

# Sloop Tavern Yacht Club



2017

# RACE BOOK



# FOREWORD

This Racebook contains most of the information you will need to participate in STYC racing events this year. Members may register for races on the STYC web site. As a reminder, announcements of future activities will be on the website, or on Facebook. Extra entry forms can be requested from the Race Committee Chair or can be found on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

STYC Voting members pay no fee to race in club events except for our charity race (Blakely Rock Benefit Race), Race to the Straits, and Down the Sound. STYC Associate members and non-STYC members pay the fee stated in each Notice of Race.

Informal cruise get-togethers (i.e. July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc.) and Cruise 'n Snoozes will be announced on the web site and through emails.

We publish a **Racebook** each year after the race schedule has been finalized. Dates are coordinated with other yacht clubs in the Seattle Area Racing Council (SARC): Corinthian (Edmonds), Corinthian (Seattle), Port Madison, Seattle, Shilshole Bay, Three Tree Point, Seattle Singles Yacht clubs, and the West Sound and Seattle Women's Sailing Associations. This allows STYC members the maximum opportunity to participate in non-STYC events. An annual race calendar for all SARC clubs will be published on the STYC website.

The **General Sailing Instructions** (GSI) have been reviewed and adopted by your Board and apply to all STYC races. Be sure to read the **Special Sailboat Safety Regulations of Puget Sound** and the section titled **Comments** covering situations and problems most often encountered in STYC races. Races will be governed by the current ISAF *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including US SAILING Prescriptions.

If you like this **Racebook**, let us know! If you have any thought on how we might improve the next edition, please pass them along to any board member (see names on following page).

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# CALENDAR

## STYC Races

Iceberg Race	Saturday	1/21
Blakely Rock Benefit Race <sup>2,3</sup>	Saturday	4/1
Ballard Cup Series 1 #1-#5 <sup>1</sup>	Mondays	4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22
Race to the Straits (TS#1) <sup>3</sup>	Sat-Sun	5/6-5/7
Take-your-time-Friday's	Friday	June & July
Ballard Cup Series 2 #1-#5 <sup>1</sup>	Mondays	6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/17
Three Buoy Fiasco	Saturday	6/17
Ballard Cup Series 3 #1-#5 <sup>1</sup>	Mondays	7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21
Down the Sound (TS#2)	Sat-Sun	8/5-8/6
Single-Handed Race	Saturday	8/26
Pink Boat Regatta	Saturday	9/9
J & J Race (TS#3)	Sunday	9/17
Race-Your-House	Saturday	10/21
Fall Regatta	Sunday	10/22

<sup>1</sup> STYC (Voting) members race free; STYC (Assoc.) \$15; non-members, \$25 per series.

<sup>2</sup> Breakfast at the Sloop, door prizes, SYC Grand Prix qualifier.

<sup>3</sup> SYC Grand-Prix Qualifier

## STYC MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Spring Membership Party<sup>1</sup>

Memorial Day Cruise<sup>1</sup>

July 4<sup>th</sup> Cruise<sup>1</sup>

Fall Membership Party<sup>1</sup>

Christmas Party<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Watch the STYC website for further details.

<sup>2</sup> Good food, good conversation, annual awards, elections and more – watch the web site or Facebook for further details.

# GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. Eligibility and registration

Sailboats at least 20' LOA with a functional engine. STYC Handicappers will have final authority on eligibility. (Note: PHRF and US SAILING membership are not required for participation in most STYC races. *However, in support of the sport of sailing, we strongly recommend membership.*

To enter an event, submit a completed registration form and pay the appropriate fee (See Notice of Race for fees). Individual race registration forms must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club mail box or through the web site, with applicable entry fees, no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before the race. **Late entries** may be allowed at the discretion of the Race Committee **subject to a \$20.00 late fee and a valid PHRF or STYC rating.**

## 2. Rules

All races will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US SAILING Prescriptions<sup>1</sup>, except as amended by these General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and Sailing Instructions contained in each individual Notice of Race. The GSI supersede any previous instructions and apply to all Sloop Tavern Yacht Club racing events in this calendar year.

In case of conflict between these General Sailing Instructions and the specific Sailing Instructions for an event, the specific Sailing Instructions govern.

## 3. Insurance

When filing an entry form or registering through the web site, the entrant represents to the club that the sailboat has liability insurance currently in effect covering property damage, personal injury, and death in an amount not less than \$300,000 per occurrence; and that the policy covers racing activities.

## 4. Changes to the General Sailing Instructions (GSI)

Changes affecting the GSI must be posted on the display board inside the Sloop Tavern entrance by the scheduled time of the Skippers' Meeting on race day. Changes may also be published on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

## 5. Changes to Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race

Changes affecting Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race must be posted on the display board inside the Sloop Tavern entrance by the scheduled time of the Skippers' Meeting on race day. If the Notice of Race provides for a mandatory Skippers' Meeting, changes may also be announced at that meeting. Failure to attend a mandatory Skippers' Meeting is not grounds for a protest. Any changes in accordance with this provision are binding on all competitors.

## 6. Responsibility

The skipper of each sailboat is responsible for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the boat's crew. Infringement of RRS rule 69, Gross Misconduct, may result in a competitor being excluded from further participation in the STYC racing program.

Occasionally, sailboat racing has resulted in injury or loss of life. All competitors of STYC events participate at their own risk. It is the responsibility of the skipper to inform the crew of the risks of sailboat racing; to make sure they understand and accept those risks; to determine the seaworthiness of the boat; to determine whether the crew is competent and adequate for the event under existing weather/sea conditions; and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

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<sup>1</sup> These are published by US SAILING and are sold at local marine stores or online through US Sailing.



## **7. Motors**

Engines are required for all STYC events. The engine must be permanently installed, and capable of moving the yacht at a speed (knots) equal to the square root of the water line length (ft.). If the engine is an outboard, it must be attached to the transom (or inboard well), and ready for immediate use at all times while the boat is racing. Mounting must be such that the motor can be quickly and easily inserted into the water and operated during severe sea and wind conditions.

A boat may not use their engine after their preparatory signal (4 minutes before their start. RRS 42.1).

## **8. Safety**

All sailboats must comply with the ISAF Category 5 equipment requirements. A list of these requirements is available online on the ISAF website

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010AppJ081205-\[7987\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010AppJ081205-[7987].pdf)

The Special Sailboat Safety Regulations of Puget Sound apply to all STYC events. These can be found at the end of these sailing instructions and are part of the GSI.

It is the responsibility of each racing skipper to be familiar with and observe the RRS, US SAILING prescriptions, these GSI, Special Safety Regulations of Puget Sound, the Notice of Race, boating safety regulations, advisory notes and applicable VTS<sup>2</sup> and TSS rules as well as the rules of the road. Violations of any of the provisions of the Special Sailboat Safety Regulations of Puget Sound<sup>3</sup> can result in a warning, disqualification, or non-acceptance in future competition, depending on the severity of the violation. (This amends RRS Rule 63.1.) The USCG has requested that all vessels transiting the Vessel Traffic Lanes monitor Channel 14 on the VHF radio.

Maintaining a bow watch prior to the start signal is very strongly advised

## **9. Ratings**

All handicapping will be based on PHRF Speed Potential ratings, or STYC club ratings. Any sailboat that does not have a current PHRF rating will be assigned an appropriate rating by an STYC Handicapper. Entrants must notify the appropriate Club Handicapper of any changes affecting their rating by the race entry deadline.

