



STYC NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

Boxing Day Race

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023

Watch the start of the Sydney Hobart on December 25th, then come out for the STYC version of a Boxing Day race on the 26th! 100% less press coverage, same amount of fun.

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 ratings; STYC members without PHRF-NW ratings are eligible to enter the non-handicapped Sloopier Class. 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 2400, on the Friday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$35 entry fee with the completed entry.
3. **Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. Class breaks and actual start times will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 1800 the Saturday before the race. NFS and FS will be separate Divisions. There will be no RC boat, racers are required to start honestly on GPS time. The first class will start at 1300. First warning will be at 1255.
4. **Starting Line:** The start line will be between the N Buoy and a large YELLOW rock on the Shilshole Breakwater. The rock is due East (True) from Mark N.
5. **Race Distance and Course:** The course will be indicated by any combination **N B E M R W 2** mark letters. The course will be announced on VHF 72 at 1230 on the day of the race. The course will also be posted on the STYC website at 1200 the day of the race. See the GSI for a description of the letters and distance between marks.
6. **Time Limit:** The time limit is 1700. There is no extension of the time limit.
7. **Finish time:** Each boat will **Take-Your-Time** upon crossing the line between the N buoy and a large YELLOW rock on the Shilshole Breakwater (the rock is due East (true) from Mark N) and submit it to the website before Noon on the day following the race. You must use GPS time when recording your finish time.
8. **Skippers' Meeting:** There will be no Skippers' Meeting for this race. Skippers are responsible to check for any changes posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org). Any changes will be posted by 0900 the day of the race.
9. **Communication:** The race will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race organizers 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).
10. **Awards:** There will be no formal awards. We encourage racers to gather at their favorite Ballard watering hole to exchange stories and bragging rights.