



NOTICE OF RACE

July 10 – July 15, 2016

1 EVENT MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for Whidbey Island Race Week 2016 (WIRW 2016) is Whidbey Island Race Week LLC.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 Event Website

The latest information on the event, as well as any amendments to this NOR will be available at whidbeyislandraceweek.com.

2.2 Race Headquarters

Race headquarters will be located at the entrance to the fenced shore-side activities area on the South lawn of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

2.3 Contact Information

Whidbey Island Race Week LLC

2400 NW 80th Street, #130

Seattle, WA 98117

raceweek@whidbeyislandraceweek.com

(206) 384-5254 – Schelleen Rathkopf (General inquiries)

(206) 973-7286 – Charley Rathkopf (Racing specific inquires)

2.4 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.

2.5 Special One Design Events

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 racing options and registration rates that do not include the full five (5) days of racing. If such arrangements are made, the NOR will be amended so that all potential competitors will be notified.

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>

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 temporary certificate at:

PHRF Northwest Business Office

PO BOX 489

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

(253) 857-8858

phrfnw@gmail.com

phrf-nw.org

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 or temporary PHRF-NW rating for his/her yacht.

4.1.4.2 Prior to the start of racing, if there are multiple entries of identical 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 Complete, sign and mail an entry form, release, and entry fees or complete an on-line entry at yachtscoring.com (<http://bit.ly/wirw2016>). (On-line entries will be required to sign a release upon registration at event.)

4.2.1 For boats sailing PHRF, a valid rating certificate shall be submitted with the entry form or, if entry is completed on-line, mailed or emailed to Whidbey Island Race Week LLC at 6727 36th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117, raceweek@whidbeyislandraceweek.com.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry Fee Payment Received on or before April 15, 2016: \$400

Entry Fee Payment Received after April 15, 2016: \$500

5.1.1 Registration after July 1, 2016 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, 2016 will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. Cancellations on or after July 1, 2016 will not receive a refund.

6 MOORAGE

- 6.1 Whidbey Island Race Week entry 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.
- 7.2 The hoist at Oak Harbor Marina (usable for yachts up to 6500 lbs) is currently undergoing renovation, and has not been guaranteed for WIRW 2016. Please contact the Oak Harbor Marina for updated status and alternatives. The NOR and the WIRW website will be updated as more information is known.

8 ACCOMMODATIONS

- 8.1 Oak Harbor Best Western (<http://bit.ly/oh-bw>, (360) 679-4567) and Candlewood Suites Oak Harbor (<http://bit.ly/oh-cws>, (360) 279-2222) are the Official Hotels of Whidbey Island Race Week 2016. Visit their websites or call for reservations.
- 8.2 Other accommodations are available in hotels, vacation rentals, and campgrounds in Oak Harbor and the surrounding areas. Contact the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, (360) 675-3535 for more information.

9 CAMPING

- 9.1 Camping ¼ mile from the OHYC, on the corner of Midway and Pioneer will be available for a small fee to cover security and sanitary costs on a first come/first serve basis.

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 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 10

- 1200-1800 Registration
- 1730 Skippers Meeting
- 1800-2030 Opening Party

Daily, Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14

- 0800-1030 Shore-Side activities such as clinics, demonstrations, sponsor programs etc.
- 1000 Parents Drop Off Children For Kids Camp at Race Headquarters
- 1200 First Race
- 1800 Parents Pick Up Children For Kids Camp at Race Headquarters
- 1800-2030 Post-Race Party (may be delayed if racing runs late)

Friday, July 15

- 0800-1030 Shore-Side activities such as clinics, demonstrations, sponsor programs etc.
- 1000 Parents Drop Off Children For Kids Camp at Race Headquarters
- 1200 First Race
- 1800 Parents Pick Up Children For Kids Camp at Race Headquarters
- 1800-2000 Post-Race Party (may be delayed if racing runs late)

- 13.1 Any updates to the schedule of events will be posted at the event website.

14 SHORE-SIDE PASSES

- 14.1 The Shore-Side Event Pass provides entry into all shore activities beginning Sunday, July

10 through Friday, July 15 at WIRW 2016. Race Week participants may purchase a weekly Shore-Side Event Pass in advance for \$85 (prior to July 1, 2016) 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, 2016) 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 A special award will be given to the outstanding yacht of the regatta as determined by the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee.

16 RULES

- 16.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS) including **Appendix T, Sections B and D**.
 - 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 are the 2016 Regulations of PHRF NW (published with the PHRF NW 2016 roster), will be modified so that radar reflectors are not required.
- 16.3 RRS 64.1 will be modified so that the protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, (suggested to be a 40% scoring penalty) 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.