

The Benson Cup

Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions

October 8, 2011

The Orcas Island Yacht Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2011 Benson Cup Race around Waldron Island, on Saturday October 8. This year's Benson Cup's proceeds will be donated to the Children's House on Orcas Island: [Children's House WEB](#) Trophies are provided by the Orcas Island Yacht Club for the first, second, and third place handicap-adjusted finishers.

Rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions will govern the race.

Eligibility: All owners or skippers and their crew are invited to participate. All boats should have a valid PHRF certificate. Registration fees should be mailed to

Kelly Toombs
c/o Westsound Marina
P.O. Box 119
Orcas WA 98280

Handing your entry form to the race committee before the start of the race is allowed. We appreciate any email notice of entry in advance.

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Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions are part of this Notice of Race. A race committee boat will be at the northeast corner of Jones Island (the north end of Spring Passage) the morning of October 4th. A starting line will be set between the permanent marker at 48 37.217N & 123 02.562W and the red flag on the committee boat. The pin end area of the line is an obstruction, so watch the depth. In the event RC cannot set the line as described, it will likely move into the cove and instruct the fleet on 68 as to how the new line will work. The starting direction will be from the SE to the NW. The start sequence will begin at 10:55 AM with the warning flag. The 5-minute sequence as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be

used. The start will be at 11:00 AM unless delayed. The course is around Waldron Island in any direction, finishing at the same location as the start. The finishing direction will be from the NW to the SE. Boats finishing after 5:00 PM will not be scored. The time on distance formula will be used and the course distance of 15 miles will be applied in the calculation.

PIYA: This is a PIYA Category III event.

Weather and tides: Be aware that fog can be a player, as can significant current. GPS equipment is recommended.

Communications: Monitor Channel 16 for boats needing assistance and for announcements. The race committee may request that the channel be switch to 68 for further communications.

Check-in: No check-in is required. Boats that cross the start line within 10 minutes of the start will be assumed to be racing; any that cross the line later should radio the race committee to confirm intent to race.

Protests: Protests must be announced to the RC boat and acknowledged as the protesting boat finishes, either by a sail-by or by radio, going from ch. 16 to 68. Valid protests will be heard at the West Sound Community Center approximately one hour after the committee boat docks.

Entry Form: The entry form is attached – next page – can be downloaded from www.oicyc.org or can be picked up at the West Sound Marina.

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Entry Form

Yacht Name: _____ Skipper: _____
Sail Number: _____ Address: _____
Yacht Type: _____
Yacht Club: _____ Phone: _____
Hull Color: _____ Fax: _____
Length Overall: _____ e-mail: _____
Spinnaker Color: _____ PHRF Rating: _____
Your US Sailing number _____

Entry fee of \$40 will be given to the Children's House Charity on Orcas.

Make checks payable to Orcas Island Yacht Club.

In consideration for participating in this event, I agree to be responsible for any property damage, personal injury or worse, which might occur as a result of my yacht racing activities and to hold harmless the Orcas Island Yacht Club, the Race Committee, or any volunteers involved in the event from any loss due to participation in the event. I acknowledge that the decision to enter my yacht and participate in this race is solely my own, and I agree to be bound by the International Yacht Racing Rules as adopted by US Sailing, including national prescriptions, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions for the specific event.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Return the entry form **with your payment** to:

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Or given to the Committee Boat prior to the start of the race.