



## RACE WEEK BELLINGHAM 2025

Bellingham, Washington USA

July 21-25, 2025

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Race Week PNW

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply and a link to them will be posted on the event website.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix V shall apply.
- 1.5 Boats other than those racing under One Design Class Rules shall conform to the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - Category 4.
- 1.6 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.7 Competitors will find any/all current requirements and event documents posted on the official NOTICE BOARD located at this link: [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16998](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16998)
- 1.8 All boats shall carry and monitor a functional VHF radio.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the official NOTICE BOARD (Link at NOR 1.7) by July 14, 2025. Copies of the SIs will also be distributed during Skipper Check In (See NOR 6.1 Schedule).
- 2.2 Fleets hosting fleet championships at Race Week Bellingham 2025 will receive a customized SI insert that addresses specific fleet championship Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to One Design, PHRF, and ORC keelboats and multihulls. Six (6) boats are required to set a One Design, PHRF or ORC fleet.
- 3.2 Handicap fleets will be split into classes that are no larger than 18 boats. These class breaks will be made as equitable as possible, and factors considered will be the boat's handicap, plus the boat's displacement. Class breaks will be published on the official NOTICE BOARD (Link at NOR 1.7) by July 14, 2025.
- 3.3 One Design fleets with eight (8) or more boats are invited to use Race Week Bellingham 2025 to conduct a Nationals or North American Championship. Contact the OA to discuss customized racing options, registration and course specifications (For contact, see NOR 18.3).
- 3.4 Race Week Bellingham 2025 is a PHRF-NW event. Boats racing under PHRF handicap shall have a valid PHRF certificate. Boats with a PHRF BC or PHRF rating from elsewhere in North America will be normalized to be consistent with the PHRF-NW database by the Event Handicapper at no charge.
- 3.5 Boats Racing under ORC Handicap shall have a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate.
- 3.6 In the event that a boat's rating has been changed after the entry has been accepted, the OA shall be notified (For contact, see NOR 18.3). After 1700 on July 11, 2025, rating changes will only be accepted if they indicate an increase in the boats speed.

- 3.7 Registration is online at this link: [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eid=16998](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16998)
- 3.8 Registration to Race Week Bellingham 2025 closes on July 11, 2025. Any entries after this time will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.9 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.10 [DP] Skippers will be required to keep a current crew log on board their boats at Race Week Bellingham 2025 at all times. The crew log will include the crew's full legal name, date of birth, and emergency contact information for each crew member who is racing at the event.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1 Race Week Bellingham 2025 registration is \$600 USD for entries received up to midnight May 31, 2025.
- 4.2 For any entries received on June 1, 2025 and beyond, a \$150 USD late entry fee will be charged.
- 4.3 Registration cancellations up to May 31, 2025 will be refunded, less a \$150 cancellation fee. No refunds will be granted after June 1, 2025.

#### 5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Advertising shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20 (See Rule 6 and the World Sailing Advertising Code). Boats must inform the OA of their intent to use advertising, and advertising material must be approved by the OA by July 11, 2025. If approved, no advertising fee will apply (For contact, see NOR 18.3).
- 5.2 Competitors are reminded of the brand exclusivity of official sponsors of the event, and advertising that competes with the official sponsors will not be approved by the OA and therefore must not be displayed at the event.
- 5.3 [DP] If provided, all boats shall display Race Week Bellingham 2025 sponsor advertising on bow stickers for the duration of the event. If bow stickers are being used, they will be supplied free of charge and found in the Skipper Bag at Skipper Check In (See NOR 6.1 Schedule).

#### 6. SCHEDULE

##### 6.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, July 20	0900 – 2000 1730 – 1800  1800-2000	Skipper Check In & Skipper Bag Pick-Up at Bellingham Yacht Club Skipper & Competitors Meeting/No-Host Bar Location: Bellingham Yacht Club  Opening Party/No-Host Bar Location: Bellingham Yacht Club
Mon, July 21	1100 1730-2000	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards/Party (Theme: Christmas in July) Location: Fisherman's Pavilion at Gate 5 Squalicum Harbor
Tues, July 22	1100 * 1730-2000	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards/Party (Theme: Do Si Do) Location: Fisherman's Pavilion at Gate 5 Squalicum Harbor
Wed, July 23	1100 * 1730-2000  2000-2130	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards/Party Location: Fisherman's Pavilion at Gate 5 Squalicum Harbor Race Week Campfire & Sing-A-Long Location: Fisherman's Pavilion at Gate 5 Squalicum Harbor
Thurs, July 24	1100 * 1730-2000	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards/Party (Theme: ABBA Night) Location: Fisherman's Pavilion at Gate 5 Squalicum Harbor
Fri, July 25	1100 * 1500 1700-1900	Warning signal for the first race of the day No new races started after this time Overall Awards/No-Host Bar Location: Bellingham Yacht Club

