

Whidbey Island Race Week 2014

July 19 - July 25, 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. **MANAGEMENT.** Whidbey Island Race Week will be conducted by Clear Ahead Marine Productions which will have the authority to reject any entry before racing starts; interpret the rules and conditions of the race; and decide any protests. The fleet shall be divided into handicap or one design classes according to rating and other factors at the discretion of Clear Ahead Marine Productions
2. **ELIGIBILITY.** Race Week is open to cruising/racing yachts 19 to 75 feet LOA that:
 - A. Are self-righting, properly rigged and ballasted and fully seaworthy. A provision will be made for a multi-hull class start provided there are at least 6 multi-hull yachts entered. Each yacht shall carry an operating VHF radio.
 - B. Conform to the current PIYA Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards for Category III.
 - C. Have a valid PHRF NW rating, or belong to a one-design class with sufficient boats registered to form a class (See *Rating and Classes, section 4, paragraph B*)
3. **RULES.** The rules governing Whidbey Island Race Week will be:
 - A. The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
 - B. For PHRF-rated boats, The 2014 Regulations of PHRF NW (published with their 2014 roster), and for boats racing in a one-design class, their class rules.
 - C. This Race Notice, and The Sailing Instructions, including any amendments
 - D. US Sailing Prescription to RRS 64.3 (b) will not apply
 - E. In the case of a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
4. **RATING AND CLASSES.** It is the responsibility of each entrant to have a valid rating or one design certificate on file with Clear Ahead Marine Productions.
 - A. All yachts in the PHRF Class must have a current PHRF-NW valid speed potential rating and certificate. Non PHRF-NW members may contact PHRF-NW at PHRF Northwest Business Office, PO Box 489, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; (253) 857-8858, FAX 425-962-8729; E-mail phrfnw@gmail.com . A/R Forms, applications and other information are available at the PHRF NW Web site, www.phrf-nw.org .

It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that the data relative to the entered yacht held in the PHRF-NW data bank is current and correct and that he accepts the published or the temporary PHRF-NW rating for his yacht. Prior to the start of racing, ratings/certificates for all boats of a class or one-design for which there are multiple entries will be reviewed by a PHRF-NW handicapper and a panel of knowledgeable people appointed by Clear Ahead Marine Productions. (Example – two identical boats register with different ratings.) Ratings modified by this process are neither subject to redress (Modifies RRS 62.1) nor subject to appeal (Modifies RRS 70.1). All such rating changes will be posted on the official notice board by 1900 on the Sunday, 20 July 2014.

Clear Ahead Marine Productions assumes the database of PHRF-NW to be correct and will accept no responsibility or obligation arising from errors.

- B. One design classes or groups of yachts wishing to level race will be given a start provided there are at least 10 yachts entered. Each yacht in a one-design class must comply with Class Rules and other requirements of this event.

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C. Boats with a youth sailor under 18 but not including 18 years of age will receive a 3 second credit to your rating. Boats with over 8 crew must have two youth sailors to receive this credit. Crew Credit form must be filled out at Race Headquarters Sunday 20, 2014. This will include name of youth sailor, age, and signature of skipper. You must have a youth sailor(s) on board every day for all races to qualify for this credit. Substitutions are allowed as long as the form is updated by 10:30 am at Race Headquarters the day of the race. If youth(s) racer is missing on any day. All results will be recalculated with the credit removed.

5. **IDENTIFICATION.** Race Week Identification will be required for each person participating in any of the many Race Week activities. Skippers should order one for themselves and each person on their crew or guest list when entering (\$65). Additional guest Identifications will be available at Race Week Headquarters (\$75) but only Skippers may purchase them.

6. **MOORAGE.** Race Week Moorage is available at the Oak Harbor Marina, which has two-thousand feet of guest floats inside the breakwater. **NOTE: Race Week Entry does not include moorage.** For reservations and rates contact the Oak Harbor Marina, 865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA, 98277, (360) 279-4575, Fax (360) 240-0603, Email slee@oakharbor.org , <http://www.whidbey.net/ohmarina> . Yachts may anchor at no charge outside the breakwater. **Oak Harbor is not a Port Of Entry.** Canadian vessels should clear customs at Friday Harbor, Anacortes, Bellingham, or any other Port of Entry.

