

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

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2023 'Round Whidbey Race May 27- 28, 2023 Notice of Race

In accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Oak Harbor Yacht Club is publishing a Notice of Race for the 2023 Round Whidbey Race. Competitors will circumnavigate Whidbey Island counterclockwise.

INVITATION: The Oak Harbor Yacht Club invites all yacht owners/charters who meet eligibility requirements to enter the 2023 'Round Whidbey Race. Pre-race activities include dinner at Cornet Bay State Park, Friday May 26 at 6:00 pm. The Skippers' Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. The race will start at 11:00 am Saturday, May 27.

RULES: The Race will be governed by:

1. *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2021-2024)
2. This Notice of Race
3. Sailing Instructions
4. Current Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest Class Rules

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Entrants must have a current valid PHRF/NW rating or "Windseeker" rating assigned by the OHYC.
2. Vessels must meet the Round Whidbey Safety Equipment Requirements. These requirements can be found on the OHYC.org website.
3. Vessels will have a minimum of two persons onboard (no single-handing).

'Round Whidbey is a challenging event where a vessel can be subjected to heavy weather, strong currents, and harsh sea states that frequent the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Admiralty Inlet, and Puget Sound. Competitors will be expected to have prepared their boat accordingly and possess the skills necessary to successfully navigate their vessel in such heavy weather and conditions.

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CLASSES: Classes will be established at the discretion of the race committee based upon the number of entries, the PHRF ratings, vessel types, and other factors. If five or more like boats register, they may be scored separately as a one design class.

The organizing authority has set up an "Adventure Class" which consists of vessels modified with human propulsion. This class will be scored separately with no handicap ratings. Adventure Class vessels must adhere to the minimum Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) as outlined in the race documentation.

Also, a Schooner Class will be established as long as a minimum of 3 schooners register.

COURSE: The race will start Saturday morning between a committee boat and an orange mark approximately 0.5 nm South of Deception Island. Competitors will sail counterclockwise, keeping Whidbey Island to port, finishing between a committee boat and the Oak Harbor Coast Guard Buoy G-5. Times will also be recorded near Scatchet Head to constitute a race in the event that no yacht in a class reaches the finish. This time will also be used to determine the winners of the "Whidbey Island Sprint".

ENTRY FEES: Entries postmarked on or before May 1 2023: The fee is \$75. After May 1, 2023, the fee is \$90. Entry fee includes dinner for the skipper and 3 crew members: Dinner for additional crew/guests is \$10, which should be pre-ordered with registration. Extra crew dinners can be paid for via check, cash, at the OHYC, or online.

ENTRY FORMS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Entry Form and Sailing Instructions will be made available on the 'Round Whidbey Race page at www.ohyc.org/round-whidbey. Official Sailing Instructions will also be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting.

SCORING: The race will be scored using the Low Point System. Finishing times will be calculated using time on distance. Calculated distance is 65nm. Adventure Class will be scored separately and in order of finish.

AWARDS: The Round Whidbey Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance (excluding the Adventure Class). In addition to the perpetual trophy, the winner will be awarded the white 'Round Whidbey winner's hat.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class.

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'Round Whidbey Sprint Award: The overall top 3 boats, with the fastest corrected time, to the Scatchet Head Checkpoint will be awarded a prize for the 'Round Whidbey Sprint, excluding the Adventure Class. This is a separate award and is not calculated in the overall performance.

APPAREL: Apparel will be limited to a pre-order basis and can be ordered using the entry form. Extra apparel is not guaranteed. Apparel can be paid for via check, cash, at the OHYC, or online.

MOORAGE: Moorage can be arranged at the Cornet Bay State Park Docks, Skyline Marina, Cap Sante, Anacortes, and the Oak Harbor Marina.

PARKING: Parking at Cornet Bay is subjected to the State Park fees. Bring your Discovery Pass or pay the day use \$10 fee. Overnight parking requires additional fees. See WA State Park website for details.

Thank you for your participation, and safe sailing.

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