\* The warning signal for the first race of the day may be modified to 1000 if a Pursuit Race or Distance Race is added to the schedule. Changes to the schedule for the Pursuit Race or Distance Race will be announced on the official NOTICE BOARD (Link at NOR 1.7) by 1700 the day before the Pursuit Race or Distance Race is planned.

- 6.2 There are 4 Post-Race Parties planned that are open to participants of Race Week Bellingham 2025 that will feature the daily awards, live music, and open bar. The cover charge for a daily party bracelet is \$25.00 for adults who are 21 and over, and \$5 for youth. Children under 12 are FREE. To avoid the lines at the party venue, a weekly party bracelet will be available for \$100.
- 6.3 The Skippers Meeting and Party on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Bellingham Yacht Club, and the Overall Awards and party on Friday, July 25, 2025 at Bellingham Yacht Club, will feature a no-host bar, and are open to all event participants with no cover charge required for admittance.
- 6.4 The Bellingham Yacht Club maintains a cashless bar. Only debit and credit cards will be accepted.

## **7. VENUE**

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Bellingham Bay outside of the Squalicum Harbor. If weather permits, there may be a Pursuit Race or Distance Race planned to a destination beyond Bellingham Bay. Details of a Pursuit Race or Distance Race will be posted on the official NOTICE BOARD (Link at NOR 1.7) the day before this race and may affect the warning signal (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE Warning Signals).

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and will include short courses around inflatable and permanent marks.
- 8.2 There may be up to two race circles at Race Week Bellingham 2025. The number of race circles will be determined by the number of registered boats and fleets, and final details will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 If conditions are suitable, Pursuit Race or Distance Race may be conducted one day. For the Pursuit Race, each boat will be assigned a starting time based on their PHRF NW or ORC rating and the length of the course (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE Warning Signals).

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 In an effort to maintain fair and equitable racing and mitigate the number of protests, some form of on the water umpiring may be used. If applicable, specific details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1 A maximum of fifteen (15) races are scheduled depending on fleet requirements, of which three must be scored to constitute a series.
- 10.2 A minimum of one race per day shall be scored per fleet for daily trophies to be awarded.
- 10.3 When less than five races have been scored, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 For boats racing under the PHRF handicap system, results will be calculated by Time on Time, except for a Pursuit Race which will calculate results by Time on Distance.
- 10.5 For boats racing under the ORC handicap system, results will be calculated by Time on Time using the Triple Number Windward/Leeward scoring coefficient except for the pursuit race which will calculate results based on Single Number All Purpose rating.
- 10.6 If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the Race Committee in writing. The notice needs to state the boat name, the boat class, the registered sail number and the alternate sail number and can be delivered to PRO Charley Rathkopf at the Skippers Meeting on Sunday, July 20, 2025 (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE). An email can also be sent with the required information to the Race Committee at Charley@Rathkopf.org. To be valid via email, however, a reply must have been received by the Race Committee.
- 10.7 The Race Committee may reject any requested alternate sail numbers that are duplicates of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction or is denied approval by the Race Committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 10.8 The Low-Point Scoring Systems as defined in RRS Appendix A4 will be used with the following modification: Scores of DNF, NSC, and RET shall be scored the number of boats finishing and not retiring or being disqualified plus two. Scores DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DSQ and DNE shall be scored the number of starters plus two.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1 Competitors using coach and/or support boats shall register the boat with the OA at Race Week Bellingham 2025 at the Skipper's Meeting (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE).
- 11.2 Coach and/or support boats must display the identifying flag that will be provided by the OA at all times while near the race area(s). A deposit will be required for the flag, and the deposit will be returned when the flag is returned.
- 11.3 Each participating support boat shall be insured with a valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$400,000 USD per event or the equivalent. Drivers must be prepared to show their insurance certificate, if requested.
- 11.4 [DP] Failure of a support boat to comply with NOR 11.1 through 11.3 may result in a protest against the boat associated with that support.
- 11.5 Boats without motors are required to provide support boat(s) for their fleet. The number of support boats required is based on the class rules and boat ratings.

