

# CYC Standard Notice of Race

This section of the Notice of Race applies to all CYC Races identified in the Race Book. It addresses common items that are incorporated into the event specific Notice of Race for each event, except as specifically noted.

The organizing authority is the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle (CYC).

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules apply: RRS 25.1, 32, 34, 60.3, 61.4, 63.1, 63.2, 63.4, 64.4(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 81, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix G and R. Inclusion of additional prescriptions may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. US Sailing prescriptions are available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) and in the US Sailing version of the RRS.
- 1.3 Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.
- 1.4 Prior to the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available on the CYC website at [cycseattle.org/racing](http://cycseattle.org/racing). After the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the Notice of Race will be available on the official notice board described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entrants must register online at [cycseattle.org/racing](http://cycseattle.org/racing), or by form delivered to CYC, and pay appropriate fees by the registration deadline. Registrations accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority or race committee after the deadline may be assessed a \$20 late fee.
- 2.2 Boats must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000 per incident.
- 2.3 A boat wishing to use sails with identification different from her registered sail number must receive permission from CYC by the registration deadline or when her late registration is accepted. This changes RRS 77.
- 2.4 A boat racing in a handicap class must ensure her handicap is issued and recorded by the handicap class organization before the registration deadline or when her late registration is accepted. Boats participating without a valid class certificate may not be scored and are subject to protest if scored. Her entry fee may not be refunded. A change in a boat's handicap will take effect on the day it is recorded by the handicap class organization. Changes are not retroactive. When a boat's handicap class rating changes between races that are part of a series, the boat remains in the same class in which she started the series.
- 2.5 A boat rated by her handicap class in consideration of water ballast may use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.
- 2.6 Competitors give absolute right and permission for images and video of themselves and their boat to be published for commercial purposes by the

event organizing authority and sponsors and their licensees and may be required to sign a release to complete the boat registration.

2.7 Competitors may be required to complete release of liability, depiction release, medical consent, and medical and emergency information forms and agreements to complete the boat registration.

### 3 [DP] Operating and Equipment Requirements

3.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies for all centerboard boats. In addition, centerboard boat competitors sailing in regattas 1 November through 31 March must also wear a wet suit or dry suit in addition to the required personal floatation device.

3.2 [DP] Boats designated in the specific Notice of Race must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing's *Safety Equipment Requirements* (SER), according to the category requirement identified, if any, in the Notice of Race. The text of these regulations is available from the US Sailing website at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org). The following changes apply to SER Nearshore:

(a) SER 2.4 required, except for boats under 9 meters (29 ft) or boats under 12 meters (38 ft) with crew position inboard except briefly to perform a necessary task. For boats that do not meet SER 2.4, RRS 40.1 is in effect.

(b) SER 2.4.4 amended to add "Exception: While wire is recommended for durability, if the person in charge believes it to be safer for the crew, lifelines may be high molecular weight polyethylene (HMPE) line with spliced terminations or terminals specifically intended for the purpose. When HMPE is used, the load-bearing portion (core) shall meet or exceed minimum diameter requirements."

(c) SER 2.7.2 required for all races.

(d) SER 3.7.2 required for all races. Change, "A boat shall have a man overboard pole and flag, with a lifebuoy, a self-igniting light, a whistle, and a drogue attached. A self-inflating..." to "A boat shall have a lifebuoy with a whistle, and a drogue attached. A self-igniting light must also be attached when sailing between sunset and sunrise. A man overboard pole, self-inflating ..."

(e) SER 3.22 required for all races

(f) SER 3.26 required for all races.

These changes are summarized (for Nearshore) in the SER included in the Appndices.

3.3 [DP] Keelboats must comply with federal safety regulations concerning life jackets (33 CFR 175 Subpart B), visual distress signals (33 CFR 175 Subpart C), fire extinguishers (46 CFR 25.30), sound producing devices (33 CFR 83 Subpart D), and navigation lights (33 CFR 83 Subpart C). These are identified in US Coast Guard publication *A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats*, available at [publications.usa.gov](http://publications.usa.gov) or [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org).

3.4 [DP] The race committee or technical committee may inspect a boat at any time before or after racing for compliance with requirements.

### 4 Scoring

4.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finishing time or a time of day. A boat that does not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

- 4.2 A boat scored OCS, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE, UFD, or BFD shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number boats *starting, sailing the course, and finishing* and not retiring or being disqualified. A boat scored DNC or DNS shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number boats *starting, sailing the course, and finishing* and not retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 4.3 Corrected times for PHRF-NW handicap classes will be calculated using the Time on Distance method.
- 5 Sailing Instructions
- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available two days before the regatta on the CYC website at [www.cycseattle.org/racing](http://www.cycseattle.org/racing) or, if not available on the website, on the notice board at the CYC clubhouse.
- 6 Risk Statement
- 6.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Consequently, the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 6.2 Restrictions on resident activities and business operations have been put in place by government authorities to control the spread of COVID 19 virus. These restrictions change frequently. CYC has no jurisdiction over the operation of boats (which are the private property of others) participating in CYC events outside the scope of the Racing Rules of Sailing. By registering and participating in a CYC event, the boat owner/operator acknowledges that various COVID 19 restrictions may apply and takes full responsibility for operating under those applicable restrictions. CYC is not responsible for any participant's failure to follow any such restrictions.