## **10. Racing divisions**

Division breaks will be determined by the Race Committee based on entries received by the cutoff date and will be posted on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) and the display board at the Sloop Tavern not later than 1800 the evening before the scheduled event.

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<sup>2</sup> Information on the Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) and the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) may be obtained from the Coast Guard.

<sup>3</sup> The Special Sailboat Safety Regulations of Puget Sound, appearing at the end of these rules, are a part of the GSI.

### **11. Class starts**

Subject to the following provisions, STYC will provide separate scoring and trophies for class starts.

- a. A separate start may be provided if a minimum of five boats are registered to race, or if safety suggests a separate start.
- b. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a combined start with separate scoring for each class may be provided if a minimum of five sailboats are registered to race in a class.
- c. In either of the above cases, requests for class starts together with supporting entries and fees for individual boats intending to race in that start must be provided to the Race Committee one week in advance of the entry deadline. Entry forms must clearly state the intention to race in a class start.
- d. Scoring may be either level (no handicapping) or based on corrected time under PHRF rules, but the choice must be made at time of request.

Multi-hulls are authorized to use spinnakers in events that are otherwise restricted to nonflying sails.

### **12. Non flying sails (NSF) divisions**

No headsail may be used that is not affixed to a permanent headstay for the entire hoisted height. Whisker poles may not exceed 80% of the LP of the largest rated headsail in accordance with PHRF Rules. A headsail must be lowered onto the deck before another is hoisted.

### **13. Flying sails (FS) divisions**

Intention to sail in sails divisions must be clearly indicated on the race registration form. NFS restrictions for changing headsails listed above do not apply to FS classes. However, PHRF rules governing FS boats are applicable.

### **14. Identification**

No sailboat may display sail numbers belonging to a different boat that is properly registered for the event. If a boat is temporarily using a sail that does not have the boat's correct sail numbers displayed, the skipper must report the change to the Race Committee Boat before the start of the race.

### **15. Ship Canal restricted area**

Sailboats may not sail inside the Ship Canal area as defined by the following three lines:

- a. From the south end of the Shilshole breakwater northwestward to buoy C "1" (Green Can #1);
- b. From buoy C "1" southwestward to buoy N "2" (Red Nun #2);
- c. From buoy N "2" southeastward to buoy N "4".

These buoys are located at the entrance to the ship canal, near the South end of the Shilshole Marina. A boat that enters this area may not correct her error, and will be scored **DSQ**. (This amends RRS Rule 28.1.) This area ranks as an obstruction.

Sailboats are advised to exercise caution when sailing near the entrance to the Ship Canal due to heavy traffic and shallow depths in areas immediately SW of the entrance buoys.

If Mark "E" is used as a mark of the course, the restriction area is defined by the following two lines.

- a. From the south end of the Shilshole breakwater southwestward to buoy N "2" (Red Nun #2);
- b. From buoy N "2" southeastward to buoy N "4".

### **16. Start-finish area**

The start-finish area is 200 feet from any point of the start or finish line. Boats not racing must remain clear. Boats that have finished racing must remain clear.

### 17. Fouling the committee boat

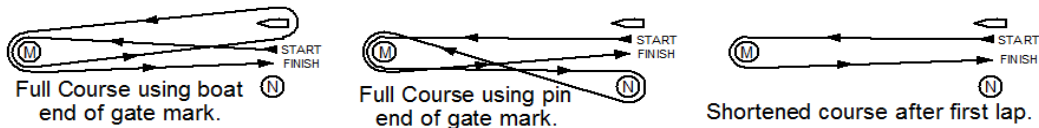
Any sailboat, while racing, that touches the Race Committee Boat on station is automatically disqualified from the race unless caused to do so by another boat as substantiated by normal protest procedures. The disqualified boat is liable for any damages to the Race Committee Boat.

### 18. Starting and finishing

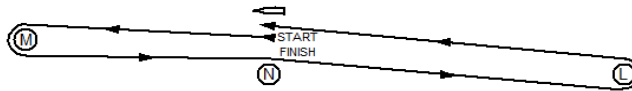
The start line is between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the pin end of the line. The finish line shall be crossed in the normal direction from the last mark, regardless of which end of the line the Race Committee Boat is on. After starting, boats may not pass between the Race Committee Boat and the start pin except when finishing or when specifically directed to do so by the individual Notice of Race, or course designated on the committee boat.

In the event that the start pin is used as a mark of the course (in the middle of the race, for example NMNMN), it shall be treated as a gate mark. If it is a windward or leeward mark, you may round either the committee boat or the start pin. If it is a mark between a windward and leeward mark, just pass through the gate. In all cases, you must cross the gate (start/finish line) in a normal direction from the previous mark.

#### Example: Course NMNMN



#### Example: Course NMNLN



### 19. Starting time and starting signals



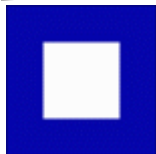



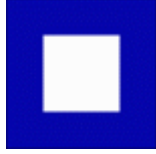

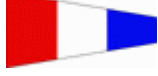
The starting time for the first division will be as shown in the Notice of Race unless there is a delayed start as prescribed in these rules; the remainder of the starts follow in five minute intervals.

Starting sequences are as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except there will also be a sound signal of multiple short beeps, one minute before the warning signal of the first start.

Each numeric flag designates a class start. The class flag is shown as the warning signal followed by code flag "P" as the preparatory signal, followed by the next class flag which serves as a start signal for the current class and the warning signal for the next start. Note: The class flag remains displayed for the full 5 minute starting sequence and is replaced by the next class flag at the end of the starting sequence. For the last start, the class flag is lowered after the 5-minute starting sequence but no new flag is raised. The time between class starts is 5 minutes, unless there is a postponement or recall.

Starting signals will be as illustrated in the table following. The flag is always the correct starting signal. Disregard the failure or mistiming of a sound signal.

See insert for flag colors and meanings of other flags, or refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

<b>Example of Starting Sequence</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Signal</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
10:54	Multiple short sound signals	Get ready for the first sound signal.
10:55	 <b>Code Flag #1</b>	Class 1 <b>warning signal</b> accompanied by 1 sound signal
10:56	  <b>Code Flag P</b>	Class 1 <b>preparatory signal</b> accompanied by 1 sound signal
10:59	 <b>Code Flag #1</b>	<b>1 minute warning</b> – Preparatory signal lowered accompanied by 1 sound signal
11:00	 <b>Code Flag #2</b>	Class 1 <b>start signal AND</b> Class 2 <b>warning signal</b> accompanied by 1 sound signal
11:01	  <b>Code Flag P</b>	Class 2 <b>preparatory signal</b> accompanied by 1 sound signal
11:04	 <b>Code Flag #2</b>	<b>1 minute warning</b> – Preparatory signal lowered accompanied by 1 sound signal
11:05	 <b>Code Flag #3</b>	Class 2 <b>start signal AND</b> Class 3 <b>warning signal</b> accompanied by 1 sound signal

Starting continues at 5-minute intervals between starts until all classes have started, unless there is a postponement or recall. Note: An exception to this procedure, where boats start at specific times based on their rating may be provided for in the Sailing Instructions and in a Notice of Race for selected races, e.g., the Race to the Straits or Single-Handed Race

## 20. Recalls

**Individual Recalls:** When a boat is over the starting line early, as defined by RRS Rule 29.1, the Race Committee Boat will sound one additional sound signal and fly the "X" flag. The flag will be displayed until all boats are clear, or for 4 minutes, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail all recalled boats that it can identify.

