



2016 WHIDBEY CUP REGATTA

June 11-12, 2016

Lone Lake, Whidbey Island, Washington

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the South Whidbey Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Whidbey Cup Regatta (WCR) will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, including US Sailing National Prescriptions.
- 1.2 For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the boats entering the regatta (i.e. Laser, Vanguard 15, etc.) except that the San Francisco Pelican class shall be governed by the rules and customs as adopted by Viking Fleet 3 of that class.
- 1.3 Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. **Of particular note, 360 degree penalties will apply for ALL rule of part 2 or rule 31 infractions. This modifies rule 44.1.**

2. **VENUE** - Racing will be held on Lone Lake in Langley WA.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The WCR is open to all non-fixed keel boats having a Portsmouth Yardstick handicap (DP-N) current or inactive of 90.0 or greater. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/> for tables of DP-N's.
- 3.2 **AGE** - Applicants for **youth classes** must be 18 or younger at the start of the regatta.

4. BOATS/CLASSES

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boats will be divided into classes for racing and scoring purposes based on the following:

- 4.1.1 Classes with at least 3 boats will race as a one design class.
- 4.1.2 Boats with nearly identical DP-N's **may** be grouped together and assigned to race as a level racing class.
- 4.1.3 The remaining boats will be divided into Portsmouth Yardstick handicap classes and grouped as much as possible to avoid large spreads in the DP-N's from fastest to the slowest boat in the group.

- 4.2 Where possible, youth-only classes will be established. Sailing organizations are invited to enter teams of four youth sailors in the Vanguard 15 class. SWYC will reserve two of its three V-15's for such teams and plans to assemble a youth team for the third V-15. If three or more V-15 youth teams are entered, they will race using the Northwest District high school format, i.e. drawing for boats and switching crews.
- 4.3 Starting groups will likely be established in which multiple classes will start together but will be scored separately.
- 4.4 Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. There are a limited number of El Toros and San Francisco Pelicans available on a first requested - first accommodated basis. Please indicate requests for use of these boats on your registration form.
- 4.5 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.
- 5. **FEES** - There is no entry fee. However, entrants are encouraged to make a donation to the South Whidbey Yacht Club - Youth Sailing Association. SWYC - YSA is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, and your contributions are tax deductible. Suggested donation is \$10.00/boat.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, June 11

1100 - 1230	Welcome/Rig Up
1230	Skippers' Meeting
1300 - 1630	Racing
1730 - ?????	Social Events (Off Site)

Sunday, June 12

0900 - 1000	Rig Up
1000	Skippers' Meeting
1030 - 1400	Racing
1430 - 1500	Awards/conclusion

- 7. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance by completing the Event Registration Form (available on the club website www.swyachtclub.org) and submitting it to Bill Brown at bbrown99@whidbey.com or 3685 Steelhead Drive, Greenbank, WA 98253. Entry deadline is midnight Saturday, June 4. We need time to determine class assignments and publish the Sailing Instructions (SI's), so please comply with the deadline. Late registrations MAY be accepted if they don't require changes to published SI's.
- 8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The SI's will be available at check-in and on the club website.
- 9. **SCORING** - Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS. The number of races sailed will be controlled by weather conditions on the course. At least one race completed for any class will constitute a series for that class. Any class completing six or more races will be entitled to one throw-out.

10. **SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, by radio immediately after arrival ashore. A radio will be available on shore for this purpose.
11. **MEDIA RIGHTS** - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
12. **RIZES** - Awards will be presented based on racing class size. 3 or 4 boats - first place only, 4 or 5 boats - first and second places, 7 or more boats - first three places. In addition, the Whidbey Cup will be awarded to the team or organization finishing first in the youth class with the most organizations represented by those competing in that class. Also, the Phil Litrenta Trophy will be awarded to the first place winner of the San Francisco Pelican class.
13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in SWYC sponsored races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. SWYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after said races.
14. **FURTHER INFORMATION** Contact the Regatta Chairman

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AND check the web site for further information at www.swyachtclub.org.

Supplemental information

Venue and launch facilities: The Lone Lake park and launch ramp are located at the south end of Lone Lake Road in Langley. Coming from the south on Route 525, turn right on Bayview Road (Left if coming from the north). Turn left on Andreason Road, and turn left again at the end of the road onto Lone Lake Road. There is free parking and a two lane (with careful driving) launch ramp. There is a pit toilet and we plan to add one Portolet and hand washing station. There is little else, and spectators should bring their own lawn chairs.

Camping:

South Whidbey State Park is NOT open for camping and camping is also not authorized at the Lone Lake launch site and park..

There is camping at the Island County Fairgrounds nearby in Langley. The Fairgrounds does not take reservations, but as there is not a horse show on the regatta weekend, there should be campsites available for those who want them. See <http://www.portofsouthwhidbey.com/fairgrounds.htm> for contacts and more information.

Brad Rice has graciously offered camping space at his Boat Wright wooden boat facility on East Harbor Road. This is open field camping with only one bathroom (in his workshop). Please indicate your request for camping space at the Boat Wright in the indicated space on the registration form.

Other South Whidbey amenities: There are a number of links to dining and lodging on South Whidbey including <http://whidbeyisland.us/lodging-on-south-whidbey-island/>, and http://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=restaurants&find_loc=Langley%2C+WA+98260.

Ferry service: The Mukilteo/Clinton ferry tends to develop long waits on weekends in the summer, so plan accordingly if you plan to travel that way. Reservations are available and recommended if you plan to use the Port Townsend/Coupeville ferry.

Social Activities: We planning for a social gathering on Saturday evening, probably of a BYO/Pot Luck nature. Details are still in the works and somewhat dependent on the size and age spread of the expected crowd. If there are enough youth sailors, we will work on separate activities for them. Also, racers' friends and families are welcome, of course. Please indicate the estimated number of attendees in the space indicated on the registration form.