# Appendices

## US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER)

Nearshore Category as Amended by the CYC Notice of Race

Section Name	#	Requirement	Nearshore
Definition	1.0.3	Nearshore: Races primarily sailed during the day, close to shore, in relatively protected waters.	Required
Overall: Responsibility	1.2	The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.	Required
Overall: Responsibility	1.2.1	Should there be an incident during a race the Organizing Authority or US Sailing may conduct an investigation to determine the facts of the incident and provide recommendations. By participating in a race conducted under the SER, the person in charge, each competitor and boat owner agrees to reasonably cooperate with the organizing authority and US Sailing in the development of an independent incident report.	Required
Overall: Inspections	1.3	A boat may be inspected at any time by an equipment inspector or measurer appointed for the event. If she does not comply with these regulations, her entry may be rejected or she will be subject to a protest filed by the RC. A Violation of the Safety Equipment Requirements may result in a penalty other than disqualification.	Required
Overall: Equipment and Knowledge	1.4	All equipment required shall function properly, be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced, and be of a type, size and capacity suitable for the intended use and size of the boat and the size of the crew. This equipment shall be readily accessible while underway and, when not in use, stored in such a way that deterioration is minimized.	Required
Overall: Secure Storage	1.5	A boat's heavy items such as batteries, stoves, toolboxes, anchors, chain and internal ballast shall be secured.	Required
Overall: Watertight Integrity	1.7	A boat's hull, including, deck, coach roof, windows, hatches and all other parts, shall form an integral watertight unit, and any openings in it shall be capable of being immediately secured to maintain this integrity.	Required
Hull and Structure: Stability	2.2.3	A boat with moveable or variable ballast (water or canting keel) shall comply with the requirements of Appendix K.	Required
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.1	A boat's deck including the headstay shall be surrounded by a suitably strong enclosure, typically consisting of lifelines and pulpits, meeting the requirements in 2.4.2 to 2.4.8.  <b>Does not apply for boats under 9 meters (29 ft) or boats under 12 meters (38 ft) with crew position inboard except briefly to perform a necessary task.</b>	<b>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</b>

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Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.2	A boat's stanchion and pulpit bases shall be within the working deck.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.3	Bow pulpits may be open, but the opening between the vertical portion of stanchion pulpit and any part of the boat shall not exceed 14.2" (360mm).	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.4	Lifelines shall be uncoated stainless steel wire. A multipart-lashing segment not to exceed 4" per end termination for the purpose of attaching lifelines to pulpits is allowed. Lifelines shall be taut.  <b>Exception: While wire is recommended for durability, if the person in charge believes it to be safer for the crew, lifelines may be high molecular weight polyethylene (HMPE) line with spliced terminations or terminals specifically intended for the purpose. When HMPE is used, the load-bearing portion (core) shall meet or exceed minimum diameter requirements.</b>	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(b)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.4.1	Lifeline deflection shall not exceed the following: a) When a deflecting force of 9 lbs (40N) is applied to a lifeline midway between supports of an upper or single lifeline, the lifeline shall not deflect more than 2" (50mm). This measurement shall be taken at the widest span between supports that are aft of the mast. b) When a deflecting force of 9 lbs (40N) is applied midway between supports of an intermediate lifeline of all spans that are aft of the mast, deflection shall not exceed 5" (120mm) from a straight line between the stanchions.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.5	The maximum spacing between lifeline supports (e.g. stanchions and pulpits) shall be 87" (2.2m).	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.6	Boats under 30' (9.14m) shall have at least one lifeline with 18" (457mm) minimum height above deck, and a maximum vertical gap of 18" (457mm). Taller heights will require a second lifeline. The minimum diameter shall be 1/8" (3mm).	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.7	Boats 30' and over (9.14m) shall have at least two lifelines with 24" (762mm) minimum height above deck, and a maximum vertical gap of 15" (381mm). The minimum diameter will be 5/32" (4mm) for boats to 43' (13.1m) and 3/16" (5mm) for boats over 43' (13.1m).	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.8	Toe rails shall be fitted around the foredeck from the base of the mast with a minimum height of 3/4" (18mm) for boats under 30' (9.14m) and 1" (25mm) for boats over 30'. An additional installed lifeline that is 1-2" (25-51mm) above the deck will satisfy this requirement for boats without toerails.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structure: Lifelines	2.4.9	Trimarans are exempted from the lifeline requirement where there is a trampoline outboard of the main hull, except that a lifeline must run from the top of a bow pulpit to the forward crossbeam at the outboard edge of the bow net or foredeck. Catamarans with trampoline nets between the hulls are exempted from the lifeline requirement. All catamarans are exempted from the need for pulpits and lifelines across the bow.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(a)</i>
Hull and Structures: Dewatering pumps	2.5.3	A boat shall have a manual bilge pump of at least a 10 GPM (37.8 liter per minute) capacity.	<b>Required</b>