7. EVENTS

Sunday, July 20 Registration-1200-1700: Distribution of Identifications, Race Kits, Entry List and Special Instructions, Skippers Meeting Oak Harbor Yacht Club at 1700.

Sunday, July 20 Opening Reception 1800 – 2000

Daily, July 21-25-Activities-0800-1030: Shore side activities such as sailing clinics and product demonstrations for Race Week participants with Identifications. Watch the official website for updates

Daily, July 21-25-Racing-Scheduled Start 12:00 Racing in Crescent Harbor - Penn Cove - Saratoga Passage.

Daily, July 21-25-Parties-1800-2000 (OR AFTER RACING!): Evening social gatherings and award presentations with complimentary beverages and entertainment for Race Week participants with Identifications.

8. **AWARDS.** Race Week class awards will be presented daily for first, second and third place each day. Overall awards based on the cumulative scores for the week will be awarded to first, second, and third yachts in each class after the final race. In addition, special recognition will be given to the outstanding competitors.

9. **ENTRY PROCEDURE.** Please complete and mail an Entry Form with appropriate rating certificate and fees as soon as possible. Email Confirmation will be sent upon receipt.

A. Race Week Program, including Sailing Instructions, will be presented to each accepted entry at registration.

B. The regatta will be limited to the first 175 entries. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS LIMIT IS REACHED.

C. Entry closing will be July 15, 2014 or when the Limit has been reached.

E. By submitting an entry each owner/skipper certifies that they have read and accept the Conditions of Whidbey Island Race Week and that the current and valid measurement certificate submitted with entry will be the rating application to the yacht at the start and throughout the series.

F. Any Completed Registration Postmarked by April 15th, 2014 will receive ONE FREE EVENT IDENTIFICATION PASS.

G. Any Completed Registration Postmarked by March 15th, 2014 will receive \$50 off entry fee and One Free Event ID Pass.

H. Postmark dates will be strictly enforce

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10. FEES. Entry Fee and Identification Fee are completely separate from Moorage Fees.

Entry Fee for Yacht (does not include ID)

For all entries received on or before June 15th:

Up to 28 feet LOA	\$400 US Funds.
29 to 35 feet LOA	\$450 US Funds.
36 to 40 feet LOA	\$500 US Funds.
Greater than 41 feet LOA	\$550 US Funds.

***For all entries received after June 15th a late fee of \$100 will be charged.**

Advertising Fee (if applicable) - \$100 US Funds (For example - Sails or Hulls with advertising)

Identification Fee- Skipper/Crew/Guest-\$65 US Funds (\$75 at Event)

Identification Fee-Junior under 21-\$20.00 US Funds (\$25 at Event)

The **ADVERTISING FEE** is applicable to all boats that wish to comply with ISAF Category C, and will be applied to Race Week News or Program print advertising if desired. All boats not paying the advertising fee must comply with ISAF Category A. Boats desiring to advertise in the Race Week News or Program contact Clear Ahead Marine Productions for a rate sheet.

The ID Bracelet gives access to the site and is not a drink ticket. It is a fee to offset the cost of all activities at the site. These activities include live music, trophies, seminars, video, food and beverages. Underage crew and guests are encouraged to take part in the activities and will receive a different ID than adults.

Cancellations received by June 15, 2014 will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100. Entry Fee will not be returned after this date.

11. ACCOMMODATIONS. Race Week participants desiring shore side accommodations information should contact the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, (360) 675-3535 or view the website www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com under lodging.

12. CAMPING – Camping at the Navy Base is still available. Unfortunately the costs involved to have free camping have changed. Between Naval administrative charges, Bathrooms and Fencing costs we have to charge a nominal fee for camping this year. \$25 per tent and \$40 per RV for the week. Tent and RV passes can be purchased at Race Head Quarters.

13. TRANSPORTATION. Whidbey Island is accessible by land, sea and air via either private or public conveyances. Deception-Pass Bridge and Washington State ferries provide four alternative highway routes to the island. Saratoga Passage, Deception Pass and the Swinomish Channel offer three different water approaches.

