



NOTICE OF RACE

The Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Friday Harbor Sailing Club invite you to participate in the 21th annual, "ROUND THE COUNTY" sailboat race, to be held November 8th and 9th, 2008. This race circles the San Juan Islands archipelago that comprises San Juan County Washington, offering one of the more beautiful sailing venues on mother earth. The course is often challenging, with numerous islands marking the edge of the course, a wide range of wind conditions experienced through the two days, and the very confusing tidal currents that careen around islands. This race has become one of the "must do" events on the PNW racing calendar.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday night November 7th is the rendezvous at the Orcas Island Yacht Club, West Sound on Orcas Island. There will be a skippers meeting, pre-race briefing, no host cocktail party and an informal rehearsing of the travails encountered by the previous year's competitors.

Saturday's race starts at Lydia Shoal in Rosario Strait, just East of Obstruction Pass. The course goes south past Blakely Island, Decatur Island, around Lopez Island past Cattle Pass, across The Salmon Bank, up the west side of San Juan Island and finishes in Mosquito Bay. The course is 31 nm.

Sunday, leg two starts by Battle Ship Island just outside of Roche Harbor, goes north toward Stuart Island, around the light house at Turn Point up Boundary Pass, outside of Patos Island, Sucia Island, Matia Island, Clark Island, south east along Orcas Island, and finishes at Lydia Shoal. The course is 35 nm. The awards dinner follows at the Orcas Island Yacht Club at West Sound.

ELIGIBILITY

All yachts are required to have a current PHRF certificate and meet PIYA Category II equipment and safety standards.

ENTRY FEE

Boats 40 feet or less: \$87.00 US dollars or \$80.00 for US Sailing Members

Boats greater than 40 feet: \$110.00 US dollars or \$100.00 for US Sailing Members

The first 50 completed entries will be assured a spot in the race. Additional entries may be added at the discretion of the Race Committee to balance divisions. Please enter early.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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