



NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

BLAKELY ROCK BENEFIT RACE

Saturday, April 10th, 2021

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), these Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW or STYC ratings. Non STYC members with a valid PHRF-NW rating are eligible to enter provided the skipper is a member of a PIYA or US Sailing accepted club. Entries must be received on the STYC website (www.styc.org), no later than 1800, on the Wednesday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. There is an entry fee of \$75.00 for all yachts payable when entering.
3. **Crew Size Limits:** Special COVID crew limits: Crew size is limited to no more than 5 total including the skipper. Violation of this rule will result in a DSQ.
4. **Contact Tracing Requirements:** Competitors shall comply with local Covid-19 and Social Distancing regulations. Skippers are required to have contact tracing information for the entire crew for each individual race. Failure to have such contact tracing information when asked will result in disqualification from the entire series. The race committee may ask to see proof of such contact information at the time of the race. An acceptable form for contract tracing is available at <https://bit.ly/38awYGx> or you may use a joint text or email thread if available for inspection at time of race. In the event a crew member suspects or is confirmed to have COVID-19, or is exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, they must notify the skipper and other crew immediately within 24 hours. It is the skipper's responsibility to inform the crew of this requirement. This applies for up to 14 days after the race.
5. **Face Coverings and Social Distancing:** Sailors must follow state and local requirements for use of face coverings. For the purpose of such requirements, sailing should be considered outdoor exercise where a six foot separation will not be maintained between crew on a single boat. Sufficient separation will exist between boats. Currently, this means face coverings are required if a boat's crew are not all members of the same household.
6. **Divisions and Starting Times:** Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1st Class start is 1100. The first warning is at 1055.
7. **Race Distance and Course:** The course is 13.518 nautical miles and will be as follows: North wind (all marks to port): N M K N, South wind (all marks to starboard): N K M N. There is no provision for a short course.
8. **Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 6.0 hours. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements, and time extensions.
9. **Communication:** The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race committee to issue a communication, the failure of a competitor to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
9. **Skippers' Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be online at 7:00 pm Friday, April 9, 2021. It will be possible to attend using Google Meet or telephone. Meeting details will be emailed to registered boats before the meeting and will be available on the race webpage. The STYC GSI are available on the STYC website. If there are questions, email race@styc.org.

10. **Awards:** Award will be announced during the Post-Race virtual happy hour. The Google Meets link will be included in an email about the race. Physical prizes, awards, stickers, etc., will be distributed as needed by the Race Committee or designated volunteer. This will be coordinated via email after the post-race happy hour meeting.

- Entrants that are current PHRF members and place 1st in class become eligible to participate in Seattle Yacht Club's Grand Prix Regatta in the fall.
- The Roland Littlefield Church Performance Trophy (FS & NFS) will be awarded to the boat that wins their class by the greatest amount of time using the PHRF corrected time among all classes with at least two boats finishing.