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Hull and Structure: Mechanical Propulsion	2.7.2	A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.8 times the square root of the waterline in meters) for 4 hours.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(c)</i>
Safety Equipment: Personal	3.1.3	Each crewmember shall have a life jacket intended for small boat sailing or other active boating. Each such life jacket shall be USCG, ISO, or applicable government approved or shall meet the ocean requirement of 3.1.1.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Navigation Lights	3.3.1	A boat racing between sunset and sunrise shall carry navigation lights that meet U. S. Coast Guard or applicable government requirements mounted so that they will not be obscured by the sails nor be located below deck level.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Fire Extinguishers	3.4	A boat shall carry fire extinguisher(s) that meets U.S. Coast Guard or applicable government requirements, when applicable.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Sound Producing Equipment	3.5	A boat shall carry sound-making devices that meets U.S. Coast Guard or applicable government requirements, when applicable.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Visual Distress Signals	3.6.6	A boat shall carry U.S. Coast Guard (or applicable government entity) flares meeting day-night requirements not older than the expiration date.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Man Overboard	3.7.2	A boat shall have a <b>lifebuoy with a whistle, and a drogue attached. A self-igniting light must also be attached when sailing between sunset and sunrise. A man overboard pole, self-inflating Man Overboard Module, Dan Buoy or similar device will satisfy this requirement. Self-inflating apparatus shall be tested and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. These items shall be stored on deck, ready for immediate use, and affixed in a manner that allows for a "quick release".</b>	<i>CYC Required NOR3.7(d)</i>
Safety Equipment: Man Overboard	3.7.3	A boat shall have a throwing sock-type heaving line of 50' (15m) or greater of floating polypropylene line readily accessible to the cockpit.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Man Overboard	3.7.4	A boat shall carry a Coast Guard or applicable government approved "throwable device". If the device carried under 3.7.1 or 3.7.2 satisfies this requirement, then no additional device is needed.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Emergency Communications	3.8.3	A boat shall have a VHF radio which may be fixed or handheld.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Navigation	3.19.1	A boat shall have a permanently mounted magnetic compass independent of the boat's electrical system suitable for steering at sea.	<b>Required</b>
Safety Equipment: Damage Control	3.22	A boat shall carry soft plugs of an appropriate material, tapered and of the appropriate size, attached or stowed adjacent to every through-hull opening.	<i>CYC Required NOR 3.2(e)</i>
Gear: Anchoring	3.23	A boat shall carry one anchor, meeting the anchor manufacturer's recommendations based on the yacht's size, with a suitable combination of chain and line.	<b>Required</b>
Gear: Lights	3.24.3	A boat shall carry at least two watertight flashlights with spare batteries in addition to the requirement of 3.24.1.	<b>Required</b>
Gear: Medical Kits	3.25	A boat shall carry a first aid kit and first aid manual suitable for the likely conditions of the passage and the number of crew aboard.	<b>Required</b>
Gear: Radar	3.26	A boat shall carry an 11.5" (292mm) diameter or greater	<i>CYC</i>

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Reflectors		octahedral radar reflector or one of equivalent performance.	<b>Required NOR 3.2(f)</b>
Gear: Dewatering	3.27.2	A boat shall carry one sturdy bucket of at least two gallons (8 liters) capacity with lanyards attached.	<b>Required</b>
Skills: Man Overboard	4.2	Annually, two-thirds of the boat's racing crew shall practice man-overboard procedures appropriate for the boat's size and speed. The practice shall consist of marking and returning to a position on the water, and demonstrating a method of hoisting a crewmember back on deck, or other consistent means of reboarding the crewmember.	<b>Required</b>
Skills: Crew Training	4.4	As required in 1.2 above the person in charge shall ensure that all crew members know where all emergency equipment is located and how to operate the equipment. In addition, the person in charge and crew should discuss how to handle various emergency situations including Crew Overboard, Grounding, Loss of steering, Flooding, Fire, Dismasting, and Abandon Ship.	<b>Required</b>
Skills: Crew Training	4.6	Lifejackets as described in 3.1.1 – 3.1.3 should be worn by all crew on deck in any conditions where recovery may be difficult. It is recommended that lifejackets be worn by all crew on deck unless the person in charge has indicated that they may be set aside.	<b>Required</b>