



2020 BYC PITCH Regatta

September 5-6, 2020

Bellingham Yacht Club

Bellingham Washington

EVENT WEBSITE: <http://pitch.byc.org>

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Racing Area
 - 1.1. The 2020 BYC PITCH Regatta shall take place on Bellingham Bay and surrounding waters (See NOR ATTACHMENTS A & B)
2. Rules
 - 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the most current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) for this event.
 - 2.2. RRS V1 and RRS V2 apply.
3. Safety
 - 3.1. Competitors are encouraged to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times. The Race Committee (RC), at its discretion, may elect to invoke RSS Rule 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not PFDs. All participating yachts shall be compliant with US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements - SER Revision 2020.0
4. Eligibility
 - 4.1. The regatta is open to all multi-hull and self-righting single hulled sail boats that conform to their class rules, and/or hold a valid PHRF rating and/or are a member of a recognized one-design class association racing in an authorized one design division.
 - 4.2. All participating PHRF yachts shall have a current PHRF-NW certificate. The OA will process new PHRF-NW applications provided that the competitor's complete application is submitted with race registration at time of registration (per 5.1). This regatta is a Grand Prix Regatta qualifier and a 48 North Top 25 qualifier.
5. Classes and Awards
 - 5.1. Classes and class breaks will be assigned based upon the number of entries received. PHRF class assignments will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting. A minimum of five (5) entries, at the discretion of the OA, may be required to form a one-design class. The RC may combine two or more classes into a single start. All Multi-Hulls will be grouped into a separate class.
 - 5.2. There will be up to three awards per class.
 - 5.3. The Kelly O'Neil Cup will be awarded the top scoring Yacht Club Team.

- 5.3.1. Yacht Club Teams will consist of three yachts from a participating yacht club. Teams must be registered with the OA by 2100 hours, September 4, 2020 . Yacht clubs may have more than one team; however, no boat may be on more than one team.
- 5.3.2. The award is based on the combined overall scores of the team members. Each Yacht's scores are weighted by number of yachts in its class and number of races sailed by its class.
- 5.4. At the discretion of the OA, an overall performance award may be made at the end of the Regatta.
6. Entry and Fees
 - 6.1. Entry – Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form. All participants shall have a copy of a valid PHRF rating Certificate, unless racing in a one design class.
 - 6.2. Eligible boats shall have proof of insurance (see 12.2) , and present to race management upon request.
 - 6.3. Fees – Entry fee includes: Skipper's Race Packet, moorage September 4- 5
 - 6.4. Entry – Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/2PoL3t3Q0w>
 - 6.5. Registration: \$65 USD There are no late fees and registration is fully refundable
7. Schedule of Events and Warning Times for Races
 - Friday September 4, 2020
 - 1600: Check-In / Registration Desk Opens
 - 1930: Skippers Meeting from BYC Clubhouse Deck and by Zoom Meeting.
 - Saturday September 5, 2020
 - 0800: Check-In / Registration Desk Opens
 - 1100: First Warning Signal (Scheduled time of first race)
 - Clubhouse Social Events Cancelled - Dinner available from Food Trucks & Local Marina Restaurants,
 - Sunday September 6, 2020
 - 1100: First Warning Signal (Scheduled time of first race)
 - 1500: No warning signal shall be made after at the discretion of the Race Committee
 - Awards Ceremony is Cancelled. Results will be posted on the ONB, and event website. Awards will be mailed.
8. Sailing Instructions, Skippers' Meeting, Communications and Signals Made Ashore
 - 8.1. Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1930 hours September 4, 2020 from he BYC Clubhouse Deck and via Zoom Meetings. Only one person from each registered boat shall attend the Skipper Meeting. Others may connect to the Zoom Meetings:

2020 BYC PITCH Regatta Skippers Meeting
 Time: Sep 4, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
<https://zoom.us/j/99255711285?pwd=Qnkxa2lPRlVUU25Kb1Flcm9zUGMvdz09>
 Meeting ID: 992 5571 1285
 Password: pitch
 - 8.2. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted online at <http://pitch.byc.org> prior to the event.

Copies will be provided in the Skippers' Packet and available Skippers' Meeting.

- 8.3. Any amendments to the SIs, class breaks, streamer requirements and any other relevant information will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at lower level entrance to the BYC Clubhouse and on the event website.
- 8.4. Signals Made Ashore will be flown from the flagpole in front of the BYC Clubhouse.
9. Venue
 - 9.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbor
 - 9.2. Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing area.
10. Courses
 - 10.1. Probably courses will be described in Addendum to the sailing instructions.
 - 10.2. Courses to be sailed will be clearly designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signals Boat.
11. Scoring – The regatta will be scored using RRS Appendix A; Time on Distance formula. Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. A minimum of one race will constitute a series.
12. Support boats
 - 12.1. Start and Finish boat(s) will be marked with a Race Committee Flag
 - 12.2. Mark set boats will be unmarked.
13. Moorage and Other Arrival Information
 - 13.1. Moorage will be available at no charge to registered boats. The OA will try to accommodate tenders in the same mooring area whenever possible.
 - 13.2. A greeting boat may be on station to assist with moorage instructions. If no boat is available, hail the BYC Welcoming Committee on VHF channel 72 for moorage assignment, or call Mick Corcoran 360-319-5448
14. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance
 - 14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
 - 14.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.
 - 14.3. For additional information, please see refer to the Regatta Website at:
<http://pitch.byc.org>



