current PIYA Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards for Nearshore. <http://bit.ly/ser-ns>. This modifies any applicable class rules.

- 4.1.4 Boats sailing in PHRF fleets must have a current PHRF-NW valid speed potential rating and certificate. Non PHRF-NW members may contact PHRF-NW to request a certificate through the PHRF-NW web site (www.phrf-nw.org) or contact the PHRF Northwest Business Office at:

PO BOX 489 Gig Harbor, WA 98335

(253) 857-8858

Email: phrfnw@gmail.com

- 4.1.4.1 It is the responsibility of each boat's skipper to ensure that the PHRF-NW data is current and correct and that she/he accepts the published PHRF-NW rating for his/her yacht.
- 4.1.4.2 Prior to the start of racing, if there are multiple entries of identical (one design) boats with different ratings, WIRW LLC will work with the skippers and PHRF-NW to resolve the discrepancy.
- 4.1.5 One design classes and groups of yachts wishing to race level (without PHRF handicaps) will be given separate starts provided there are at least 8 yachts entered. Each yacht in a one-design class must comply with their Class Rules as well as other rules governing this event.
- 4.1.5.1 One design or level fleets with less than 8 yachts will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 Registration is at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3013> and is open to the first 150 boats to register.

- 4.2.1 Registration options will be the following:

One Design

PHRF

Double-Handed

Molly Kool Cup (PHRF with a woman skipper at the helm)

- 4.2.2 If there are less than 8 boats registered in any of the above four categories, entrants will be notified and given the option to move to PHRF.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry Fee Payment Received on or before April 15, 2017: \$400

Entry Fee Payment Received after April 15, 2017: \$500

- 5.1.1 Registration after July 1, 2017 will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Organizing Authority based on the effect they will have on class breaks, and will be charged a \$100 late fee.
- 5.1.2 Cancellations received prior to July 1, 2017 will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. Cancellations on or after July 1, 2017 will not receive a refund.

6 MOORAGE

- 6.1 Whidbey Island Race Week entry fee does not include moorage.
- 6.2 Whidbey Island Race Week moorage is available at the Oak Harbor Marina, which has two-thousand feet of guest floats inside the breakwater. For reservations and rates contact the Oak Harbor Marina, 865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA, 98277, (360) 279-4575, Fax (360) 240-0603, csublet@oakharbor.org, or <http://whidbey.net/ohmarina/>.
- 6.3 Yachts may anchor at no charge outside the breakwater.

7 LAUNCHING

- 7.1 There is a cement boat launch at Oak Harbor Marina that can be used for appropriate boats.
- 7.1 The hoist at Oak Harbor Marina (6500 pound limit) is currently closed and will not be available for WIRW 2017. The Organizing Authority is working on alternates launching options. Any updates concerning hoist availability in Oak Harbor will be posted on the event website.

8 ACCOMMODATIONS

- 8.1 Accommodations are available in hotels, vacation rentals, and campgrounds in Oak Harbor and the surrounding areas. Contact the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce at (360) 675-3535 for more information.

9 CAMPING

- 9.1 Camping at will be available on a first come first serve basis and reservations will be required by July 1, 2017. It is anticipated that the campsite will be the Navy Seaplane Base adjacent to the Oak Harbor Marina and Oak Harbor Yacht Club.
- 9.2 The cost will be \$100 for RVs and \$50 for tent camping for the week and can be paid in advance with registration or on-site prior to move in. This fee covers the cost of the camping permit, temporary fencing, insurance and portable toilets.
- 9.3 Campers will not be allowed to set up camp until the camping fee has been paid and each person who is camping has completed a hold harmless form.
- 9.4 Camping move in will be Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 9 am to 8:30 pm and move out will be Saturday, July 15, 2017 by Noon. Due to strict requirements governing the permit for camping, any campers who have not moved out by Noon on Saturday, July 15, 2017 will be towed at the owner's expense.
- 9.5 Campers will be responsible for abiding by the rules that are defined in the hold harmless agreement and for cleaning up their campsites upon move out and disposing of all trash in the designated dumpsters outside the main gate of the campsite.
- 9.6 To make reservations visit www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com/camping. Skippers can make reservations with their official event registration on YachtScoring.com.