WHIDBEY ISLAND RACE WEEK 2014 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLEASE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ENTRY:

Yacht _____ Sail No. _____
 Model _____ LOA _____ PHRF Rating _____ ONE DESIGN _____
 Builder _____ Club _____
 Skipper _____ Tel/Home _____
 Address _____ Tel/Office _____
 City, State _____ ZIP _____
 E-Mail _____

I hereby agree that the above named yacht will be outfitted and equipped in accordance with the PIYA Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards Category III. I have read and executed the Waiver, Release and indemnification Clause attached with this entry form.

I also agree that any use of race results, photos, or written coverage of this event for promotional purposes will use the official name: WHIDBEY ISLAND RACE WEEK 2014. This is a PIYA Category III event.

_____ [] Owner [] Charterer _____
Signature **Date**

- [] I am a member of PHRF Northwest and enclose my valid PHRF-NW certificate.
- [] I have applied for a rating and certificate from the PHRF Northwest.
- [] I am a member of a One-Design Fleet.

Entry must be accompanied by:

1. **Rating Certificate or copy of application for same.**
2. **Proof of insurance for vessel.** (please email a copy or bring one to WIRW at registration.)

3. **Entry Fee:** (Does not include I.D.) For all entries received on or before June 15th:

Up to 28 feet LOA:	\$400 US Funds.	\$ _____
29 to 35 feet LOA:	\$450 US Funds.	\$ _____
36 to 40 feet LOA:	\$500 US Funds.	\$ _____
Greater than 41 feet LOA:	\$550 US Funds.	\$ _____

Early registration discount (See 9. Entry Procedure)

* Entries received after June 15th a late fee of \$100 will be charged. \$ _____

4. Advertising Fee (if applicable) \$ _____

5. Identification Fee

Adult - \$65.00 US (\$75 at regatta) No. _____ \$ _____

Junior (under 21) -\$20. US (\$25 at regatta) No. _____ \$ _____

6. Camping Fee

\$25 per tent for 7 nights No. _____ \$ _____

\$40 per RV for 7 nights No. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable in US FUNDS to:

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 Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Tel: 253-261-7700

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ENTRY CLOSING WILL BE July 15, 2014. OR WHEN THE 175 BOAT LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED

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Waver, Release and indemnification

I, _____ Skipper of the yacht

_____,
Accept full responsibility for the conduct of each member of my crew and guests during the activities associated with Whidbey Island Race Week 2014. I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for the safety of my crew and yacht.

Clear Ahead Marine Productions., Race Committee, Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, Oak Harbor Yacht Club, Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, The City of Oak Harbor and any other sponsors of Whidbey Island Race Week 2014 are in no way to be held responsible for accidents, damage or injury to property or to yachts, crew or guests arising from any cause during or related to any race or activities of the Race Week. Each Skipper and his crew must evaluate weather and sea conditions and each participant is responsible for determining whether it is safe for him to participate. The responsibility of wearing a life jacket rests upon the Skipper and his crew. If Committee vessels and personnel provide assistance, it is at the risk of the participants.

I hereby agree to all of the Conditions for Whidbey Island Race Week 2014 and shall inform each member of my crew of these Conditions. I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these Conditions; that she will have all of the required equipment aboard; that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear; that she will be completely manned. I agree that the rating with my entry as filed with the Committee will be the applicable rating for the yacht at the time she starts the race.

In consideration of your accepting my Entry for Whidbey Island Race Week 2014, I do for myself, my executors, my administrators and assigns waive and release any and all claims that I have against Clear Ahead Marine Productions,LLC., Race Committee, Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, Oak Harbor Yacht Club, Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, The City of Oak Harbor and any other sponsors of Whidbey Island Race Week 2014, their officers, directors, members, committeemen, volunteers, employees and agents, or any one or more of them or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns, including any or all claims for damage caused by the negligence of any of them arising out of my participation or that of my yacht in Whidbey Island Race Week 2014 and its related activities, including pre-start and post-finish operations and shore activities together with any costs and expenses including attorney's fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claim whether valid or not, and I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of them against any such claims that any officer, member of my crew or one of my guests (or the executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, and assigns of any of them) may have or assert together with any costs and expenses including attorney's fees with respect thereto.

Executed,

Signature

Date