



2016 Northwest Rigging Round Whidbey Race

April 30-May 1, 2016

Notice of Race

In accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the Oak Harbor Yacht Club is publishing a Notice of Race for the 2016 Round Whidbey Race. Competitors will circumnavigate Whidbey Island counterclockwise.

INVITATION: The Oak Harbor Yacht Club invites all yacht owners/charters who meet eligibility requirements to enter the 2016 Round Whidbey Race. Pre-race activities include a dinner at Oak Harbor Yacht Club Friday, April 29, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Skippers' Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

RULES: The Race will be governed by:

1. *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2013-2016)
2. This Notice of Race
3. Sailing Instructions
4. Current Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest Class Rules

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Entrants must have a current valid PHRF/NW rating, and submit a copy to the race committee with your entry form.
2. Yachts must meet the current *Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) Nearshore+ category requirements* and carry a signed copy throughout the race. Yachts not in compliance are subject to disqualification by the Race Committee. *It is also highly recommended that sailors have personal safety equipment that complies with SERs 3.1.1 and 3.1.4; and that yachts have safety equipment that complies with SERs 3.2.1 and 3.7.2.*
3. Participants must comply with USCG traffic separation schemes and Special Puget Sound Sailboat Safety regulations.
4. Participants are required to monitor VHF Channel 14 and 5A while transiting vessel traffic zones according to the VTS document provided with this document, which will also be made available on the Round Whidbey page at www.ohyc.org.
5. Yachts will have a minimum of two persons onboard (no single-handing).



CLASSES: Classes will be established at the discretion of the race committee based upon the number of entries, the PHRF ratings and other factors. If five or more like boats register, they may be scored separately as a one design class, if three or more boats register as double handed, they may be scored separately.

COURSE: The race will start between a committee boat and an orange mark approximately 0.5 nm South of Deception Island. Competitors will sail counterclockwise, keeping Whidbey Island to Port, finishing between a committee boat and the Oak Harbor Coast Guard Buoy G-5. Times will be recorded at the Possession Pt. buoy to constitute a race in the event that no yacht in a class reaches the finish. The official distance is 65 NM.

ENTRY FEES: Entries postmarked on or before April 25th, 2016: the fee is \$60 (\$50 for members of US Sailing or OHYC). Afterwards the fee is \$75 and \$65 respectively. Friday night dinner is included for the skipper, and dinner for additional crew/guests is \$6, which can be included with registration or paid at the door.

ENTRY FORMS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Entry Form is included with this Notice of Race and will be made available on the Round Whidbey Race page at www.ohyc.org. Official Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting.

SCORING: The race will be scored using the Low Point System. Finishing times will be calculated using time on distance. Calculated distance is 65nm.

AWARDS: The Round Whidbey Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class. The boat in each class with the fastest corrected time to the Possession Point Checkpoint may be awarded a prize for the Whidbey Island Sprint. Awards will be presented in the lower level of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club during the skipper's meeting of the 2016 Round Whidbey Island Race.

MOORAGE: Moorage is available at the Cornet Bay State Park Docks, Skyline Marina (Anacortes) and the Oak Harbor Marina.

Thank you for your participation, and safe sailing.

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