



Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions

Bellingham Pink Boat Regatta – 28 August, 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.

The race shall be run according to the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) or this Notice of Race (NOR).

Time: First warning is expected to be at 1:00pm.

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.

Moorage: Moorage will be available for participants at Bellingham Yacht Club.

Skipper's Meeting: A Skipper's meeting will be held at 11am Saturday, August 28th, 2021 at BYC.

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, August 24th.

Scoring: The race shall run for a fixed 3-hour time period with boats being awarded a point for each buoy (mark rounding) rounded or passed during the race per SI's. The



point totals will be corrected based on handicap ratings to determine race standings. For designated trophies, a team may “buy” additional buoys. For every \$100.00 donated on behalf of your sailboat, you will receive one additional buoy on race day. [Buoys are available here](#), choose your team from the leaderboard to go to the specific page for donation.

Awards: In addition to recognition of the boats with the best corrected performance, there will be additional event-specific awards, including (subject to final announcements) Pinkest Boat, Most points overall, Most buoys rounded overall, Least buoys rounded overall, Most buoys female skipper, Most buoys all female crew, and the Spirit Award.

Post-Race Party: There will be an awards party immediately following the race at Bellingham Yacht Club.

For questions or information please contact:

General Event Inquiries:
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Bellingham Race Information including handicap ratings:
race@pinkboatregatta.org

Event Sponsorship Information:
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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). This changes RRS 63.7. The Organizing Authority (OA) of this regatta is the Pink Boat Regatta, under direction of the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC).

SAFETY:



Racers are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or continue the race.

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 the BYC clubhouses 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 1:00 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 line will be between the designated Race Committee Vessel and the Outfall Buoy. All yachts must stay clear of the RC Vessel. Race Committee may leave the start station after start of race with no protest by fleet or adjustment of course or race. The Finish line will be between the RC Vessel and the Outfall Buoy. If the vessel is not on station, the finish time and buoy count will be recorded as the outfall buoy crosses mid ship to Port.

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:

Boats shall be scored using the "marks passed" method as described below:



1. Each boat, at the end of the race, shall submit her declaration of number of marks passed, and the time of rounding the last mark. Your number of buoys must be submitted before 6:00 PM. Finish times will not be accepted after 6:00 PM.
2. A boat shall receive a number of points equal to the number of marks passed, on the correct side and in the correct order, prior to the end of the time limit. For this purpose only, “passed” shall mean that the boat, or any part of it in its normal position, has passed the S/F line or its extension or, for other marks, a line from said mark perpendicular to the course from the prior mark.
3. A fractional number of points will be added to the above total based on the amount of time remaining in the time limit (after the last mark rounding), the boats average speed to the last mark rounded, and the distance to the next mark. In no case will more than one whole mark be added to the total.
4. The above number of points shall be multiplied by the “dcf” or “distance correction factor” calculated as follows: $dcf = (550 + \text{handicap rating}) / 650$.
5. For certain trophies, except as set out below, boats will be credited with extra points (Buy-a-Buoy) based on donations. For every \$100.00 donated, you will receive one additional mark rounding.
6. Points earned by rounding marks will be announced as soon as possible after the finish of racing and you will be able to purchase extra points until 6:00PM. At that time, Buy-a-Buoy donations will be closed and the points for each team will be final.

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 after the buy-a-buoy period ends at 6:00PM the day of the race.

- Pinkest Boat - Get creative this is subjective!
- Most points overall 1- 3
- Most buoys rounded overall (not subject to “Buy a Buoy”)
- Overall Female Skipper
- 1st through 3rd place awarded by class
- Spirit of the Regatta award

COURSE:



The course will start at the Outfall buoy, rounding the Post Point buoy and the Star Rock buoy, and continuing until the time limit expires. All marks shall be rounded to Port.

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.

'Mulligans':

In the advancement of fun and fair competition, skippers may pre purchase 'mulligans' of motoring during the regatta under the following conditions: 3 minutes of motoring for \$20.00, in \$20.00 increments, must be purchased before start of race and RC must be notified. Use of 'mulligan time' may be in any time increment; RC must be notified in advance of any 'mulligan motoring' use or discontinuation of use. Failure to notify RC will result in possible 'fine' or disqualification.