



## ***Sailing Instructions***

### ***Seattle Pink Boat Regatta – September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

This event is organized by the Pink Boat Regatta, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation supporting The Breast Cancer Research through sailing with 100% of all net proceeds.

This event is considered a 'Fun' race.. Boats are expected to abide by the current Racing Rules of Sailing. DON'T CHEAT. If you foul someone or may have fouled someone, do a 360 degree turn and continue the race. The race committee fully intends to shred, burn or otherwise lose any protests filed and will likely disqualify any boats that do not resolve their differences on the water.

**Time:** First warning is expected to be at 12:00pm.

**Eligibility and Registration:** The race is open to all boats under sail. Vessels may register [here](#). Boats may be required to display a race participation flag which may bear the logos of one or more sponsors.

**Special COVID 19 Requirements:** The Pink Boat Regatta would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while participating in this race.. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.

**Moorage:** Moorage will be available on a first come basis at Shilshole Marina at the north end of the marina adjacent to the dry storage area. Boats are asked to raft as possible to accommodate others.



**Skippers Meeting:** A Skippers meeting will be held at 10am Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at CYC Seattle.

**Notices and Instructions:** Notices and sailing instructions shall be posted on this website. Official race notices and amendments shall be posted on the website when available.

**Divisions:** Boats shall race in either a handicap or one-design class. One-design classes may be available if there are at least five similar entries. Boats may race in handicap divisions under a flying sails (FS) rating or non-flying sails (NFS) rating. Boats without a current FS or NFS handicap rating will be assigned one by the respective organizing authority delegates. Preliminary class breaks will be posted on the website by 1700 on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **RULES:**

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the **Notice of Race** (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI). If there is a conflict between these SI's, or the NOR, the SI's will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7. The Organizing Authority (OA) of this regatta is the Pink Boat Regatta, under direction of CYC Seattle.

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## **SAFETY:**



Racers are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue the race. Each boat is responsible for carrying the safety equipment required and operating their vessel in a safe manner.

### **ENTRIES:**

Eligible boats may register. Registrations will be accepted until the end of the skippers meeting the morning of the race.

### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on this website, and at CYC Seattle by 0900 on the morning of the race. Boats shall check in by sailing by and hailing the committee boat before the race. The Race Committee may make announcements on VHF Channel 72 but will not take check-ins by radio.

### **START TIME:**

First warning is expected to be at 12:00 pm. The class flag for each start will be the number flag corresponding to each boat's assigned class number.

### **START/FINISH LINE:**

The start/finish line will be between the designated Race Committee Vessel and the fixed white starting mark outside the Shilshole Marina breakwater. All yachts must stay clear of the RC Vessel.

### **TIME LIMIT:**

The time limit for all boats will be three hours after their class start. This changes RRS 35. A boat that retires prior to finishing shall notify the race committee--at the time she retires--via VHF channel 72.

### **SCORING:**

Scoring will be determined as follows:



- 1) A. Boats will be grouped into 1 of 3 classes based on their handicap, with the Race committee attempting to keep boats of similar speed potential in the same class:
  - a) Very Fast Boats
  - b) Pretty Fast Boats
  - c) Boats that move
- 2) Each class will be individually scored based on the Time-on-time scoring method.
- 3) If a boat does not have a PHRF handicap rating, a rating will be assigned to the vessel by Pink Boat Regatta, based on like-type boats that do have a rating. This rating will **not** be subject to discussion or interpretation.
- 4) On the water scores will be posted immediately after the end of the race.
- 5) To raise charitable donations for breast cancer research, boats will have the opportunity to 'adjust' their ratings through donations to the Pink Boat Regatta following the race, but before the awarding of trophies. The 'adjusted' scores will be the basis for the awarding of trophies at the awards ceremony.

## **TROPHIES and CLASSES:**

Preliminary class breaks will be posted on this website by 1700 on the Friday before the race. Class breaks will be finalized by 11am the morning of the race. Trophies will be awarded for:

- 1st through 3rd place awarded based on adjusted scores (see above) by class.
- The 'Black Flag' perpetual trophy will be awarded to the team that raises the most money. Boats are allowed to raise donations up to the awarding of the trophy at the awards ceremony.
- Pinkest boat
- Overall Female Skipper



## **COURSE:**

The course will start at the shilshole breakwater. Courses will be determined by 1100 on race day and announced at the Skipper's Meeting. The course for each class will be displayed on the race committee vessel.

After starting, each boat will continue to round the course, passing as many of the designated marks as possible until the 3-hour time limit is reached.