



## NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

### Down the Sound

Single/Double Handed Race  
Saturday & Sunday, August 5/6, 2023  
**Updated on August 3rd, 2023**

**Quick reference table below does not replace full NOR requirements - please read and reference the entire document for full instructions.**

<b>Event Dates</b>	August 5th and 6th, 2023	<b>Organizing Club</b>	Sloop Tavern Yacht Club
<b>Course</b>	Shilshole to Browns Point on Saturday and Gig Harbor to Shilshole on Sunday	<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	Must be a current STYC & PHRF-NW Member OR a current PIYA/US Sailing affiliated yacht club and PHRF-NW member
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Members: \$110 Non-Members: \$130	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Entries must be received by 1600 on Monday, July 31st
<b>First Start</b>	Approximately 0900 on Saturday, 8/5 and approximately 1030 on Sunday, 8/6	<b>Mandatory Skippers' Meeting</b>	1800 on Friday, August 4th either at Sail Northwest or via virtual option.
<b>Time Limits</b>	Saturday: 1700 for halfway, 1930 for full course Sunday: 1630 for halfway, 2000 for full course	<b>Safety Requirements</b>	All crew must wear PFDs. Additionally, single-handed skippers must wear a safety harness with a tether at all times & all boats must have a working VHF radio.
<b>Awards</b>	Awards will be given out at a later date, to be confirmed time / location.	<b>Sunday Start Line Transit Requirements</b>	Competitors must abide by NOR section 15 ("Sunday Start Line Transit Regulation") requirements.
<b>Applicable Rules</b>	Notice of Race STYC General Sailing Instructions Racing Rules of Sailing USCG VTS Navigation Rules	<b>Divisions / Classes</b>	Single and Double-Handed divisions with separate FS, NFS, One-Design, and Multi-Hull classes depending on entries received by deadline

- 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.
- Eligibility and Entry Deadline -**  
This is a double handed or single handed race. Double handed boats may consist of any two crew members (male or female). This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW 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](http://www.styc.org)), no later than 1600, on the Monday before the race. See the STYC GSIs for the late entry policy. Registration fee for members is \$110. Registration fee for non-members and Associate Members is \$130. This entry fee includes the race registration, two party tickets, and overnight moorage. Additional party tickets can be purchased for \$25/person.



3. **Moorage** Moorage will be at Foss Dock and is included in registration fees. Please be prepared to raft. Please hail the docking captain on VHF channel 69 before approaching Foss dock. Please provide your vessel name and LOA and await your assignment before coming into the dock.
4. **Crew Size Limits:** This is a double handed or single handed race. Crew size is limited to no more than 2 total including the skipper. Violation of this rule will result in a DSQ.
5. **Safety Requirements:** All crew must wear PFDs; in addition, single-handed skippers must wear a safety harness with tether at all times.
6. **Self-Steering:** Any type of self-steering apparatus may be used during this event, but competitors must maintain a watch on deck at all times.
7. **Divisions:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website by 1800 the Friday before the race. The class breaks will include starting time. See "Starting" below.
8. **Race Distance and Course:** This is a two day race with an overnight stop in Tacoma.

On Saturday, the race will be from Shilshole Bay to Tacoma, keeping Vashon Island to starboard, with a halfway point to be recorded when between Three Tree Point Light (47° 27.040' N, 122° 22.954' W) and 47° 27.040' N, 122° 23.327' W (0.3 nm due west of the Three Tree Point Light) (see Daily Logs below). (The west end of this halfway is the East border of the VTS Traffic Scheme Separation Boundary).

The starting line for day one will be between the N Mark (North Mooring Buoy, 47°41.064'N, 122°24.679'W) and the committee boat, leaving the buoy to starboard. The finish line for day one will be off of the Browns Point Lighthouse between the Committee Boat and a temporary mark, with the mark left to starboard.

The Saturday course is 24.178 nautical miles in length. The short course length (if necessary) is 14.597 nautical miles.

