



Notice of Race

2023 Round the County

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date and location: Friday to Sunday, November 10-12, 2023
Orcas Island, Washington

Organizing Authorities: Orcas Island Yacht Club | oiyc.org
Friday Harbor Sailing Club | fridayharborsailing.com

The Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Friday Harbor Sailing Club invite you to participate in the 35th annual Round the County sailboat race. The event will be held 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.

1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1.1 Online registration opens on **September 5, 2023**.
- 1.2 On Friday, attend the Skipper's Meeting at 1900.
- 1.3 Check in with the race committee starts both days at 0745 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 Orcas Island, Sisters, Clark Island, Matia Island, Clements Reef, Clements Reef Buoy, and Patos Island to port. Short course finish line is from Patos Lighthouse at $48^{\circ} 47.340' N, 122^{\circ} 58.280' W$ (aka $48^{\circ} 47' 20'' N, 122^{\circ} 58' 17'' W$) on a bearing line pointing true north on longitude $122^{\circ} 58.280' W$ (aka $122^{\circ} 58' 17'' W$) Leave Waldron Island, Skipjack Island, Stuart Island, and Danger Shoal buoy to port. Finish either off the northwest corner of Pearl Island or north of McCracken Point on Henry Island and east of Battleship Island, between the race committee boat and a temporary orange pyramid buoy.
- 2.2 **Sunday:** Start off the south end of Mosquito Pass. Leave San Juan Island to port. Short course finish line is from Iceberg Point on Lopez Island at $48^{\circ} 25.322' N, 122^{\circ} 53.656' W$ (aka $48^{\circ} 25' 19'' N, 122^{\circ} 53' 39'' W$) on a bearing line pointing true south on longitude $122^{\circ} 53.656' W$ (aka $122^{\circ} 53' 39'' W$). Leave Lopez Island, Davidson Rock, Kellett Ledge, James Island, Blakely Island to port. Finish between the Lydia Shoal buoy and the race committee boat, leaving the race committee boat to port.

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 PHRF-NW rating of 39 or slower (a bigger number) must enter the PHRF division. Boats having an ORC all-purpose handicap (APH) time-on-time rating of 1.165 or faster (a bigger number) must enter the ORC division. A boat meeting both conditions may enter either division (PHRF or ORC).
- 3.3 Boats entering the PHRF division must have a current [PHRF-NW](#) certificate and/or be listed on the [PHRF-NW site](#). *PHRF-BC boats must submit their current certificate to racedirector@roundthecounty.com for rating adjustment before being able to register. Please allow a minimum of five days for review.*
- 3.4 Monohull boats entering the ORC division must have a current [ORC](#) certificate. *ORC boats must submit their current certificate in PDF format to racedirector@roundthecounty.com before being able to register. Please allow a minimum of three days for processing.*
- 3.5 The owner must have third-party liability insurance for their boat, applicable for sailboat racing, having a minimum coverage of \$500,000.
- 3.6 Boats must meet the [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements \(SER\)](#) for "Nearshore," plus the following "Coastal" items:
 - 3.6.1 SER 2.4.1 requiring lifelines. Lifelines may be either stainless steel or Dyneema. This changes SER 2.4.4.
 - 3.6.2 SER 2.7.2 requiring a mechanical means of propulsion.
 - 3.6.3 SER 3.1.2 requiring all crew to wear life jackets having lights, whistles, and tethers. This requirement applies to boats operating after dusk.
 - 3.6.4 SER 3.2.1: requiring jacklines to be installed. This requirement applies to boats operating after dusk.
 - 3.6.5 SER 3.7.1 requiring a Lifesling or equivalent
 - 3.6.6 SER 3.8.2 regarding GPS and MMSI be included in handheld VHF radios is recommended, but not required.
- 3.7 [Appendix TS](#), Version 1 (November 2019), Section A (TS1) applies to the traffic separation schemes managed by Seattle Traffic and Victoria Traffic, including Rosario Strait, Strait of Juan de Fuca and approaches, Haro Strait, and Boundary Pass.
- 3.8 The owner/skipper must agree to the terms and conditions presented while registering online. The owner/skipper and each crew sailing on the boat must also electronically sign the liability waiver before racing. A preview of the liability waiver is available for review at roundthecounty.com/waiver.
- 3.9 All entrants shall be members of clubs in good standing with their respective national authorities.
- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 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.
- 3.13 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 currently valid 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 is \$120 for boats under 30', \$150 for boats 30-39' and \$180 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 or boat substitutions after registration is filled 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 or changes will be accepted after November 3rd. No refunds will be provided for cancellations after October 27th unless the event is cancelled by race organizers.

6 FURTHER INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please see the Round the County website at roundthecounty.com for more information and to register. You may also email the race director at racedirector@roundthecounty.com.