

# The Charter Of The Belt

## Preamble:

We the sailors, of the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club, in order to celebrate the victors of each Ballard Cup Race, do hereby ordain and establish this Championship Belt to be awarded, exalted, and honored in a sacred ceremony at the traditional evening post-race gathering at the Sloop Tavern. The victors shall receive the Belt with all due pride and bravado, cherish it as if it were their offspring, and ceremoniously return the Belt to the Sloop Tavern following the next Ballard Cup Race.

## Charge of the Belt:

1. At the start of the season, all classes will be added to the helmet of greatness.
2. Every Monday following Ballard Cup Racing, after all other awards have been awarded, a class will be drawn from THOG (The Helmet of Greatness) and discarded.
3. The Belt shall be awarded to the 1st place in that Class drawn from the THOG.
4. If no representative of that boat is present, it shall be awarded to the 2nd place boat.
5. If no representative of the 2nd place boat is present, it shall be awarded to 3rd place.
6. If no representative of that boat is present, another class shall be drawn from THOG and discarded. Return to Rule 3.
7. Once THOG is empty all classes will be added back in.

## Rules of THE BALLARD CUP CHAMPION BELT

1. Failure to bring the belt the following week results in a lifetime ban from the belt.
2. Failure to bring the belt will result in the current holder paying the bar tab of the new belt holders.
3. Belt may not be worn on the water after the start of the belt-holder's class.
4. No stains of any kind on the belt.
5. No modifying the belt.

6. *No bathing with the belt.*

**Other Rules of THE BELT:**

1. The belt shall not be taken more than 12 miles off-shore.
2. The belt shall not be transported above 4000 feet.
3. The belt may not leave the continental United States.
4. The belt may not be used as a flotation device; the belt does not meet USCG standards.
5. Do not feed the belt after midnight.
6. The belt can only watch PG-13 and lower content when in your possession.
7. The belt must ride shotgun and buckled or in a NHTSA approved rear facing car seat when traveling by land based vehicles.
8. The belt must be kept above sea level.
9. Do not teach the belt Spanish or Klingon.
10. The Belt may not be worn while performing any political campaign activities.
11. The Belt may not be worn during or used in the commission of Class 3 (or greater) felonies.
12. Belt may not be worn while operating heavy machinery; may cause delusions of grandeur in the wearer.
13. Consult your doctor if feelings of greatness do not dissipate within 4 hours of removing the belt.
14. All rules subject to change at any time by the Grand Belt Commissioner as-appointed annually by the Commodore.

**Other Disclaimers for Belt Usage:**

1. In an emergency the belt may be used as a signaling device.
2. The belt will not lower your cholesterol.
3. Wearing the belt does not grant the ability of flight.
4. The belt does not grant immunity to snake bites
5. The belt does not have nutritional value.
6. Belt does not grant diplomatic immunity.
7. The belt may cause diarrhea and/or constipation.