Failure of the over-early boat to hear the sound signal does not release her of her obligation to restart.

Code  
Flag  
"X"  
(Blue  
on  
White)



**General Recall:** The "First Substitute" code flag will be displayed with two sound signals per RRS 29.2 to indicate a class general recall. The recalled class will begin a new sequence and the warning signal will be given one minute after the lowering of the "First Substitute" flag (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new (recalled) start.

Code  
Flag  
First  
Substitute  
(Yellow  
on  
Blue)



## 21. Course direction

All marks must be rounded on the same side as the pin (or buoy) at the starting line when starting, except when specifically stated in the Notice of Race.

## 22. Courses

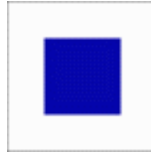
- Each course will be signaled by a row of letters displayed on the committee boat.
- Each letter designates a mark.
- The first letter displayed is the starting mark, the last is the finishing mark, and those in between are the rounding marks.
- A description of the mark letters is listed at the end of these rules.
- Start between the starting mark and the orange flag on the race committee boat. Pass each rounding mark in the order displayed, and on the same side as the starting mark. Finish between the finishing mark and the orange flag on the race committee boat. When a number, such as "2" or "3", follows the course letters, it signals a multiple-lap course. Sail the course as many times as is indicated by that number, crossing the finishing line at the completion of each lap.

### 23. Short Course

The Race Committee Boat may signal the code flag “S” before the warning, or at any rounding mark of the course prior to the first boat rounding by:

- a. Being on station at the rounding mark, and
- b. Hoisting code flag “S” as the first boat(s) approach, and
- c. Sounding one sound signal and hailing “shortened course”.

Code  
Flag  
“S”  
(Blue  
on  
White)



For a multiple-lap race, when the Race Committee signals a short course *before* the warning, the first lap will end at the start-finish line; the Race Committee will take times. Boats will continue on the second lap if sound signals are not made. The Race Committee may elect to use times taken at the end of lap 1 in the event of dying winds during lap 2.

### 24. Postponement

Failure to start a race at the time specified in the Notice of Race will be signaled by code pennant “AP” accompanied by two sound signals, and will continue until the code flag is lowered. A sound signal will accompany the lowering of code pennant “AP”. The warning beginning the delayed start sequence will be made one minute after code pennant “AP” is lowered.

Pennant  
AP  
(Red & White)



### 25. Cancellation and abandonment

Race cancellation or abandonment will be signaled from the Race Committee Boat by three sound signals. Entry fees for cancelled or abandoned races will not be refunded.

### 26. Official Time

Pacific Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time will be used for all races, but in case of disagreement, the Race Committee clock governs. Whenever possible, the Race Committee will use GPS time, on an even increment of five minutes.

### 27. Time limit

A race will be extended 30 minutes for all remaining boats in a division when the first boat in the division finishes within the designated time limit. See Individual Notice of Race for time limits and extensions applicable to each race

### 28. Withdrawals

Boats that start and choose not to finish must notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity (via VHF CH 72 or in person) before leaving the course. Boats that do not comply will be scored “DSQ” instead of “DNF”.

### 29. Communications

In fairness to all competitors, the Race Committee is not required to answer any hail from contestants, but will monitor VHF Channel 72 for emergencies or unofficial communications.

### **30. Protests**

Protests will be processed in accordance with RRS Rules 60-66. For convenience, when no serious damage is caused, the 720° Turns Penalty described in RRS Rule 44 may be used for purposes of exoneration. To comply with the Penalty, a boat acknowledging a right-of-way infringement must sail clear of other yachts as soon as possible after the incident and complete her required turns as prescribed in RRS Rule 44.

During a race, a sailboat intending to protest another boat shall conspicuously display Code Flag "B" or a red rectangular flag. Either flag is acceptable, regardless of any alteration to this rule made in the sailing instructions. The flag shall be displayed at the first reasonable opportunity, which normally is immediately after the incident. The protesting boat must also hail its intention at the first reasonable opportunity after the infraction and comply with the provisions of RRS Rule 61. The Race Committee Boat must be notified of the protest on completion of the race. Protest must be delivered in writing to the Sloop Tavern within 2 hours after finishing. It is each skipper's responsibility to respond to a protest in person at the time and place specified on the club board at the Sloop Tavern.

The Race Committee may disqualify sailboats without protest for infringement of these General Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race. (Amends RRS Rule 63.1).

### **31. Scoring**

- Corrected times will be calculated using the time-on-distance method, unless the specific sailing instructions specifies another method.
- The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Boats that are OCS, did not finish, retire, RAF, or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus one. Boats that do not start will score points equal to the number of boats that finish in their class in that race plus two. (Amends RRS A4.2 and A9).
- If a race in a series is canceled or abandoned, it will not be included in the series scoring.
- If there are five (or more) races in a series, there shall be one throw out.

## Trophies

Only properly registered boats will be recorded in the race results. The boats will be competing for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place division trophies. There may also be recognition for 1<sup>st</sup> Overall in NFS and FS divisions when applicable

Trophy presentations will be made at the Sloop Tavern at 1900 on the day of the race or as otherwise specified in the Notice of Race, subject to timely completion of any protest hearings.

Ballard Cup Race awards will be given nightly; series trophies will be presented at the Sloop Tavern the evening of the last race of the series.

### Commodore's Cup Trophy

The Commodore's Cup Trophy is awarded at the end of each year to an STYC member as follows:

<b>Iceberg Race</b>	<b>Three Buoy Fiasco</b>
<b>Blakely Rock</b>	<b>Down the Sound</b>
<b>Race to the Straits</b>	<b>Single-Handed Race</b>
<b>Ballard Cup I</b>	<b>J &amp; J Race</b>
<b>Ballard Cup II</b>	<b>Fall Regatta</b>
<b>Ballard Cup III</b>	

- a. The Boat 's best five scores from the STYC races listed above will be used. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. If no boat finishes five races, then the best four races will be used, then three, etc.
- b. For each race in each class, 1<sup>st</sup> place will be awarded 1 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points, etc. In the event of a tie for any place, the points of the consecutive places will be added and then divided by the number of boats tied. For example, if two boats tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup> place points (1) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place points (2) will be added and then divided by 2 giving each boat 1.5 points. The boat's best five races will be added together, and the boat with the lowest cumulative points wins.
- c. Boats scored as either DNC or DNS will not be included in the scoring.
- d. If there is a series score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used. ( ISAF Racing Rule A 8.1).
- e. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of each boats score in each boats non throw out last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.
- f. If still tied the above criteria will be used for the best six races, then seven, etc.
- g. If still tied, the lowest cumulative corrected time for all five races shall win.
- h. A sailboat serving as Race Committee Boat for any single race in this series will be given a score equal to the average finish for that boat in the remaining four best races in the series.
- i. The Commodore's Cup Award will be presented at the annual Year-End Party.