On Sunday, the race starts near a Temporary mark ~~approx. 1.5 miles NE of the entrance to Gig Harbor between the committee boat and the temporary mark,~~ set off Spring Beach on the East Side of Colvos Passage (approx 47° 20.8' N, 122° 31.8' W) and the committee boat, keeping the temporary mark to port. The race ends in Shilshole Bay, keeping Vashon Island to starboard, with a halfway point to be recorded as you cross the 47° 30.821" N latitude line (see Daily Logs below). At this point, the lighted pile structure (47° 30.821' N, 122° 28.390' W), located at Point Vashon on the North end of Vashon Island, will bear 90 degrees true.

The finish line for day two is between the N Mark (North Mooring Buoy, 47°41.064'N, 122°24.679'W) and the Committee Boat in Shilshole Bay, leaving the N Mark to port. The Sunday course is 21.078 nautical miles in length. The short course length (if necessary) is 10.170 nautical miles.

The race is scored on cumulative time for both days (see Scoring below). If no Committee is present at the finish, please report your finish time as well using the [Time Report Form](#).

9. **Daily Logs:** All boats will be required to record and submit the following information via the "submit halfway time link" located at [https://race.styc.org/cgi-bin/login?mode=submit\\_dts\\_halfway\\_time](https://race.styc.org/cgi-bin/login?mode=submit_dts_halfway_time) (required both days) and the Finish [Time Report Form](#) (required only if no Committee is present at the Finish on either day).

#### **Saturday:**

1. Halfway Point: Exact time of crossing within ~~200 yards~~ 0.3 nm (47° 27.041' N, 122° 22.955' W) due west of the Three Tree Point Light (47° 27.041' N, 122° 22.955' W), the name & sail number of the nearest boat ahead of your boat and the name & sail number of the nearest boat behind your boat. (The west end of this halfway is the



East border of the VTS Traffic Scheme Separation Boundary).

2. Finishing: Exact time of crossing between the committee boat and the temporary mark located off of Browns Point, and the name and sail number of the nearest boat ahead of your boat and the name and sail number of the nearest boat behind your boat.

**Sunday:**

1. Halfway Point: Exact time of crossing the 47° 30.821" N latitude line, at which point the lighted pile structure (47° 30.821' N, 122° 28.390' W), located at Point Vashon on the North end of Vashon Island, bears 90 degrees true, the name & sail number of the nearest boat ahead of your boat and the name & sail number of the nearest boat behind your boat.

2. Finishing: Exact time of crossing between the N Mark (North Mooring Buoy, 47°41.064'N, 122°24.679'W) and the Committee Boat in Shilshole Bay, the name and sail number of the nearest boat ahead of your boat and the name and sail number of the nearest boat behind your boat.

10. **Starting:** GPS time is your official start time. The Race Committee will make no sound or flag signals during the start sequence except for OCS or delays. All boats, regardless of division or class, will start in reverse order based on the Time on Distance handicapping method. The slowest rated boat(s) will start first and the fastest rated boat(s) will start last. PHRF boats rating 250 will start at 0900 on Saturday and at 1030 on Sunday. Actual starting time for each entry will be posted with the class breaks. Note that starting times other than PHRF 250 ratings may vary depending on the courses selected because of different course lengths.
11. **Over-Early Signals & General Recalls:** The Race Committee will signal a boat that prematurely crosses the starting line with a Double Sound Signal and the over-early code flag "X". This flag will be displayed for 5 minutes or until the boat has re-crossed the starting line in the proper direction for the course. Any over-early boat that fails to re-cross the start line will be scored as OCS. When more than one boat is over early at approximately the same time, Code Flag X will be dipped to acknowledge a boat that has restarted correctly then remain flying until all boats have properly started or when 5 minutes has elapsed since the last over-early boat crossed the starting line. It is the responsibility of each boat to verify that they are not over early by watching the committee boat as they start. There will be no general recalls. The Race Committee may attempt to hail an over early boat via Channel 72, but has no obligation to do so.
12. **Delayed Start:** If the Race Committee does not start the race as scheduled, the Answering Pennant (AP) accompanied by two sound signals will signal the delay. A numeric pennant showing the number of the delay will also be displayed while the Answering Pennant (AP) is flying. Each delay will last for 30 minutes. **In the case of a delay, all competitors are responsible for adjusting their individual starting times.** For instance "AP" and the code pennant "1" delays the start by 30 minutes. "AP" and the code pennant "2" delays the start by 60 minutes. Once the race sequence has been started, there will be **NO** postponements for any reason. The Race Committee Boat may leave the starting line after the last boat starts or the starting time for the last boat has passed. There shall be at most two 30 minute postponements after which the starting sequence shall commence.
13. **Scoring:** Scoring will be completed by adding each day's corrected time using (Time on Distance), as follows:
  - a. If any boat in a class finishes the long course, the entire class will be scored for the long course.
  - b. If no boat in a class finishes the long course in the time limit or the PRO determines that the shortened course option is used, each boat must report their half-way time by using the link at [https://race.styc.org/cgi-bin/login?mode=submit\\_dts\\_halfway\\_time](https://race.styc.org/cgi-bin/login?mode=submit_dts_halfway_time). Failure to turn the half-way time either day will result in a boat being scored as DNF for that day.
  - c. If any division has more than one class, there will be overall division scoring.
  - d. If no boats in a class/division finish, the time limit of the slowest rated boat in the class/division will be used for the "slowest corrected finish time."



