



# Notice of Race

## 2020 Round the County

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Date and location:** Friday to Sunday, November 6-8, 2020  
Orcas Island, Washington
- Organizing Authorities:** Orcas Island Yacht Club | [oiyc.org](http://oiyc.org)  
Friday Harbor Sailing Club | [fridayharborsailing.com](http://fridayharborsailing.com)
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The Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Friday Harbor Sailing Club invite you to participate in the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Round the County sailboat race. The event will be held November 6-8, 2020 in the beautiful and challenging waters of San Juan County Washington. The race is approximately 76 miles with an overnight stop in Roche Harbor on San Juan Island. Due to the great venue, the better winds of November, and the overnight stop in Roche Harbor, the race has become one of the more popular sailing events in the Pacific Northwest.

### Coronavirus Considerations

The race organizers are continuing to monitor the Coronavirus pandemic. At the time of publishing, the U.S. / Canadian border remains closed and San Juan County is in [Washington's Phase 2](#). Therefore, we are planning to delay opening registration until October 5, one month later than normal. We expect to eliminate all formal social activities before, during and after the race and crews will be expected to adhere to the [Washington Safe Start](#) guidelines in place at the time of the event, including potentially limiting participation to no more than five crew per boat. Should Roche Harbor Marina be required to close transient moorage or operate at reduced capacity, participants should be prepared to anchor Saturday night.

## 1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1.1 Online registration opens on October 5, 2020.
- 1.2 On Friday, November 6, attend an online Skipper's Meeting at 1900.
- 1.3 Check in with the race committee starts both days at 0800 via VHF Channel 67. The first warning signal is at 0835. Please check in prior to the first warning signal.

## 2 COURSE

- 2.1 **Saturday:** Start off Lydia Shoal between the Lydia Shoal buoy and the race committee boat. Leave Blakely Island, James Island, Kellet Ledge, Davidson Rock, Colville Island, and Lopez Island to starboard. Short course finish line is from Iceberg Point on Lopez Island at [48° 25.322 N, 122° 53.656 W](#) ([48° 25' 19" N, 122° 53' 39" W](#)) on a bearing line pointing true south on longitude [122° 53.656 W](#) ([122° 53' 39" W](#)). Leave Long Island and San Juan Island to starboard. Finish off the south end of Mosquito Pass between the race committee boat and a temporary orange pyramid buoy.
- 2.2 **Sunday:** Start off the east side of Battleship Island between the race committee boat and a temporary orange pyramid buoy. Leave Danger Shoal buoy, Stuart Island, Waldron Island, Skipjack Island and Patos Island to starboard. Short course finish line is from Patos

Lighthouse at [48° 47.340` N, 122° 58.280 W \(48° 47' 20" N, 122° 58' 17" W\)](#) on a bearing line pointing true north on longitude [122° 58.280 W \(122° 58' 17" W\)](#). Leave Clements Reef Buoy, Clements Reef, Matia Island, Clark Island, Sisters and Orcas Island to starboard. Finish between the race committee boat and Lydia Shoal buoy.

### 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 The boat must have a speed equivalent to a PHRF rating of 180 or faster.
- 3.2 Boats having a speed equivalent to a PHRF rating of 1 or slower must have a current [PHRF-NW](#) certificate.
- 3.3 Boats having a speed equivalent to a PHRF rating of 0 or faster must have a current [ORC](#) certificate.
- 3.4 The owner must have third-party liability insurance for their boat, applicable for sailboat racing, having a minimum coverage of \$500,000.
- 3.5 Boats must meet the [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements \(SER\)](#) for "Nearshore," plus the following:
  - 3.5.1 SER 2.4.1 requiring lifelines. Lifelines may be either stainless steel or Dyneema. This changes SER 2.4.4.
  - 3.5.2 SER 2.7.2 requiring a mechanical means of propulsion.
  - 3.5.3 SER 3.2.1: requiring jacklines to be installed. This requirement applies to boats operating after dusk.
  - 3.5.4 SER 3.1.2 requiring all crew to wear life jackets having lights, whistles, and tethers. This requirement applies to boats operating after dusk.
  - 3.5.5 SER 3.7.1 requiring a life sling or equivalent
  - 3.5.6 SER 3.8.2 regarding GPS and MMSI be included in handheld VHF radios is recommended, but not required.
- 3.6 The owner/skipper must agree to the indemnify and hold harmless agreement and terms and conditions presented while registering online.
- 3.7 The boat will display a large sail number on either a banner or their freeboard on the side facing the finish committee when crossing finish lines.
- 3.8 The boat will have two marine VHF radios aboard, including one fixed-mount and the other a handheld kept above decks and kept on during the race.
- 3.9 The boat will have a chart plotter with appropriate charts for the area, which shows boat position data provided by a GPS receiver and can display a range bearing line using the coordinates of the short course finish lines as provided in the sailing instructions. There must be a crew member aboard who is skilled and practiced at operating that chart plotter.
- 3.10 The skipper and at least one other crew member (your radio operator) will have read the sailing instructions prior to the start of the race.

### 4 REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERING

Failure to comply with the following three rules will result in your registration being deleted.

- 4.1 The person registering must be the owner or skipper of the boat.
- 4.2 You must have a valid 2020 rating certificate in hand at the time of registration.
- 4.3 You must have a working credit card and pay online immediately when you register.

## 5 ENTRY FEE

The entry fee remains the same as 2019 at \$130 for boats under 40' and \$150 for boats 40' and over. The first 110 *completed* (meaning paid and having a valid PHRF/ORC certificate) entries will be assured a spot in the race. Additional entries will be placed on a waiting list and may be added, at the discretion of the Race Committee, to balance divisions where needed. No entries will be accepted after November 3<sup>rd</sup>. No refunds will be provided for cancellations after October 23<sup>rd</sup> unless the event is cancelled by race organizers.

## 6 FURTHER INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please see the Round the County website at [roundthecounty.com](http://roundthecounty.com) for more information and to register. You may also email the race director at [racedirector@roundthecounty.com](mailto:racedirector@roundthecounty.com).