# COURSE MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- B Ballard Sails Buoy, a 3.5-ft. high White Buoy located Southwest of the Ship Canal entrance, near the shore at Discovery Park (47° 40.285, 122°25.342). This is the old South Hamburger location.
  - D Duwamish Head (47° 35.933, 122° 23.267).
  - E Outer-most Green Ship Canal entrance buoy (47° 40.768, 122°24.897)
  - H Halverson Buoy, located approx. 0.5nm Northwest from the entrance to Port Madison (47° 42.698, 122°32.031)
  - I Blake Island, (47°31.600, 122° 30.000).
  - J Pt. Jefferson: Temporary mark located near Pt. Jefferson in 35 ft. of water at low-low tide (47° 44.755, 122° 28.38).
  - K Blakely Rock: (47° 35.700, 122°28.800).
  - M Meadow Pt. Buoy (47°41.783, 122° 24.583).
  - N Round metal ball with flag located near the North end of Shilshole Breakwater (47° 41.064, 122 24.679), in 87 feet of water. This is the near old North Hamburger location.
  - O Temporary mark located North of Point Monroe, in approx. 90 feet of water (47° 42.600, 122 30.450).
  - R Spring Beach: A 3.5-ft. high White Buoy located in 40 ft. of water in the vicinity of Spring Beach, approximately 2 nm N of Meadow Pt. (47° 44.387, 122 ° 22.944 W). A railroad block signal is located at Spring Beach.
  - S Skiff Point: Temporary mark located in 60 ft. of water, approx. 0.18 nm E of Skiff Point (47° 39.720, 122 ° 29.790). WARNING: It get shallow West of the Mark.
  - U Richmond Beach, UW Research Buoy NPB-1 ([www.nanoos.org/data/products/npb/npb-1/overview.php](http://www.nanoos.org/data/products/npb/npb-1/overview.php)), located at (47° 45.676, 122° 23.833).
  - W West Pt. Buoy (47°39.617, 122° 26.467).
- 2 or 3 This indicates a multi-lap course. Sail the course as many times as is indicated by the number, crossing the finishing line at the completion of each lap.

See chartlet opposite; not intended for use in navigation

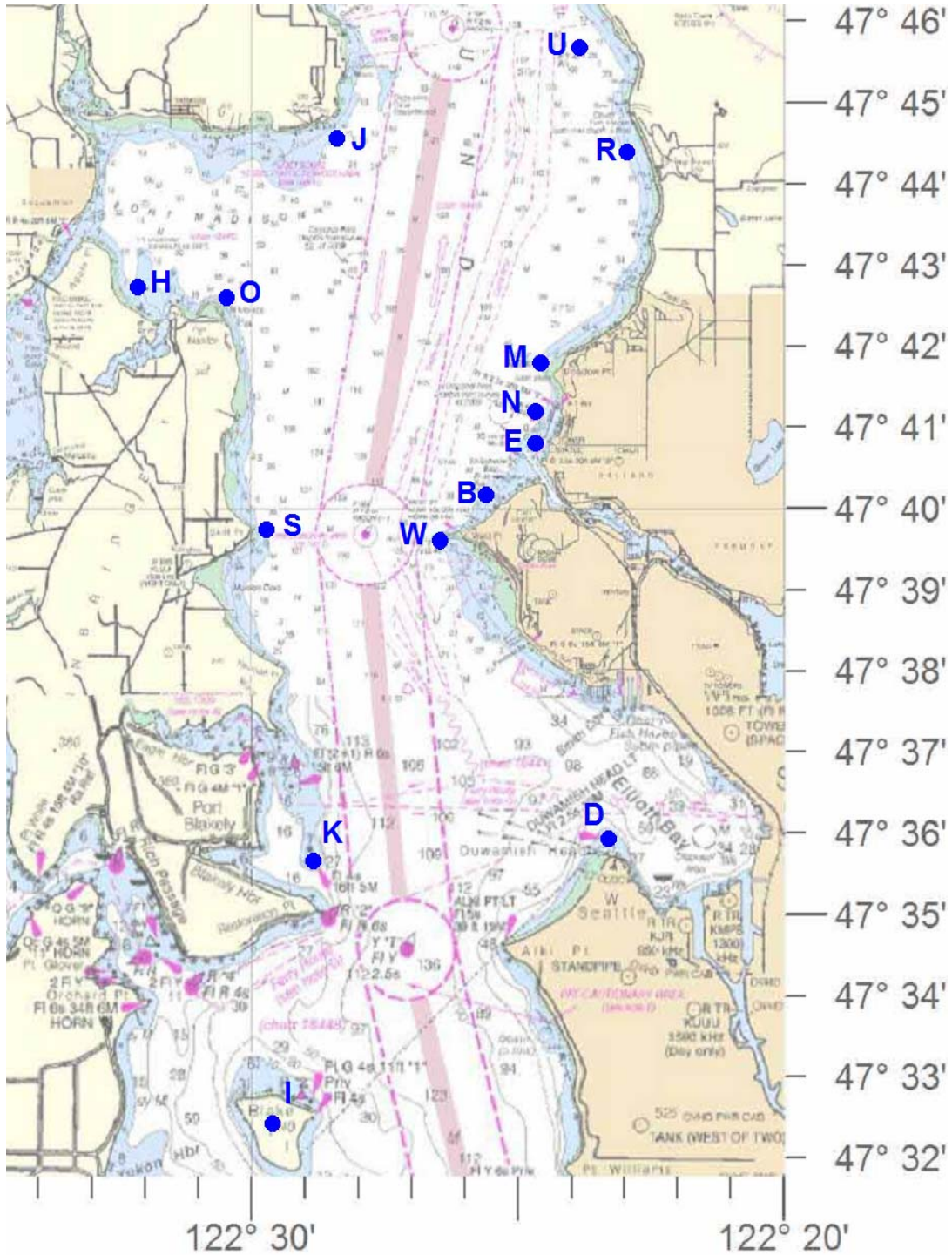
## Mark-to-Mark Distance Matrix

(last updated 6/11/2017)

	B	D	E	H	I	J	K	M	N	O	R	S	U	W
B	*	5.142	0.568	5.171	9.325	4.915	5.193	1.583	0.898	4.145	4.408	3.048	5.486	1.010
D	5.142	*	5.702	9.218	6.283	9.538	3.738	6.668	6.026	8.238	9.506	5.822	10.627	4.269
E	0.568	5.702	*	5.204	9.886	4.625	5.753	1.037	0.330	4.162	3.853	3.458	4.960	1.563
H	5.171	9.218	5.204	*	12.218	3.203	7.913	5.095	5.226	1.068	6.342	3.830	6.266	5.007
I	9.325	6.283	9.886	12.218	*	13.322	4.318	10.852	10.209	11.297	13.689	8.470	14.677	8.365
J	4.915	9.538	4.625	3.203	13.322	*	9.059	3.919	4.452	2.566	3.674	5.124	3.193	5.297
K	5.193	3.738	5.753	7.913	4.318	9.059	*	6.719	6.077	6.992	9.542	4.166	10.522	4.221
M	1.583	6.668	1.037	5.095	10.852	3.919	6.719	*	0.722	4.032	2.828	4.068	3.926	2.510
N	0.898	6.026	0.330	5.226	10.209	4.452	6.077	0.722	*	4.177	3.530	3.695	4.647	1.882
O	4.145	8.238	4.162	1.068	11.297	2.566	6.992	4.032	4.177	*	5.356	2.914	5.410	4.011
R	4.408	9.506	3.853	6.342	13.689	3.674	9.542	2.828	3.530	5.356	*	6.558	1.421	5.327
S	3.048	5.822	3.458	3.830	8.470	5.124	4.166	4.068	3.695	2.914	6.558	*	7.179	2.240
U	5.486	10.627	4.960	6.266	14.677	3.193	10.522	3.926	4.647	5.410	1.421	7.179	*	6.313
W	1.010	4.269	1.563	5.007	8.365	5.297	4.221	2.510	1.882	4.011	5.327	2.240	6.313	*

# MARK LOCATIONS

(See list of mark descriptions, prior page)



## SPECIAL SAILBOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS OF PUGET SOUND

2002 Revision

As adopted by the Shilshole Bay, Sloop Tavern, Corinthian, and Seattle Yacht Clubs

We must share Puget Sound with its commercial traffic, including many deep-water vessels and tows. It is sobering to note that, if your boat is one mile dead-ahead of a freighter coming down the Sound at normal speed, and the freighter's helm is put hard over to avoid you, the freighter's bow will miss you, but her stern will not. Obviously, this implies that early and decisive action is required to keep your boat out of the path of a large oncoming vessel or tow.