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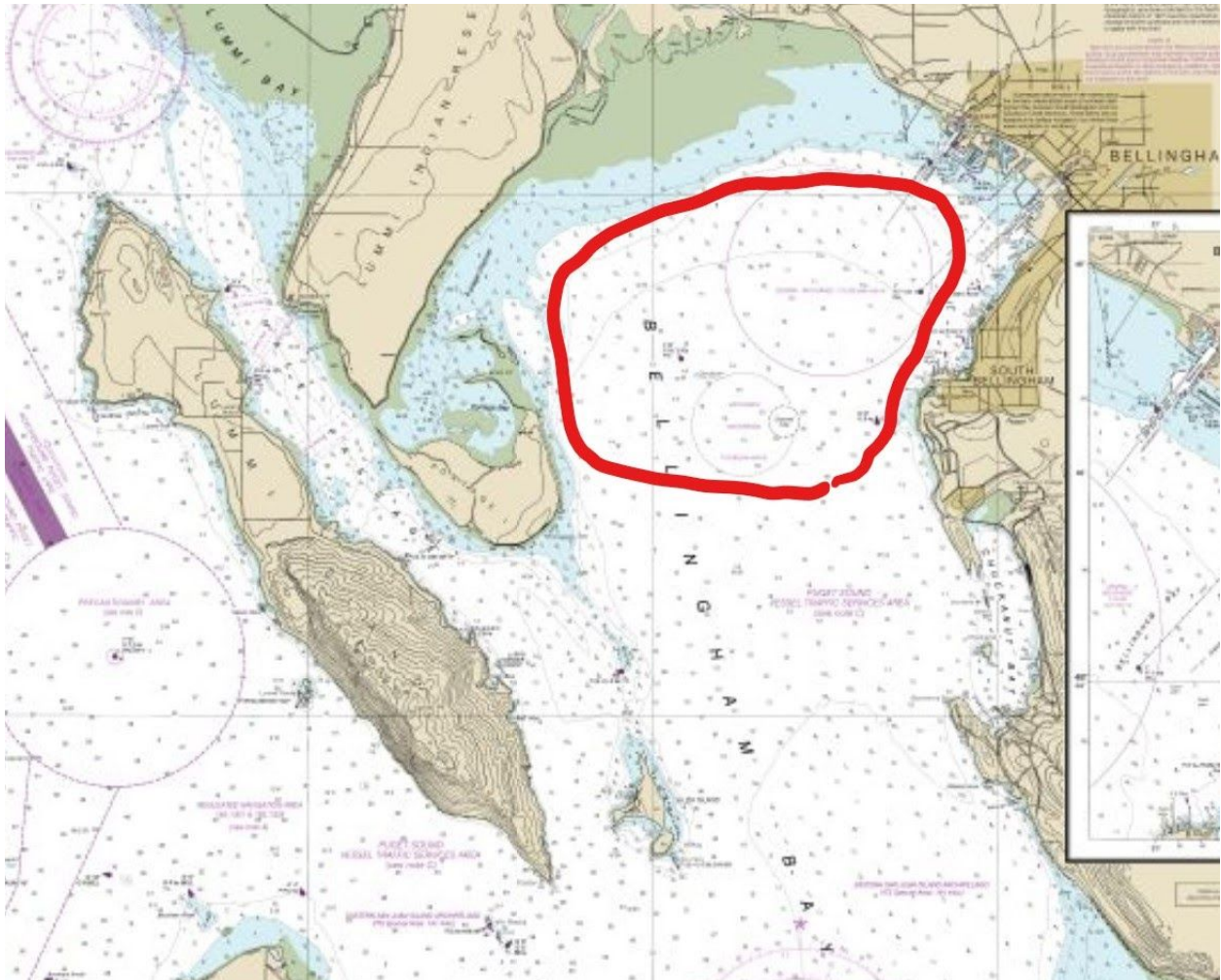
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NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT B

The Venue Racing Area will be in Bellingham Bay generally as outlined in red below.





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Directions to Bellingham Yacht Club

From the I-5 South

Take exit 253 for Lakeway Drive
Turn right onto King St
Turn right onto Lakeway Dr
Continue onto E Holly St
Turn left onto Central Ave
Turn right onto Roeder Ave
Turn left onto Coho Way
Turn right onto S Harbor Loop Dr

From the I-5 North

Take exit 256A-256B for Meridian St
Turn left onto Meridian St
Turn right onto Squalicum Way/Squalicum Pkwy
Squalicum Way/Squalicum Pkwy turns slightly left and becomes Roeder Ave
Turn right onto Coho Way
Turn right toward S Harbor Loop Dr

