NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

RACE TO THE STRAITS

Saturday, May 1 & 2, 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 is a double handed or single handed race. Double handed boats may consist of any two crew members (male or female). If the crew consists of one male and one female, this race will count as part of the Seattle Jack and Jill Series. 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 2400, on the Wednesday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. Registration fee for members is $25 and for non-members and Associate Members it’s $50. This race is limited to 100 boats. There will be no waitlist.

3. **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.

4. **Special COVID-19 Requirements**: STYC would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while participating in STYC races. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.

5. **Special COVID-19 Contact Tracing Requirements**: We require that all skippers keep a complete and accurate record of their crew and inform them in the event of any possible exposure to COVID 19 by other crew members. 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 or tracing app if available for inspection at the time of the 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.

6. **Special COVID-19 Face Coverings and Social Distancing**: Masks should be worn whenever necessary to be socially responsible. Times like these include when sitting on the rail, when unable to distance, and when on the docks. We would also strongly discourage after-race gatherings on boats or docks at this time.

7. **Divisions and Starting Times**: Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 1800 the Friday before the race. This is a pursuit style race with the first start each day at approximately 0800. The class breaks will include starting time. See “Starting” below.

8. **Time Limit**: The time limit for this race is 1900 on May 1 and 1700 on May 2. 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).
10. **Race Distance and Course:** This is a two day race starting and ending in Shilshole Bay each day. It is scored on cumulative time for both days (see Scoring below). The race on Saturday May 1 starts between the N Mark and the orange flag on the RC boat. Proceed north leaving U to port, round Possession Pt buoy to port, leave U to starboard and return to the finish between N and the RC boat. Take your “half-way time” as you round the Possession Pt buoy (when the buoy is due south magnetic) in case the race is cut short due to light wind. Course length Saturday is 26 miles. The race on Sunday May 2 starts between N and the RC boat, then proceeds south to round D to starboard, round Blake Island to starboard and return to cross the finish line between N and the RC boat. Take your “half-way time” as you round the pile structure at D (when the structure is due north magnetic) in case the race is cut short. Course length Sunday is 23.4 miles.

11. **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 rating of 250 will start at 0800 each day. Note that because the course distances are not identical, the starting time will not be the same both days except for a PHRF rating of 250.

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://www.styc.org/Race-to-the-Straits 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 7:00 PM and has not communicated their intent to arrive at the finish or another port by 7:00 PM, 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:

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14. **Safety Requirements**: ISAF Category 5 – All crew must wear PFDs; in addition, single-handed skippers must wear a safety harness with tether at all times.

15. **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.

16. **Skippers’ Meeting**: Skippers meeting will be online at 7:00 pm Friday, April 30, 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.

17. **Awards**: Awards will be announced during the Post-Race virtual happy hour on Saturday and Sunday. 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, to be coordinated via email after the post-race happy hour meeting.