

## NOTICE OF RACE

Updated Friday May 28 at 11:30am

### ROUND THE SOUND

An Overnight Distance Race

Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), the Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
- Obligations:** Safety is the paramount concern. The obligation to assist a person or boat in danger is the first obligation of all boats and competitors (RRS 1.1). The skipper is responsible for the safety of the crew and boat (RRS 3).
- 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 CYC website ([www.cycseattle.org](http://www.cycseattle.org)), no later than 1000, on the Friday before the race. Non-members and Associate Members must submit a \$35 entry fee with the completed entry.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Safety Requirements:** All double-handed crew must wear PFDs at all times and must wear a safety harness with tether at all times after dusk and before dawn. Double-handed crew PFDs must be equipped with a personal AIS MOB and a light. On boats with more than 2 people, all crew must wear PFDs with a light between dusk and dawn. All vessels must have a fixed mount DSC capable VHF transceiver which is programmed with an assigned MMSI (unique to the boat), be connected to a GPS receiver and be capable of making distress alert calls as well as sending and receiving a DSC position report with another DSC equipped station. All vessels must have an AIS receiver that is not a cellphone. All vessels must have fixed stanchions, lifelines, and jacklines. All boats shall carry a Lifesling or equivalent man overboard rescue device equipped with a self igniting light stored on deck and ready for immediate use. Vessels must have an active AIS transmitter or an operable cell phone actively running the Kwindoo tracking app. These requirements are based on World Sailing ORC Category 3.
- Sanitation.** Vessels must have a portable toilet or marine head with a holding tank. A bucket is NOT acceptable.
- Starting:** The Round the Sound fleet will start as one class at 1100. CYC YC5 will be out as a start boat. YC5 will be monitoring VHF 69. Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday

before the race. There will be a 3+ person division and a double-handed division. All boats will start at 1100. Text 206-289-0537 at the start with the information "sail number, boat name, start time, RTS START." At each gate, text again with your "time, sail number, boat name, gate time, RTS GATE 1 or 2 or Finish."

10. **Race Distance and Course:** The start line is between CYC YC5 and a buoy. It will be near the N mark and may include the N mark. The finish line is between the **N** mark off of Shilshole and the yellow painted rock on the breakwater. After starting round Vashon Island to starboard, round Point Hudson buoy R2 (48 07.456 N, 122 44.663 W) to starboard, round Gedney Island to starboard and finish back at Shilshole. The race distance is 132 miles. The route is shown on a chart in Appendix A, but you may pass Blake Island on either side. There are two take your time gates along the course, plus you must take your own time at the finish and report all three to the race committee via an electronic form which will be sent in email. Both gate times should be recorded the first time you cross the specified latitude line heading northbound, east of the specified landmark. These times may be used as finish times depending on whether other boats in your class reach the next gate or the finish.

- Gate 1 Latitude 47' 45" N. (Near Kingston-Edmonds Ferry, east of Jefferson Point).
- Gate 2 Latitude 48' 00" N (Near the Mukilteo-Clinton Ferry, east of Whidbey)

11. **Finishing:** There will be NO official race committee boat on site at the finish. In order to complete the race, skippers must submit their own finish time and gate times to the race committee using GPS time. Details for submission will be announced by email. The finish times will be confirmed via GPS tracking devices. In addition, any boat that abandons the race should text message the race committee as soon as possible. It is critical to text 206-289-0537 when you finish with the information "sail number, boat name, finish time, RTS FINISH."

12. **Time Limits:** The time limit to reach the finish at Shilshole is 2400 on Sunday, May 30th, 2021. Gate 1 must be passed by 0800 on Sunday. Gate 2 must be passed by 1800 on Sunday. All boats that reach at least Gate 1 will be scored. Boats that reach only Gate 1 before the time limit will be scored after any boat that only reaches Gate 2 before that time limit, and those boats will be scored after any boats that finish the complete course.

13. **Skippers Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be online at 7:00 pm Thursday, May 27, 2021. It will be possible to attend using Google Meet or telephone. Meeting details will be emailed to registered boats before the meeting. For problems getting into the meeting, email [race@styc.org](mailto:race@styc.org). Copies of STYC GSI are available on the STYC website.

14. **Awards:** Award location or delivery method is still to be determined. Details will be announced by email.

Appendix A: This chart of the Puget Sound shows the approximate region of the race. The green X shows the location of the buoy at Port Townsend.