1. Yachts must not sail across a tow line, too close ahead, or too close alongside of commercial traffic. Deep water vessels have limited ability to change course and speed. Barges under tow can yaw unexpectedly well out to the side at speeds essentially the same as they are being towed. Yachts should not pass less than one mile ahead and 1/4 mile to the side of large vessels.
2. Rule 10 of the International and Inland Rules to Prevent Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) requires that no power-driven vessel less than 20 meters (66 feet) in length, and no sailing vessel (of any size) may impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a Vessel Traffic System (VTS) Lane.
3. Rule 9 of the COLREGS requires that no power vessel of less than 20 meters (66 feet) in length and no sailing vessel (of any length) shall impede the safe passage of any vessel which can navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Puget Sound can be considered a "narrow channel" for most large commercial traffic. "Impede" means to cause to alter speed or course or to take evasive action.
4. A yacht in position where it may impede commercial traffic must exit from the "danger area" immediately, under auxiliary power if necessary. If power is used, it must be reported to the Race Committee at the finish line. Also, a written report must be made on a protest form, showing the location, time, duration of power use, speed, direction of exit, and that the competitive position of the yacht was not improved. If the last item cannot be demonstrated adequately, a time penalty may be imposed.
5. Radar reflectors must be flown at all times when racing. A radar reflector, all metal, of the triplaner corner reflector type, each plane at least 12" square or 12 ½ inches diameter to be carried at least 13 feet (4 meters) above the waterline. Other types of reflectors may be used provided that it has been demonstrated that they are effective under all conditions.
6. Navigation lights must be shown between sunset and sunrise as required by the International Rules of the Road.

Observed and/or reported violations of the safety regulations may be protested. The Race Committee shall have the option of issuing a "warning" when deemed appropriate. Warnings are recorded and may be considered when judging any future reports.

**ABOVE ALL, THE SKIPPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CREW AND BOAT.**

# COLREGS RULE 10\*

1. A vessel shall, so far as practicable, avoid crossing traffic lanes but, if obliged to do so, shall cross on a heading as nearly as practicable at right angles to the general direction of traffic flow. (*Why Do This?* Not only will this practice result in a faster crossing of the traffic lanes, but will reduce the amount of time of exposure to large vessels operating in the traffic lanes....Crossing at right angles will also make you much more easily detectable both visually and by radar....)
2. A vessel other than a crossing vessel or a vessel joining or leaving a lane shall not normally enter a separation zone. (*Why?* Separation Zones provide areas where a vessel can "bail out" in the event of an emergency. Furthermore, fishing vessels, particularly in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, have a tendency to fish in these "medians".)
3. A vessel not using a TSS [Traffic Separating Scheme] shall avoid it by as wide a margin as possible. (*Why?* Recreational boats are more maneuverable than a large vessel or a tug and tow. These vessels rely on the predictability of the traffic flow....)
4. Vessels, when leaving or joining traffic lanes, shall do so at as small an angle to the general direction of traffic flow as practicable. (*Why?* This allows vessels to safely "merge" with existing traffic in the lanes and minimizes disruptions to existing traffic flow....)
5. A vessel of less than 20 meters (66 feet), or a sailing vessel, shall not impede safe passage of a power driven vessel following a traffic lane. A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of a vessel following a traffic lane. **NOTE: "Shall not impede"** means a vessel must not navigate in such a way as to risk the development of a collision with another vessel (i.e. when a vessel following a TSS is forced to make an unusual or dangerous maneuver in order to avoid one of the vessels listed above, then the vessel following the TSS has been impeded.)
6. All vessels are required to keep the center of the precautionary area to port. **NOTE:** A Precautionary area is usually marked by a yellow-lighted buoy and is clearly marked on all nautical charts. (*Why?* This is an area where vessels following the TSS are negotiating course changes and where other vessels join or depart the TSS, therefore, all mariners must exercise caution....)

**NOTE: Failure to comply with these regulations could create an unsafe navigational situation and may result in a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.**

\*Taken from USCG, "A Recreational Boater's Informational Guide to Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service," January 1995.

# COMMENTS

*Following are some problems that seem to plague STYC races every year with some suggestions to make your sailing a little safer and much more satisfying.*

This is a unique sport in which the competitors are responsible for being their own referees, umpires, and traffic cops! Initially, the STYC had very few rules. However, with the increasing number of sailboats and the potential for serious damage, we now have rules and hear protests. The intent of the rules is to prevent collisions and provide a safe environment for competitors. The protest process assures that the rules are followed. As a skipper participating in racing, it is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the rules.

The STYC GSI provide for acknowledgment of a violation of the rules of "When Boats Meet" (Part 2, ISFA Racing Rules of Sailing) by immediately sailing clear and doing two full turns (720 ° including 2 tacks and 2 gybes as per Rule 44.2) in the same direction. However, a competitor who causes serious damage or gains a significant advantage is required to retire (RRS Rule 44.1).

We strongly encourage this alternative penalty in lieu of a protest hearing. It keeps boats racing. However, if the offending boat does not respond to your hail, you do have the option of filing a formal protest in accordance with RRS Rule 61. If you pursue this avenue, keep in mind the following:

1. You must fly a red protest flag *as soon as possible* and hail the offending boat, saying "Protest" loudly. If you don't own a red flag, buy one or make one. (Code Flag "B" is always acceptable.) If you fly a red object other than a flag, your intention to protest may not be understood and is not valid.
2. You are responsible for notifying the Race Committee Boat of your protest at the time of your finish; for providing the boat name and sail number of the boat being protested; and for filing a written protest on time at the Sloop Tavern.
3. The other boat may file a counter protest.
4. You must attend the Protest Hearing on time: bring all your witnesses with you. Protest times/locations will be posted at the Sloop Tavern following filing.
5. You may lose your protest or the other boat's counter protest may prevail.
6. The race awards may be delayed, frustrating lots of anxious Club members.

If you hit a mark, the rules require you to sail clear of the mark and do *one* full turn (instead of two) as described above to exonerate yourself. You have no rights, and you **MUST** get out of the way of other boats before starting your turns. However, given the rather unforgiving nature of STYC marks, the best advice is to allow plenty of room for rounding in the first place!

Avoid port-tacking the start unless you are very late, or you are the only boat in your division. In any event, make sure your insurance is paid up!

In NFS classes, they must lower one sail onto the deck before hoisting another *on the same stay*.