10 EVENT NAME AND LOGO

- 10.1 Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name, Whidbey Island Race Week. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC. Any use of the event logo on merchandise or gear without license by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC is prohibited.

11 ADVERTISING

- 11.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20.
- 11.2 Boats that intend to display advertising must so indicate on their entry form and the advertising must be approved by the Organizing Authority, but no advertising fee will apply.
 - 11.2.1 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of official sponsors of the event, and advertising that competes with the official sponsors will not be approved by the Organizing Authority and must not be displayed at the event.
- 11.3 If provided, all boats shall display sponsor's advertising on bow stickers for the duration of the event. These bow stickers will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.

- 11.3.1 Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the Race Committee only. The protest committee may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. This changes rule 60.1 (a).

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

13 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 13.1 The most current schedule of events will be made available at www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com/schedule. Racing is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 10, 2017.

14 SHORE-SIDE PASSES

- 14.1 The Shore-Side Event Pass provides entry into all shore activities beginning Sunday, July 9 through Friday, July 14 at WIRW 2017. Race Week participants may purchase a weekly Shore-Side Event Pass in advance for \$85 (prior to July 1, 2017) or daily Shore-Side Passes on-site for \$25.00 (\$15 on Friday). Race Week participants may also purchase a weekly Shore-Side Event Pass on-site for \$105.
- 14.2 A Junior Shore-Side Event Passes will be available for participants under the age of 21. Race Week participants may purchase a weekly Junior Shore-Side Event Pass in advance for \$20 (prior to July 1, 2017) or daily Junior Shore-Side Passes on-site for \$5.00. Race Week participants may also purchase a weekly Junior Shore-Side Event Pass on-site for \$25.
- 14.3 A Weekly Junior Shore-Side Event Pass will be included at no additional charge in each Kids' Camp registration.
- 14.4 Shore-Side Event Passes give access to the site and are not drink tickets. The pass fee is to offset the cost of all activities at the site, including live music, and adult and junior beverages.
- 14.5 Shore-Side Event Passes are available for sale only to Race Week skippers, their crew, and shore support. They are not for sale to the general public. Additionally, Shore-Side Event Passes are available to Race Week Sponsors and Staff.

15 AWARDS

- 15.1 Fleet Awards
- 15.1.1 Daily awards will be presented at the Post-Race Party to the top 3 finishers in each fleet. (Fleets with 6 or fewer boats will only receive awards for the top 2 finishers.)
- 15.1.2 Overall awards will be presented at the awards presentation of the Post-Race Party on Friday to the top 3 boats in each fleet. (Fleets with 6 or fewer boats will only receive awards for the top 2 finishers.)
- 15.2 Yacht Club Team Trophy
- 15.2.1 Yacht clubs may enter one team of 3 boats from 2 or more different fleets to compete for the Yacht Club Team Trophy. The winning team will be determined by the best combined scores of the team's members as a percentage of the number of boats in their fleet.
- 15.3 The Philip Wise Sportsmanship Memorial Award will be given to the yacht or individual who shows exemplary sportsmanship at the regatta as determined by the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee and event Advisory Board.
- 15.4 The Crabcake Cookoff Award will be given to the winning team of the 3rd Annual Whidbey Island Race Week Crabcake Cookoff contest happening on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the post race party.

16 RULES

- 16.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) including Appendix T, Sections B and D and US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 16.1.1 In the case of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- 16.2 Boats must carry and monitor a working VHF radio.
- 16.2.1 For boats sailing in PHRF fleets, the Class Rules noted in the 2017 PHRF NW Handbook, as modified by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, shall apply. For boats sailing in a one-design class, the relevant class rules, as modified by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, shall apply.
- 16.3 RRS 64.1 will be modified so that the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other Non-Part 2 rules.
- 16.4 RRS 34 (b) will be changed to read, "Substitute an object displaying flag M" striking out "and make repetitive sound signals." This also changes RRS Signals description of the M flag.
- 16.5 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 will be replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing."
- 16.6 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply.
- 16.7 RRS 55, Trash Disposal, is in effect. This shall include Water Balloons. Let's do all we can to keep our NW waters clean and our wildlife healthy.
- 16.8 Boats may not be removed from the water without prior written approval of the race committee between or during races.
- 16.9 RRS 82 shall not apply.

Welcome to Whidbey Island Race Week 2017!
We all look forward to another great event!