

THE PLAN AT ROCHE HARBOR

Those of you that have attended the race in past years pretty well know the lay of the land at Roche Harbor, but here is a quick overview.

You may tie up anywhere on “G” dock, please leave space on the outside for the multihulls, and the big boats. Alternatively, the old guest dock to the east has some slips. You may call in on VHF 78, if you need assistance.

Accommodations are full at Roche Harbor Resort; however they will put you on a waiting list, in case something opens up. (Like two people from the same boat made reservations.) Their number is 800-451-8910, and their website is www.rocheharbor.com

If you still are looking for somewhere to stay, there are numerous B&B’s all over the Island, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 378-5240, they can tell you what is nearby, and of course there are hotels in Friday Harbor. There are two taxi companies on San Juan 378-3550 or 378-6777

The fuel dock will stay open until 8PM, but will not be open in the morning, so if you need fuel, get it Saturday night!

Race Headquarters will be located at the Party Barge at the bottom of the ramp on the main dock. Festivities kick off around 1600, depending on finish times. We have the use of two covered 40 x 40ft floats, with side curtains and heaters! The Friday Harbor Sailing Club will be our hosts and will have 6 big BBQ grills set up for our use. FHSC will provide BBQ tools, paper plates, napkins, and utensils, coffee and hot water. Bring your own meat to grill, and side dishes as you want.

The Roche Harbor Company Store will stock up on grilling favorites and your favorite libations (and you can even put in a special pre-order, market@rocheharbor.com). The store will stay open until 8PM and reopen at 7AM Sunday. There obviously isn’t room for everyone to sit down and eat at the same time, so we expect folks to move through to accommodate others. Additionally we will have free beer and wine, which will be staggered through the evening. You may bring your own beverages, be they alcoholic or not. HOWEVER, all open containers must remain on the docks! You may not take your drinks beyond the ramp! People have been really good about this rule in the past, let’s keep it that way! Please be sure your crews understand this rule.

If you want a night out, the Roche Harbor Dining Room will be open 5PM-10PM, serving off the regular menu. Advance reservations are required by Tuesday Nov 1st 800-451-8910. Additionally, the bar will be open 5-12PM. Other options; eat aboard your own boat, or for those who have rented condos, prepare a crew meal in the unit itself. Lastly, you can catch a cab to Friday Harbor and eat at one of the many establishments in town. The Limekiln Café will open early for breakfast @ 7AM on Sunday; however it is a fairly small establishment.

Whatever you choose, please do stop by The Barge to check race results and party with the fleet! Announcements and results @ 7PM. Round the County shirts will be for sale, and there will be music.