You can sail in and out of your slip if you care to ignore Shilshole's rules but you must have an installed motor that works in order to race in STYC events.

Respect tonnage. Don't push your "rights" with a freighter, a ferry, or any commercial traffic. *Know Rule 10 of the ColRegs intimately* (see prior section).








If you are fortunate enough to have boats starting ahead of you, use them to help you understand Shilshole Bay's "weak and variable" currents – especially in the vicinity of the Ship Canal, Meadow Point, and West Point. Those boats ahead of you are also a very accurate wind indicator. Are they going faster or sailing higher? Would you rather be where they are?
















Puget Sound is very forgiving; you can usually navigate close to most shorelines without much trouble. However, unless you are planning an unscheduled bottom cleaning, pay particular attention to the tide level when sailing near Meadow Pt., West Pt., the sand bar near Eagle Harbor, and Blakely Rock (some boats find the submerged rocks every year).


If the wind gods fail you and discretion causes you to withdraw from a race, notify the Race Committee boat so they won't worry about you or disqualify you for failure to notify them of your withdrawal.

STYC's race entry form requires you to have valid insurance; don't race without it. The form also asks that you monitor VHF Channel 14 when in or near the shipping lanes. This will not only help you make more informed tactical decisions regarding commercial traffic; it could also help to ensure your boat's safety.

# FLAGS

		Race Signals	
	<b>P</b> <i>Preparatory</i>		<b>AP</b> <i>Postponement</i>
	<b>S</b> <i>Short Course</i>		<b>N</b> <i>Abandonment</i>
	<b>X</b> <i>Recall</i> <i>(Over Early)</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Substitute</b> <i>General Recall</i>

		Example Starting Sequence	
<i>Time</i>		<i>*Signal</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
10:55			<i>Class 1: Warning Signal</i>
10:56			<i>Class 1: Preparatory Signal</i>
10:59			<i>Class 1: Prep Signal Lowered</i>
11:00			<i>Class 1: Start Signal Lowered &amp; Class 2: Warning Signal Raised</i>
11:01			<i>Class 2: Preparatory Signal</i>
11:04			<i>Class 2: Prep Signal Lowered</i>
11:05			<i>Class 2: Start Signal Lowered &amp; Class 3: Warning Signal Raised</i>
11:06			<i>Class 3: Preparatory Signal</i>
11:09			<i>Class 3: Prep Signal Lowered</i>
11:10			<i>Class 3: Start Signal Lowered &amp; Class 4: Warning Signal Raised</i>
<b><i>*All signal changes are accompanied by a single sound signal</i></b>			

	Numeric Pennants			
	1			11
	2			12
	3			13
	4			14
	5			15
	6			16
	7			17
	8			18
	9			19
	10			20



# **APPENDIX A**

## **SLOOP TAVERN YACHT CLUB**

### **NOTICES OF RACE**

# NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

## ICEBERG RACE

Saturday, January 21, 2017

- 1. Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). See the GSI for late entry policy. Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$25 entry fee with the completed entry form. ***Non members who join STYC during this calendar year shall have this race fee applied against the initiation fee for membership.***
- 3. Divisions and Starting Times:** This race will have FS and NFS divisions. Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start is 1100. ***Entries must clearly specify whether the boat will race in FS or NFS Divisions. In the absence of a specific election on the Entry form, boats will be assumed to be racing in the NFS Divisions.***
- 4. Race Distance and Course:** The full course is 14.210 nautical miles. The Race Committee boat may signal a short course before the start of the race in accordance with the GSI. The short course is 6.464 nm. (North wind) and 8.784 nm (South wind). The courses are as follow:

Long:	North wind (all marks to port):	N R S W N
	South wind (all marks to starboard):	N W S R N
Short:	North wind (all marks to port):	N M W M N
	South wind (all marks to starboard):	N W M W N
- 5. Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 6.0 hours. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements and time extensions.
- 6. Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Sloop Tavern at 0930 on race day. Copies of the GSI will be available for non-members.
- 7. Awards:** Trophies will be presented at 1900 on the Saturday of the race at the Sloop Tavern (pending protest hearings).

**NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions**  
**BLAKELY ROCK**  
**BENEFIT RACE**



**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). There is an entry fee of \$45.00 for **all** yachts payable with the completed race entry form. **See the GSI for late entry policy.**
3. **Divisions and Starting Times:** This race will have FS and NFS divisions. Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start is 1100. **Entries must clearly specify whether the boat will race in FS or NFS Divisions. In the absence of a specific election on the Entry form, boats will be assumed to be racing in the NFS Divisions.**
4. **Race Distance and Course:** The course is 13.518 nautical miles and will be as follows:

North wind (all marks to port):	N M K N
South wind (all marks to starboard):	N K M N

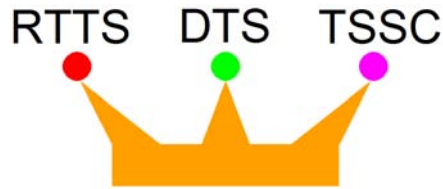
***There is no provision for a short course.***
5. **Time Limit:** The time limit is 6.0 hours. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements and time extensions.
6. **Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Sloop Tavern at 0930 on race day. Copies of the STYC General Sailing Instructions will be available for non-members.
7. **Breakfast:** A traditional breakfast will be served starting at 07:00. Raffle tickets and T-Shirts will be available.
8. **Awards:** Trophy presentation and Raffle will start at 1900 on the Saturday of the race at the Sloop Tavern (pending protest hearings). Entrants that are current PHRF members and place 1<sup>st</sup> in class become eligible to participate in Seattle Yacht Club's Grand Prix Regatta in the fall. The Roland Littlefield Church Performance Trophy (FS & NFS) will be awarded to the boat that won his class by the biggest amount (corrected).

# NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions BALLARD CUP

**SERIES #1** (4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22)  
**SERIES #2** (6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/17)  
**SERIES #3** (7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21)  
Three 5-Race Monday night Series



- Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions available on the STYC website.
- Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** Races are open to those with PHRF or STYC ratings. This series is free to STYC Voting members. STYC Associate members pay an entry fee of \$15 per 5-race series, and all others pay \$25 per 5-race series.
  - All entries must be received at the Sloop Tavern no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before any race of the series. If you enter the series after the first race, you will be scored DNC for the races that you missed.
  - Complete a separate entry form for each series, but entries for all series may be turned in at any time.**
  - The newly adopted ISAF Regulation 21.2.1(h) requires, in essence, that anyone competing in any sailing event governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing must be a member of a Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations, such as a sailing club that is a member of US SAILING. In the US, this International Sailing Federation regulation will not be enforced. **The Ballard Cup Series I, II, and III will be sailed according to this US prescription. Crew are not required to be members of a yacht club for the boat to race.**
  - Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
- Divisions and Starting Times:** This series will have FS and NFS divisions. More than two multihulls will have a separate start. Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 20:00 the Friday before the first race. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start is scheduled for 18:15. This means the first warning will be at 18:10. **Entries must clearly specify whether the boat will race in FS or NFS Divisions.** In the absence of a specific election on the Entry Form, boats will be assumed to be racing in the NFS Divisions.
- Race Distance and Course:** The course will be indicated by any combination **N B E M R W 2** mark letters on the course side of the Race Committee boat. See the GSI for a description of the letters and distance between marks.
- Starting Sequence and Time Limit:** The time limit for each series is listed below. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.
  - Series 1 20:30
  - Series 2 21:00
  - Series 3 20:30
- Skippers' Meeting:** There is no Skippers' Meeting for these series. Skippers are responsible to check for any changes posted on the board at the Sloop Tavern or on the STYC website.
- Race Committee Boat Duty:** A sailboat which serves as Race Committee Boat or whose crewmembers (some or all) serve as race committee volunteers and does not compete for that single race of the series will be awarded a score equal to the average finish for that sailboat in all the other races of the series. There is no penalty for volunteering as race committee volunteers! Please do your share!
- Race Results and Awards:** Race results and awards will be presented as soon as possible after each race at the Sloop Tavern, pending protests. Trophies for the series will be presented at the Sloop Tavern as soon as possible the night of the last race of each series. Ballard cup stickers will be presented after each race.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Gold sticker)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Silver sticker)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Bronze sticker)



