



**NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
July 19-22, 2018**

1 EVENT MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Organizing Authority for Whidbey Island Race Week 2018 (WIRW 2018) is Whidbey Island Race Week LLC.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 WIRW 2018 registration opens January 1, 2018.

2.1.1 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.

2.1.2 The official registration site for WIRW 2018 will be at www.YachtScoring.com

2.1.3 Registration options will be the following:

One Design
PHRF
Performance Cruising Class (NFS)

2.1.4 If there are less than 6 boats registered in any of the categories above, entrants will be notified and given the option to move to PHRF.

2.2 The Whidbey Island Race Week venue includes the Oak Harbor Yacht Club, Catalina Park and the Oak Harbor Marina. The Whidbey Island Race Week campground will be located on the Navy Seaplane Base across the street from the Oak Harbor Marina and the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. The racing venue is Saratoga Passage and/or Penn Cove. The starting area will be within 4 miles of the Oak Harbor Channel Entrance Buoy.

2.3 Race Week 2018 will consist of 4 days of racing, Thursday through Sunday, July 19-22, 2018 and 4 Race Week parties Wednesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 21, 2018. Overall awards will be Sunday, July 22. Race Week Kids Camp will run 4 days: Thursday through Sunday, July 19-22, 2018.

2.4 Event Website: www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com. Any amendments to these NORs and other important information regarding the event, including Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website by Monday, July 16, 2018. The Sailing Instructions and event schedule will also be printed and distributed in Skipper packets at Race Week Headquarters (see NOR 2.5)

2.4.1 Daily and overall scores and any/all changes to the NORs and Sis will be posted on the official WIRW 2018 Notice Board that is located at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club on the lower level south facing windows.

2.5 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 located at 1301 SE Catalina Dr., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Race Week Headquarter hours:

Wednesday, July 18, 2018: 9 am - 8:30 pm

Thursday, July 19 - Saturday, July 21, 2018: 9 am - 11 am, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Sunday, July 22, 2018: 9 am - 11 am, 5 pm - 8 pm

- 2.6 Contact Information Whidbey Island Race Week LLC:
Schelleen Rathkopf
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(206) 384-5254
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 One design fleets with six (6) or more boats who are interested in holding a Nationals or North American championship for their fleet or have other fleet ideas at Race Week are invited to contact the Organizing Authority to discuss customized racing options, registration and course specifications. If such arrangements are made, these NORs will be amended to notify all potential competitors.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to cruising/racing yachts 19 to 75 feet LOA that comply with the sub rules of 4.1 enumerated below.
- 3.1.1 Monohulls must be self-righting.
- 3.1.2 A multihull class will be included provided there are at least 6 multihull yachts entered.
- 3.1.3 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.
- 3.1.4 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
- 3.1.4.1 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.
- 3.1.4.2 Prior to the start of racing, if there are multiple entries of identical (one design) boats with different ratings, the Organizing Authority will work with the skippers and PHRF-NW to resolve the discrepancy.
- 3.1.5 One design classes and groups of yachts wishing to race level (without PHRF handicaps) will be given separate starts provided there are at least 6 yachts entered. Each yacht in a one-design class must comply with their Class Rules as well as other rules governing this event.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Registration before April 15, 2018: \$375
Registration after April 15, 2018: \$400
Kids Camp: \$400 per child (\$350 for each additional sibling)
- 4.1.1 Registration or entry fee payments made after July 1, 2018 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.
- 4.1.2 Cancellations received prior to July 1, 2018 will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. Cancellations on or after July 1, 2018 will not receive a refund. There are no exceptions to these cancellation fees.

5 MOORAGE

- 5.1 WIRW 2018 entry fee does not include moorage.
- 5.2 WIRW 2018 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 www.ohmarina.org.
- 5.2.1 Boat delivery to the Oak Harbor Marina can begin on Saturday, July 14, 2018 and reservations are required (see NOR 5.2). Final WIRW 2018 slip assignments will be posted by 9 am on Wednesday, July 18. Racers who deliver their boats early may be required to move their boat to their permanent WIRW 2018 slip assignment at 9 am on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Moorage fees will be paid directly to the Oak Harbor Marina.
- LOW TIDE ALERT: Boat delivery may happen anytime Saturday, July 14, 2018 through Thursday, July 19, 2018. Due to the low tides happening July 14-16, 2018 however, Skippers are advised to pay special attention to the tides and plan their boat delivery into the channel accordingly to avoid running aground.*
- 5.2.2 Moorage rates for race boats will be determined by the number of days being requested multiplied by the WIRW 2018 guest moorage rate. Reservations at the Oak Harbor Marina are required for race boat moorage (See NOR 5.2).
- 5.2.3 Moorage rates for tenders will be the Oak Harbor Marina normal guest moorage rate. Reservations at the Oak Harbor Marina are required for tender boat moorage.
- 5.3 Yachts may anchor at no charge outside the breakwater.

6 LAUNCHING

- 6.1 There is a cement boat launch at Oak Harbor Marina that can be used for appropriate boats.
- 6.2 The hoist at Oak Harbor Marina is closed and will not be available for WIRW 2018. An alternative hoist system using an A-frame chain hoist and hydraulic launching trailer was developed and successfully used at the Oak Harbor Marina for WIRW 2017 and will be available again in 2018. For details concerning this alternative launch system, contact Byron Skubi, kbskubi@whidbey.net.

7 ACCOMMODATIONS

- 7.1 The Official Hotels of Whidbey Island Race Week 2018 are the Best Western Plus Oak Harbor Hotel & Conference Center located at 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 and Candlewood Suites located at 33221 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. To make your hotel arrangements, call Best Western Plus at (360) 679-4567 or Candlewood Suites at (360) 279-2222. **When making your reservation, it would be very helpful to tell the reservationist that you are with Whidbey Island Race Week.** Other accommodations include 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.

