



Sailing Instructions r2.0

2024 Round the County

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date and location: Friday to Sunday, November 9-10, 2024
Orcas Island, Washington

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

1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1) On Friday, notices to competitors will be posted on the official OIYC notice board inside the OIYC clubhouse (West Sound Community Center) and on the News section of the race website at roundthecounty.com.
- 1.2) On Saturday, notices to competitors will be posted inside the tent on the party barge on the main dock at Roche Harbor and on the News section of the race website at roundthecounty.com.

2 CHANGES TO SIs

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 2000 on the day before they take effect on the notice board (see SI-1) and on the News section of the race website at roundthecounty.com.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1) The race committee will monitor and broadcast on VHF channel 67.
- 3.2) All boats should monitor channel 16 and 67 during the race.
- 3.3) Boats should also scan Seattle Traffic on channel 5a, Victoria Traffic on channel 11, and bridge-to-bridge on channel 13, especially if she is in vessel traffic lanes.
- 3.4) The race committee will not answer radio communications from contestants except for check-in, emergencies, or retirement.
- 3.5) The race committee's cell phone number is **801.784.3872** (801.PUGET-RC). In the case of emergencies or retirements and only if you are unable to reach the race committee on channel 67, you may attempt to call and/or text message. Please leave a message if you reach voicemail. Include your boat name and sail number in any voicemail or text message.
- 3.6) The race committee's email address is rc@roundthecounty.com. Include your boat name and sail number in any emails.

- 3.7) FOR SAFETY REASONS, boats that retire or do not finish by the time limit MUST contact the race committee by VHF channel 67 (and receive a reply), by phone (and leave a voicemail or text message with boat name and sail number), or by email by 1815 on each day of racing. Boats that fail to do this will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

4 CHECK-IN

- 4.1) All boats MUST check in with the race committee between 0745 and 0820 hours before the start of each day's racing.
- 4.2) Boats may check-in by hailing the race committee on VHF channel 67 with her name, division, and sail number. **After the race committee boat is anchored and displaying the Orange End of Starting Line flag**, boats may check-in by sailing past the stern of the race committee starting boat and hailing her name, division and sail number.
- 4.3) The race committee will acknowledge a check-in with the boat's name and/or sail number. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that the race committee acknowledges her check-in.

5 SAIL NUMBERS

- 5.1) If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the race committee IN WRITING (email, with an email reply from race committee is acceptable—see SI 4.6), stating her class, boat name, registered sail number, and alternate sail number prior to 0800 on Saturday. The race committee may reject any requested alternate sail number that is a duplicate of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction or is denied approval by the race committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 5.2) In addition to the requirements of the RRS Appendix G, all yachts shall display their official sail number on the lifelines or freeboard facing the race committee boat while approaching and crossing a finish line. The size characters shall be the same as required in RRS Appendix G1.2 for sail numbers.

6 DIVISIONS

The divisions are based on handicap ratings and one-design classes. The divisions may be further changed by future amendments to the Sailing Instructions in accordance with SI 2. The divisions are:

DIVISION ORC A	ORC all-purpose rating 1.28 and greater
DIVISION ORC B	ORC all-purpose rating less than 1.28
DIVISION M	All Multihulls
DIVISION 1	PHRF 39 to 67
DIVISION 2	PHRF 68 to 76
DIVISION 3	PHRF 77 to 93
DIVISION 4 (J/105)	J/105
DIVISION 5	PHRF 93 to 126
DIVISION 6	PHRF 127 to 180

7 STARTING PROCEDURES

- 7.1) Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 7.2) There may be a delay between one starting signal and the warning for the next start. This delay will be 5 minutes if possible but may be more or less as conditions require.
- 7.3) The first warning is scheduled for 0835.
- 7.4) Slower boats will start first. The starting order and division flags will be:

Code Flag ONE	Divisions 4 (J/105), 5, and 6
Code Flag TWO	Divisions 1, 2, and 3
Code Flag THREE	Divisions ORC A, ORC B, and M
- 7.5) The race committee may hail on VHF channel 67 and/or may signal with a series of short horn blasts before each warning signal.
- 7.6) If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) or RRS 30 (Starting Penalties), the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly and/or on VHF channel 67. No aspect of the hail, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear, will be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.7) A boat starting later than 30 minutes after the third (last) start will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 7.8) Boats that are not intending to start should hail and inform the race committee of their intentions so the race committee can proceed to the finishing area.
- 7.9) The race committee starting or finishing boat may maneuver to maintain position on the starting or finishing line with her engine, including while anchored.

8 FINISHING PROCEDURES

- 8.0) On Sunday, the finish is as defined in the NOR 4.2, Finish between the race committee boat and Lydia Shoal buoy. *Leave the RC boat to STARBOARD! If the RC boat is missing, record your finishing time and surrounding boats as you cross Latitude 48deg 35.973' N to the West of and within 100 yards Lydia Shoal buoy, in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34.*
- 8.1) [DP] When approaching a full-course finish line, please hail the race committee on VHF channel 67 as you approach and you believe you will be the next boat to cross the finish line. Include your boat's name, sail number, and identifying features in your hail. The race committee may or may not answer your hails or confirm your finish time depending on conditions and activity level, but they will be depending on your radio reports to correctly identify your finish. The race committee may alter this SI on the water over the radio during the finish. Please listen for such a broadcast. Failure to follow this SI, if modified, will not be grounds for protest by a competitor.
- 8.2) Recording your own GPS finish time, position, and the names of the boats in front and behind you **at the both the short course and full course finish lines** is **MANDATORY**.