## NOTICE OF RACE TRIPLE SOUND SERIES

(A Short Handed Sailing Series)

**1. Rules:** These races are governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.

**Race to the Straits (RTTS)**

**Down the Sound (DTS)**

**J & J Race**

**2. Eligibility:** These races are open to STYC members and non-members.

**3. Divisions and Starting Times:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

**4. Safety Inspections:** Any vessels can be inspected by the Race Committee or its representatives for compliance with the published safety requirements.

**5. Scoring:** The scoring system for the Triple Sound Short-Handed Sailing Series overall trophies is as follows:

- For each boat in each division (SHFS, DHNFS, DHFS, MULT, etc.) a score will be assigned.
- The score will be a percentage of how you did in your division. 100 for 1st place, and 50 for middle of the pack. The score will be  $100 * (N - P + 1) / N$ , where N is the number of starters in each division, and P is the place in division.
- If the division score is a tie, the average of the tied boats will be used.
- The score for all three races will be added together, and the largest number wins.
- You must start in all three races to be scored for division overall.

**6. Awards:** Individual class trophies will be awarded per the specific race instructions for each *event*. *Overall series trophies will be awarded for each division.*

# NOTICE OF RACE

## RACE TO THE STRAITS



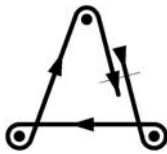
**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), the Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. The entry fee for this race is \$130 for double handed, and \$105 for single handed. The entry fee includes the race registration, moorage, and party tickets. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
3. **Divisions and Starting Times:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
4. **Race Distance and Course:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
5. **Time Limit:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
6. **Skippers' Meeting:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
7. **Awards:** Special awards will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting; award times will be announced in the Sailing Instructions. There will be additional awards for Jack and Jill competitors.
8. **Safety Requirements:** ISAF Category 5 – All crew must wear PFDs; in addition, single-handed skippers must wear a safety harness with tether at all times.

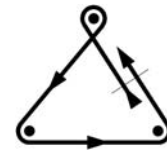
Race entry forms and Sailing Instructions are available on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

Race entry forms along with \$50 are due at the Sloop Tavern by 6 PM on the Wednesday before the race.

A Skipper's Meeting will be held on the Friday night before the race. See STYC website for time and location.



## NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions THREE BUOY FIASCO



**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

1. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. Entries must be *received* at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$25 entry fee with the completed entry form.. See the GSI for late entry policy.
2. **Divisions:** This race will have FS, NFS, and cruising divisions. Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race.  
Divisions are defined as follows:  
FS = Boats with active PHRF/Club rating and wish to fly spinnakers  
NFS = Boats with active PHRF/Club rating and will not fly spinnakers  
Cruising = Boats with a provisional racing rating. (spinnakers allowed if rated accordingly)
3. **Starting:** This race will have a pursuit start where each boat will be assigned a GPS start time based on their PHRF rating. Start times will be listed with the Class breaks on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race.

**GPS time is your official start time. The Race Committee will make no sound or flag signals during the start sequence except for OCS or delays.** All boats, regardless of division or class will start in reverse order based on the Time on Distance handicapping method. Example: The slowest rated boat(s) will start first and the fastest rated boat(s) will start last. Approximate start times are listed below.

PHRF RATING	START TIME
0	10:56:05
60	10:42:37
120	10:29:10
180	10:15:42
250	10:00:00

4. **Delayed Start:** If the Race Committee does not start the race as scheduled, the Answering Pennant (AP) accompanied by two sound signals will signal the delay. A numeric pennant showing the number of the delay will be displayed in addition to the Answering Pennant (AP). Each delay will last for 30 minutes. For instance "AP" and the code pennant "1" delays the start by 30 minutes. "AP" and the code pennant "2" delays the start by 60 minutes. In the case of a delay, all competitors are responsible for adjusting their individual starting times. Once the race sequence has been started, there will be NO postponements for any reason. There shall be only a maximum of two 30-minute postponements of the starting sequence, after which the starting sequence shall commence.
5. **Race Distance and Course:** This race will use the three marks shown below. You may round the marks in any order, and in either direction. The Start/Finish Mark **N** will be a permanent mooring buoy located near the N end of Shilshole Breakwater (47°41.064, 122° 24.679), and the start and finish lines may be crossed in either direction. For the purpose of calculating individual start times the course length is 13.460 nautical miles. There is no provision for shortening the course.
  - **S** Skiff Point: Temporary mark located in 60 ft. of water, approx. 0.18 nm E of Skiff Point (47° 39.720, 122° 29.790). WARNING: It get shallow West of the Mark.
  - **J** Pt. Jefferson: Temporary mark located near Pt. Jefferson in 35 ft. of water at low-low tide (47° 44.755, 122° 28.38).
  - **M** Meadow Pt. Buoy (47°41.783, 122° 24.583)
6. **Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 1600 (with no exceptions).
7. **Skippers' Meeting:** See [www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org) for details.

8. **Awards:** Party & Trophies will be immediately following sailing on the day of the race. See [www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org) for details.
9. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.

See below for two GSI rules deserving special note. These are being clearly raised for our guests, full set of the GSI's can be found at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

GSI # 15. Ship Canal restricted area:

Sailboats may not sail inside the Ship Canal area as defined by the following three lines:

- a. From the south end of the Shilshole breakwater northwestward to buoy C "1" (Green Can #1);
- b. From buoy C "1" southwestward to buoy N "2" (Red Nun #2);
- c. From buoy N "2" southeastward to buoy N "4".

These buoys are located approximately 0.25 miles SE of the red and white Ballard Blinker Buoy. A boat that enters this area may not correct her error, and will be scored DSQ. (This amends RRS Rule 28.1.) This area ranks as an obstruction.

GSI # 18. Starting and finishing:

The start line is between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the pin end of the line. After starting, boats may not pass between the Race Committee Boat and the pin except when finishing or when specifically directed to do so by the individual Notice of Race.

10. **Communication:** The committee boat will monitor channel 72. The US Coast Guard also requests sailors to monitor channel 14 while near or crossing the VTS lanes.



NOTICE OF RACE  
TAKE-YOUR-TIME FRIDAYS

# Take Your Time Friday's

Every Friday in June, and July



## Golf Handicap Racing Fleet



This is a very informal series of races on Friday nights.

There will be no protesting, no yelling, and no contact between boats. Boats of a greater sailing ability are required to go out of their way to avoid boats of a lesser ability.

See [www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org) for details.

The CYC clubhouse will be open after each race of this series.

