

# CYC NOTICE OF RACE GENERAL CONDITIONS

This section of the Notice of Race (NOR) applies to all CYC Races identified in this Race Book. It addresses common items that are incorporated into the event specific NOR 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 NOR or Sailing Instructions (SIs). 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 NOR or SIs. If the NOR and SIs are in conflict, the SIs have precedence.

1.4 Prior to the publication of the Sailing Instructions, changes to the NOR 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 NOR 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 **Operating and Equipment Requirements**

3.1 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 Boats designated in the specific NOR must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing's *Safety Equipment Requirements* (SER), according to the category requirement identified, if any, in the NOR. 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.

3.3 These changes are summarized (for Nearshore) in the SER included in the Appendices. 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 [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org).

3.4 **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.
- 4.4 Corrected times for the ORC classes will be calculated using the Time on Time method, using the all-purpose, medium wind numbers unless otherwise specified.

## 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 placed by government authorities on resident activities and business operations may apply and 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 government restrictions may apply and takes full responsibility for operating under those applicable restrictions. CYC is not responsible for any participants failing to follow any restrictions