



## 2015 KarMART PITCH Regatta Notice of Race

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The 2015 PITCH Regatta shall take place on Bellingham Bay and surrounding waters on 5 & 6 September 2015. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC), 2625 Harbor Loop, Bellingham, WA 98225.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* and under any revisions or amendments by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3. All participating yachts shall have a current PHRF-NW certificate. The OA will process new PHRF-NW applications provided such complete (per 5.1) applications are made with race registration at time of registration or before the Skippers' Meeting on Friday 4 September 2015.
  - 1.3.1. The only exception shall be, if, in its own discretion, the OA chooses to run a race under the auspices of the NW Single Handed Sailing Society, or other distinct class association (i.e. Etchells).
- 1.4. The regatta is a Grand Prix Qualifier and a *48 Degrees North* Top 25 Qualifier. Races run under the auspices of 1.3.1 above may not meet this qualification standard.
- 1.5. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are encouraged at all times; the OA may fly the 'Y' flag if it determines conditions warrant, at which time the wearing of PFDs by all crew on all yachts will be mandated.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all multi-hull and self-righting single hulled sail boats that conform to their class rules and/or holds a valid PHRF rating or are a recognized one-design class racing one design only.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form, which will be available online to complete and submit, or mailed to the OA, accompanied by a statement of a valid PHRF Rating certificate, proof of insurance, a copy of a US Sailing membership card (optional), together with the required fee made payable to the BYC. Late registration may be granted by the OA as defined under Section 3.

### 3. Fees

- 3.1. Required fees are as follows:
  - Early Registration: \$85 USD by 24 August 2015
  - Registration: \$115 by 31 August 2015
  - Late Registration: \$130 after 31 August 2015
  - US Sailing member discount of \$10 USD.

- The entry fee includes: Skippers' race packet, free moorage from 4 to 6 September 2015 (discount moorage pre and post those dates available upon request at the discretion of the OA), Friday evening BBQ and beverages.

3.1.1. Additional fees include: Saturday night dinner - \$10 per person.

#### 4. Schedule of Events and Warning Times

##### 4.1. Friday, 4 September 2015

- 1500: Registration – BYC Club House
- 1700: Free BBQ and refreshments
- 1930: Skippers' Meeting

##### 4.2. Saturday, 5 September 2015

- 1000: First Warning Signal
- BYC Lounge will be open: One hour after Race Committee boat docks, signaled by firing of cannon. Dinner to follow.

##### 4.3. Sunday, 6 September 2015

- 1000: First Warning Signal
- No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- Raffle and awards following racing.

#### 5. Measurements

- 5.1. Each yacht shall verify a valid PHRF-NW certificate or application for PHRF-NW rating including current sail measurements or statement of one-design rating class compliance.
- 5.2. PHRF Yachts may be subject to a safety inspection per PIYA Category III requirements at the discretion of the OA.

#### 6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at [pitch.byc.org](http://pitch.byc.org). Copies will be provided in the Skippers' Packet and available at the Skippers' Meeting.

#### 7. Classes and Awards

- 7.1. Classes will be formed based upon the number of entries received. Other than at the discretion of the OA, a minimum of five entries are required to form a one-design class; classes may be combined for starts. All Multi-Hulls will be grouped into a separate class.
- 7.2. There will be up to three awards per class.
- 7.3. The Kelly O'Neil Cup will be awarded the top scoring yacht club team.
  - 7.3.1. Teams will be comprised of three yachts from one participating yacht club which must be registered with the OA by 2100 hours, 4 September 2015. Yacht clubs may have more than one team; however, no boat may be on more than one team.

7.3.2. 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.

7.4. An overall performance award may be made at the discretion of the OA.

## 8. Registration and Skippers' Meeting

8.1. A mandatory skippers' meeting will be held at 1930 hours 4 September 2015. At least one person from each registered boat must attend.

8.2. Sailing Instruction amendments, class breaks and streamer requirements will be announced at the skippers' meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and/or online at the discretion of the OA.

## 9. Courses

9.1. The racing area shall consist of Bellingham Bay and surrounding navigable waters.

9.2. Course to be sailed shall be clearly designated on the course board displayed on the Race Committee boat. Probable courses will be depicted in the addendum to the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Scoring

10.1. 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. One race will constitute a series.

10.2. Arbitration will be available for protests involving rules of Part 2 of the RRS and not more than two (2) boats and no allegation of damage. The Sailing Instructions will specify that this will change RRS 60.1 (b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

## 11. Dockage and Further Information

11.1. Moorage will be available at no charge to registered boats and, at the discretion of the OA, one tender, as guests of the OA.

11.2. A greeting boat may be on station to assist with moorage instructions. If no boat is available, hail the BYC on VHF channel 72 for moorage assignment.

## 12. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 13. Prizes and Awards

13.1. Prizes and awards will be awarded by class. An award (Kelly O'Neil Cup) for team yacht club racing will be awarded to the team with the best combined overall scores. For more information on the Kelly O'Neil Cup see section 7.3.