- 8.2.1 A photograph of the boat's GPS chart plotter or position reporting app showing time to the second along with latitude and longitude must be submitted along with the names of the nearest boat ahead and behind. If the reported time does not include seconds, it shall be assumed to be 59.
- 8.2.2 Reporting should be submitted to the race committee as soon as possible after crossing the short course and full course finish lines each day, but no later than the finish time limit. Submit your reports to finish@roundthecounty.com. Failure to comply with this SI may result in a boat being scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 63.1 and A5.
- 8.3) If it is dark when you finish, please use a high-powered lamp to illuminate your sail numbers for at least 30 seconds before and after you finish. The race committee may request further illumination over the radio. Failure to comply with this SI may result in a boat being scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 63.1 and A5.

9 FINISH TIME LIMIT

- 9.1) A boat failing to finish by the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.2) For the full course the time limit is 1800.
- 9.3) For the shortened course the time limit is 1600.

10 USE OF MOTORS

- 10.1) Motors may be used to get a boat to and from the racecourse.
- 10.2) Motors shall not be used for propulsion while a boat is racing (as defined in the RRS) unless for one of the exceptions listed below. Allowable exceptions where motor use is allowed include:
 - 10.2.1 When following RRS 1 (Helping Those in Danger).
 - 10.2.2 To move out of the way of commercial vessel traffic.
 - 10.2.3 To move another boat or herself off of a grounding.
 - 10.2.4 To gain steerage to prevent a boat from being pushed by the wind or currents into an otherwise certain and immediate grounding
 - 10.2.5 To prevent a boat from being pushed by the wind or the currents into the Race Committee boat at the start. In this case, the boat shall not start until four minutes after her motor has been turned off. If a boat uses her motor as defined in this SI and starts less than four minutes after her motor has been turned off she shall be scored OCS.
 - 10.2.6 To prevent a boat from being pushed by the wind or the currents into the Race Committee boat at the finish. In this case, the boat shall move in the opposite direction from proper course with the motor and it shall be considered that the boat broke RRS 31 (Touching A Mark) and shall take an appropriate penalty as described in RRS 44.1. This changes RRS 31.
 - 10.2.7 To charge batteries or for other electrical uses or heat, as long as the engine is not placed in gear.

- 10.3) In no case may the use of the motor reduce the distance a boat will need to sail to finish the course, nor may the use of the motor place the boat in a more favorable position relative to the prevailing wind or current conditions or her competitors.
- 10.4) In the event of any use of the motor for propulsion while racing, the boat's skipper shall report to the race committee the fact that the motor was run while she was racing in a manner outlined in SI 10.3. The boat's skipper shall also file a written report with the race committee promptly after they have finished the race (within the protest time limit). This report shall include the GPS coordinates and the time when the motor was started and when the motor was turned off with a full description of the circumstances and other relevant information (such as, but not limited to, water depth, boat speed and heading, current and wind conditions). Send this report to rc@roundthecounty.com.
- 10.5) If a report is not filed as described above, showing that fair racing was preserved as judged by the exclusive opinion of the race committee, the boat may be protested for breaking RRS 42. This changes RRS 42.

11 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 11.1) The protest committee will hear protests at the conclusion of each leg of the race.
- 11.2) A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee by VHF, email, or text, or in person when finishing or by the protest time limit.
- 11.3) The protest time limit will be 1.5 hours from the time of the last boat to finish or 1930 hours, whichever is earlier, unless boats are scored DNF because of the time limit or retiring (see SI 11), in which case it will be 1930.
- 11.4) On Saturday, deliver protests to the race committee at the party barge on the main dock at Roche Harbor prior to the time limit and as soon as possible.
- 11.5) On Sunday, deliver protests to the race committee at the OIYC clubhouse on Orcas Island prior to the time limit and as soon as possible.
- 11.6) All protests filed will be posted on the official bulletin board and on the News page on the race website at roundthecounty.com within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. This constitutes notice per RRS 63.2, in conjunction with SI 14.7.
- 11.7) Hearings will be scheduled for the evening after racing concludes for the day. The hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the News page at roundthecounty.com within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings may begin earlier if all parties are present.

12 SAFETY

- 12.1) Be aware that at times you may be sailing in the Vessel Traffic Lanes. Watch out for commercial traffic! Seattle Traffic is on VHF channel 5A and covers Rosario Strait. Traffic in Boundary Pass and the west side of San Juan Island is handled by Victoria Traffic on VHF channel 11. You should monitor these channels. Interference with commercial traffic may result in a boat being disqualified.
- 12.2) The race committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone racing due to unsafe conditions. However, the fact that the race committee has not canceled a race, nor the fact that other boats are still racing, should not be interpreted to mean that conditions are necessarily safe for all vessels. It is the responsibility of the individual

yacht to decide when conditions are unsafe for their vessel and to take appropriate safety measures.

- 12.3) Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of killer whale nor within 100 yards of any other whale. Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission [Move away] of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a killer whale and boaters may not feed a southern resident whale.

13 CREW REGISTRATION

13.1) The skipper of each boat must confirm the crew list before the start of the race on Saturday. They must use the provided form, the link for which was emailed to every skipper using the email address that they used when registering for the race.

13.2) If the crew sailing on a boat changes for Sunday then the skipper must add or delete from the list using the same form.

14 INSPECTIONS

The race committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification for safety regulations stipulated in these SIs or the NOR at any time during the regatta.

15 AWARDS

Trophies will be presented at the Sunday awards dinner and can alternatively be delivered to winners following the race.