## **12. BERTHING**

- 12.1 Registration to Race Week Bellingham 2025 does not include guest moorage for race boats and tenders at Squalicum Harbor in Bellingham.
- 12.2 Guest moorage in the Race Week area can only be made after a skipper's registration has been completed (and paid in full). Skippers will receive a unique Race Week Bellingham 2025 code when their registration has been completed. This code will be required when making guest moorage arrangements with Squalicum Harbor. The cost for guest moorage is \$1.25 per foot per day. To make guest moorage arrangements, call (360) 676-2542 at Squalicum Harbor or email [squalicum@portofbellingham.com](mailto:squalicum@portofbellingham.com).

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3 DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority, Race Week PNW, Whidbey Island Race Week LLC, Race Week Bellingham, Race Week Anacortes, its Sponsors, their employees and volunteers do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 14.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 14.3 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member or representative of the Organizing Authority, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta. [DP]

## **15. INSURANCE**

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$400,000 USD per event or the equivalent. Skippers must be prepared to show their insurance certificate, if requested.

## **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1 Daily fleet awards will be presented at the post-race party to the top 3 finishers in each fleet (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE).
- 16.2 Overall awards will be presented to the top 3 boats in each fleet at the Overall Awards Ceremony (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE).
- 16.3 A Yacht Club Team Trophy may be awarded. A yacht club may enter one team of 3 boats from 2 or more different fleets to compete for the Yacht Club Team Trophy. The winning team will be determined by the best

combined scores of the team's members as a percentage of the number of boats in their fleet. Yacht club teams can register at the Skipper Meeting to be eligible (See NOR 6.1 SCHEDULE).

- 16.4 The Philip Wise Sportsmanship Award is a perpetual award that will be given to the yacht or individual who shows exemplary sportsmanship at the regatta as determined by the Race Week Bellingham 2025 Race Management Team.
- 16.5 The Molly Kool Cup Trophy is a perpetual award that will be given to a woman skipper who shows exemplary performance by a woman who is at the helm for the entire duration of racing at Race Week Bellingham 2025.
- 16.6 Fleets conducting fleet championships at Race Week Bellingham 2025 will provide specific fleet prizes for daily and overall winners.

## 17. EVENT NAME AND LOGO

- 17.1 Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name, Race Week Bellingham 2025. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC. Any use of the event logo on merchandise or gear without license by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC is prohibited.

## 18. MORE INFORMATION

- 18.1 Race Week Bellingham 2025 advises that all registered skippers review boating safety protocols and Man Overboard (MOB) drills with their crews prior to the event.
- 18.2 Race Week Bellingham 2025 Headquarters (HQ) will be posted on the official NOTICE BOARD (Link at NOR 1.7).
- 18.3 Race Week Bellingham 2025 Contact: Schelleen Rathkopf, Event Producer, 2400 NW 80th Street, #130 Seattle, WA 98117 schelleen@gmail.com (206) 384-5254
- 18.4 The Race Week Bellingham 2025 Race Management Team is Charley Rathkopf (PRO) and Paul Evenden (RO).
- 18.5 Links:

### **Race Week Bellingham 2025 Registration**

<https://www.raceweekpnw.com>

### **PHRF NW**

<http://phrf-nw.org/>

### **PHRF BC**

<http://bcsailing.bc.ca/racing/phrf-orc/>

### **ORC**

[www.OC.org/clubapplication](http://www.OC.org/clubapplication).

### **ORC Explained**

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>

### **Camping in Bellingham**

<https://www.bellingham.org/summer-camping-in-whatcom-county-washington>

### **Port of Bellingham / Squalicum Harbor**

<https://www.portofbellingham.com/DocumentCenter/View/7738/Squalicum-Harbor-Map>

### **Bellingham Yacht Club**

<https://www.byc.org/>

### **Bellingham Chamber of Commerce**

<https://bellingham.com/>

### **Bellingham & Whatcom County Resource Guide**

<https://bellingham.com/community-resource-guide/>

### **Request Information About Bellingham**

<https://www.bellingham.org/request-information>

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