

OIYC Race Program 2008

Out-of-the-Box Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2008

Registration: Submit notice of intent to race by the Friday before the race, no later than 9:00 p.m., by phone (Rebecca, 360-376-2788), or email (fcsail@oiyc.org). *The race will be abandoned if no racers declare an intent to race by the deadline.*

Rules

The Racing Rules of Sailing as published by the International Sailing Federation govern these races, as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

Courses and Time Limits

These races are intended to get everybody back to the marinas in daylight. A race will not be started if it appears that wind conditions will not allow that result.

Race 1, February 24: Course to be chosen by committee boat depending on wind. Come within hail of the committee boat to find out which course. Start off Grindstone Harbor. Options: Course 1, around Willow Island and return to start line. Course 2, around Blakely Island Shoal Buoy and return to start line. *Time limit:* 3.5 hours.

Race 2, March 16: Course to be chosen by committee boat depending on wind. Come within hail of the committee boat to find out which course. Start off north side of McConnell Island and pass to the west of Yellow Island. Options: Course 1, around Turn Rock and return to start line. Course 2, around Reid Rock and return to start line. *Time limit:* 4 hours.

Race 3, April 6: Start off Fawn Island in Deer Harbor, circumnavigate Jones Island *either direction*, and return to start line. *Time limit:* 2.5 hours.

Start

There will be one start.

The 5-minute sequence will be used according to rule 25 of the Racing Rules of Sailing and with additional signals as stated below:

The postponement (AP) flag will be flown as soon as the race committee is on station. At 6 minutes prior to the first start of a single or multi-start race the postponement flag will be removed and a horn sounded.

Pre-warning Signal Announcement: Approximately 10 seconds prior to the first warning signal there *may be* 5 quick horns to announce that the 5 minute warning signal is about to occur.

The Starting Sequence

	Signal Flag & Sound	Minutes before start
Warning:	Class Flag + 1 horn	5
Preparatory:	P flag & Class Flag + 1 horn	4
One Minute:	Remove P Flag + 1 horn	1
Start:	Class Flag + 1 horn	0

Individual Recall: If there are boats over early the race committee will promptly display the X Flag and sound one horn. The race committee will attempt to hail the early boats.

General Recall: If there are enough boats over early that the race committee is confused about who was over early and who was not, or if the start sequence was seriously botched, then the First Substitute Flag will be flown along with two horn signals. When ready to restart then the First Substitute Flag will be pulled down and one minute later the Warning Signal for the restart will occur.

Starting Time

The start of each race will be at noon. The warning signal will be at 11:55 a.m.

Withdrawing from Race; Abandonment of Race

Notify Committee Boat on VHF Ch. 16 if you withdraw from the race. If the Committee Boat determines that the race should be abandoned after the start, notice will be provided via Ch. 16.

Washington State Ferries

Interference with a Washington State Ferry will result in disqualification of the sailboat in question, without recourse.

Scoring

The time on time system of scoring PHRF races will be used. The number used in the denominator will be according to the US Sailing guidelines: 650 for light wind (boats are struggling around the course), 550 for moderate wind (boats can get around the course easily but there are no whitecaps), and 480 for heavy air (whitecaps). See complete description at <http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/TOT.asp>

End of Series gathering: Deer Harbor Marina, following the Jones Island race, for hot food and results. Other post-race gatherings may occur, if racers agree on a plan at the time of the event.