- e. For overall division scoring, if any boat in a division finishes the long course, the division scoring for the entire division will be scored for the long course.
- f. If a boat does not reach the finish of the full course (either by sail or power) by 1930 and has not communicated their intent to arrive at the finish or another port by 1930, they shall be DSQ for that day of racing.
- g. Any boat retiring from the race that does not notify the Race Committee shall be scored DSQ.
- h. Boats receiving the scores listed below will be scored with the time listed below:

SCORE	TIME
DNF, OCS, or RET	The slowest corrected finish time plus 1 hour
DSQ, DNS, or DNC	The slowest corrected finish time plus 3 hours

**14. Time Limit:**

Time Limit Saturday: All boats must cross the short course line (when between Three Tree Point Light (47° 27.040 N, 122° 22.954' W) and 47° 27.040' N, 122° 23.327' W (0.3 nm due west of the Three Tree Point Light (see Daily Logs below); the west end of this halfway is the East border of the VTS Traffic Scheme Separation Boundary) by 1700 to be scored for either long or short course. All boats must complete the full course by 1930 to be scored for the full course.

Time Limit Sunday: All boats must cross the short course line (47° 30.821" N latitude line, at which point the lighted pile structure (47° 30.821' N, 122° 28.390' W), located at Point Vashon on the North end of Vashon Island, bears 90 degrees true) by 1830 to be scored for either the long or short course. All boats must complete the full course by 2000 to be scored for the full course.

**15. Sunday Start Line Transit Regulation**

Due to an open water swimming event scheduled to take place beginning at 0825 & crossing Dalco Passage from the Vashon shore to Point Defiance, boats must wait until 0915 to cross west of Neill Point and must cross as close to the Vashon shore as is navigable. The swimmers will have escort vessels in the water; if these vessels indicate that passage at 0915 is not safe, you must abide by their instructions and wait until they indicate you may proceed. This is mandatory for the safety of the swimmers. Failure to comply will result in a DSQ for both days of the race.

**16. Optional Shortened Course:** Should all the boats in a class fail to finish the complete course under sail within the time limit, scoring will be based on the times logged by each boat in that class at the respective daily halfway points. If any boat in a class finishes the long course, the entire class will be scored for the long course. Any boat (sailing the short course) failing to complete and turn in a daily log form in accordance with these instructions will be scored DNF.

**17. Skippers' Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be held on Friday August 4th at 1800 either in person in front of Sail Northwest or virtually. The meeting is mandatory. It will be possible to attend either online or via telephone. Meeting details will be available on the race webpage. The [STYC GSIs are available on the STYC website](#). If there are questions, email [race@styc.org](mailto:race@styc.org).

**18. Awards:** Cumulative awards will be distributed at a later date (details TBA).