8 CAMPING

- 8.1 Camping will be made available at the Navy Base (located across the street from the Oak Harbor Marina and Yacht Club, see NOR 2.5) to event participants who have the required WIRW 2018 Camping Credential. Camping will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Reservations will be required by July 1, 2018.
- 8.1.2 To make Race Week Camping reservations, send an email requesting space to the Organizing Authority by July 1, 2018. Reservations can also be made through the official event registration on YachtScoring.com.

- 8.2 Camping move-in will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 9 am to 8:30 pm and move out will be Monday, July 23, 2018 by Noon. Due to strict requirements governing the permit for camping on the Navy base, any campers who have not moved out by Noon on Monday, July 23, 2018 will be towed at the owner's expense.
- 8.3 The cost will be a flat fee of \$100 per each RV and \$50 per each tent. The RV fee applies to an individualized motor vehicle (including RVs, campers, cars, vans) that contain wheels. The tent fee applies to any non-wheeled structure (including tarps and tents) that are set up on the ground. The camping fee can be paid in advance with registration on YachtScoring.com, or on-site. The fee covers the cost of the camping permit, temporary fencing, insurance and portable toilets.
- 8.4 The WIRW 2018 Camping Credential must be hung in a visible location on their RV or tent for the duration of WIRW 2018 and serves to notify the Navy and the Organizing Authority that the camping fee has been paid and a hold harmless form has been completed.
- 8.4.1 Camping fees and signed hold harmless forms will be collected by Race Week staff at the entrance to the Navy Base on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 9 am to 6 pm. If a camper arrives after 6 pm, they are required to pick up their WIRW 2018 Camping Credential at Race Week Headquarters (See NOR 2.4 for hours of operation) prior to driving onto the Navy base.
- 8.4.2 If the WIRW 2018 Camping Credential is not displayed on the RV or Tent: Race Week staff will leave (1) notice of non-compliance on the RV or tent with instructions to obtain the credential immediately. If the credential is not displayed within 24 hours, the RV and/or tent will be towed or removed at the owner's expense. *Additionally, those who don't obtain the credential puts the future acquisition of the Navy Base Camping Permit in jeopardy and may, therefore, be prevented from camping in the official Race Week camping area in future years.*
- 8.5 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 EVENT NAME AND LOGO

- 9.1 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.

10 ADVERTISING

- 10.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.2.1 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.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.3.1 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).

11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 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.

12 SHORE-SIDE PASSES

- 12.1 The WIRW 2018 Shore-Side Event Pass provides entry into all shore activities beginning Wednesday, July 18 through Sunday, July 22, 2018. WIRW 2018 participants may purchase a weekly Shore-Side Event Pass in advance for \$80 (prior to July 1, 2018) or daily Shore-Side Passes on-site for \$25.00. Race Week participants may also purchase a weekly Shore-Side Event Pass on-site for \$100.
- 12.1.2 WIRW 2018 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, tenting, fencing, security, and adult and junior beverages.
- 12.1.3 WIRW 2018 Shore-Side Event Passes are available for sale to WIRW 2018 participants only (including skippers, crew, shore support, event sponsors and event staff and volunteers). They are not for sale to the general public.
- 12.2 A Junior Shore-Side Event Passes will be available for participants under the age of 18. Race Week participants may purchase a weekly Junior Shore-Side Event Pass in advance for \$15 (prior to July 1, 2018) or daily Junior Shore-Side Passes on-site for \$5.00. Race Week participants may also purchase a weekly Junior Shore-Side Pass on-site for \$25.
- 12.3 A weekly Junior Shore-Side Event Pass will be included at no additional charge in each Kids' Camp registration.

13 AWARDS

- 13.1 WIRW 2018 Overall Awards will be Sunday, July 22, 2018 at Race Week Headquarters following the race day. The actual time is TBD by the final race that happens on that date.
- 13.2 Fleet Awards will be awarded to each fleet.
- 13.1.1 Daily fleet 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.
- 13.1.2 Overall awards will be presented to the top 3 boats in each fleet. Fleets with 6 or fewer boats will only receive awards for the top 2 finishers.
- 13.2 A Yacht Club Team Trophy will be awarded.
- 13.2.1 A yacht club 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.
- 13.3 The Philip Wise Sportsmanship Memorial Award is a perpetual award that 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 Whidbey Island Race Week Advisory Board.
- 13.4 The Molly Kool Cup Trophy is a perpetual award that will be given to a woman skipper who shows exemplary performance by a woman who is at the helm for the duration of Whidbey Island Race Week 2018.
- 13.5 The Crabcake Cookoff Award will be given to the winner of the 4th Annual Whidbey Island Race Week Crabcake Cookoff contest happening on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the post race party.

14 RULES

- 14.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) including Appendix T and US Sailing Prescriptions.

- 14.1.1 Rule T1(b) is changed to read: a post-race penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), if taken before the protest time limit, or 60% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- 14.2 Boats must carry and monitor a working VHF radio.
- 14.2.1 For boats sailing in PHRF fleets, the Class Rules noted in the 2018 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 Appendix V1 will apply.
- 14.6 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply.
- 14.7 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.
- 14.8 Boats may not be removed from the water without prior written approval of the race committee between or during races.

Welcome to Whidbey Island Race Week 2018!

*Four great days of racing combined with four great parties
beginning Wed. night, July 18 thru Sun., July 22, 2018!*

We all look forward to another great event!