These races will be scored using the new GHRF (Golf Handicap Racing Fleet) scoring system. This system is still under development, and may change at any time. Basically it is the normal PHRF (Time on Distance) scoring, except your rating will change after every race. The first place boats will see their rating decrease, while the last place boats will see their rating increase. Adjustments to your GHRF rating will be made weekly at the discretion of the race committee. Your new rating will be posted online by 1:00PM the Friday of the next race.

# NOTICE OF RACE DOWN THE SOUND



**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), the Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. The entry fee for this race is \$50. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
3. **Divisions and Starting Times:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
4. **Race Distance and Course:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
5. **Time Limit:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
6. **Skippers' Meeting:** See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).
7. **Awards:** Special awards will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting; award times will be announced in the Sailing Instructions. There will be additional awards for Jack and Jill competitors.
8. **Safety Requirements:** ISAF Category 5 – All crew must wear PFDs; in addition, single-handed skippers must wear a safety harness with tether at all times.

Race entry forms and Sailing Instructions are available on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)).

Race entry forms along with \$50 are due at the Sloop Tavern by 6 PM on the Wednesday before the race.

A Skipper's Meeting will be held on the Friday night before the race. See STYC website for time and location.

# NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

## SINGLE-HANDED RACE

Saturday, August 26, 2017

- Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.
- Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$25 entry fee with the completed entry form. See the GSI for late entry policy.
- Divisions and Starting Times:** This race will have FS and NFS divisions. Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race.
- Starting: GPS time is your official start time. The Race Committee will make no sound or flag signals during the start sequence except for OCS or delays.** All boats, regardless of division or class will start in reverse order based on the Time on Distance handicapping method. Example: The slowest rated boat(s) will start first and the fastest rated boat(s) will start last. Approximate start times are listed below.

PHRF RATING	START TIME
0	11:44:45 am
60	11:34:00 am
120	11:23:16 am
180	11:12:32 am
250	11:00:00 am

A Race Roster showing the exact starting times and racing class for each boat will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting, and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race.

- Race Distance and Course:** The full course is 10.739 nautical miles as follows:

North wind (all marks to port): N R W N  
South wind (all marks to starboard): N W R N

The course may be shortened at any mark in accordance with the STYC GSI. If a short course is signaled *before* the start, the course will consist of 2 laps, each 5.114 nm. If a sound signal is given on completion of lap one, the race is finished. If no signal is given, proceed to the second lap. Times will be taken at the end of lap one, which the RC Committee may opt to use in the event of dying winds in lap 2. The short course will be as follows:

North wind (all marks to port): N M W N  
South wind (all marks to starboard): N W M N

- Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 1700 hours, there are no exceptions.
- Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Sloop Tavern at 0930 on race day. Copies of the GSI will be available for non-members.
- Awards:** Trophies will be presented at 1900 on the day of the race at the Sloop Tavern (pending protest hearings).
- Special Rules:** *All competitors must wear a safety harness with tether and personal flotation device while racing. Self-steering devices are allowed for this race..*

# NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

## J & J Race

(formerly the Jack & Jill Race)



(Part of the Triple Sound Series)

This is a double handed or single Handed race.

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

- 1. Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. This race will have both double handed and single handed classes. Double handed boats may consist of any any two crew members (Male or Female). If your crew consists of one Male and one Female crew, this race will count as part of the Seattle Jack and Jill Series. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$25 entry fee with the completed entry form.
- 3. Divisions and Starting Times:** *Entries not clearly specifying FS or NFS will be assumed to be NFS.* Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start is 1100.
- 4. Race Distance and Course:** The full course is 13.848 nautical miles as follows:  
North wind (all marks to port): N R W M B N  
South wind (all marks to starboard): N B M W R N  
The Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark in accordance with the STYC GSI. If a short course is signaled **before** the start, the course will consist of 2 laps, each 5.114 nm. If a sound signal is given on completion of lap one, the race is finished. If no signal is given, proceed to the second lap. Times will be taken at the end of lap one, which the Race Committee may opt to use in the event of dying winds in lap 2. The short course will be as follows:  
North wind (all marks to port): N M W N 2  
South wind (all marks to starboard): N W M N 2
- 5. Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 6.0 hours. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements and time extensions.
- 6. Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Sloop Tavern at 0930 on race day. Copies of the GSI will be available for non-members.
- 7. Awards:** Party & Trophies will be at 1900 on the day of the race. See [www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org) for details. STYC will provide BBQ & Keg.

# NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

## RACE YOUR HOUSE

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 1. Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to all seaworthy sailboats used by the owner as the principal place of residence (Live-aboards only!). It is not necessary that you be a member of STYC or any organized yacht club. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). An entry fee will not be required for participation in this event.
- 3. Handicaps:** Boats not in possession of a current PHRF handicap will be provided a provisional rating established by our STYC handicappers. Rating will be determined on the basis of owner provided information, in compliance with PHRF rating guidelines for Cruisers, with consideration (credits) given for typical cruising equipment and current sail and bottom condition.
- 4. Technical assistance:** In order to support this event, and enhance the experience for participants, STYC will make available upon request, volunteer technical consultation that can be used during preparations and/or the actual race. Skippers desiring this complimentary assistance should indicate their desire at the time of race registration. Inquiries can also be made via [www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)
- 5. Divisions and Starting Times:** *Entries not clearly specifying FS or NFS will be assumed to be NFS.* Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. **The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start time is 1100 hrs.**
- 6. Race Format and Course:** This race will use a short weather leg, followed by a series of off wind courses, and completing at the same location started. Approximate distance is 12nm. There will be provision for shortened course, which will be used at the discretion of the race committee, based on weather conditions. See Sailing Instructions and Race Information on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org))
- 7. Time Limit:** The time limit is six hours. The time limit will be extended by an additional 30 minutes for all remaining boats in a division when the first boat in the division finishes within the six hour time limit.
- 8. Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Ballard VFW Post (2812 NW Market St., just East of the Sloop) at **1900 hrs on the Friday**, prior to race day. Copies of specific sailing instructions, course chartlet, and division breaks will be available at this time. The skippers' meeting will be preceded by a cocktail hour and get acquainted session starting at 1800, and followed by a party sponsored by the Washington Liveaboard Association- Shilshole branch.
- 9. Awards:** Trophies will be presented at 1900 on the day of the race at the Sloop Tavern.

## NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

### FALL REGATTA

Sunday, October 22, 2017

10. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and this Notice of Race.
11. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members and non-members. Entries must be **received** at the Sloop Tavern or on the website, no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. Entry forms are available at ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)). Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$25 entry fee with the completed entry form.
12. **Divisions and Starting Times:** *Entries not clearly specifying FS or NFS will be assumed to be NFS.* Division breaks will be posted at the Sloop Tavern and on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. ***The 1<sup>st</sup> Division start time is 1000.***
13. **Race Format and Course:** This is a multi-race event. The Race Committee will attempt to run 3 races. Courses will be run in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay between West Point and Spring Beach. Refer to course mark descriptions in the SYTC GSI's.
14. **Time Limit:** Two and one-half hours for the first boat in each class. All other boats must finish within one-half hour of the first boat to finish in the class. This changes RRS 35.
15. **Skippers' Meeting:** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Sloop Tavern at **0830** on race day. Copies of STYC GSI will be available for non-members.
16. **Awards:** Trophies will be presented at 1900 on the day of the race at the VFW hall, just East of the Sloop Tavern (pending protest hearings).