



2016 KarMART PITCH Regatta

SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2016 BELLINGHAM, WA

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this Regatta is the Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC). The Regatta website for registration information and race documents is: <http://pitch.byc.org/>

- 1 Racing Area** – The 2016 PITCH Regatta shall be sailed on Bellingham Bay and the surrounding navigable waters.
- 2 Rules**
 - 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the event.
 - 2.2 In the event that the OA elects to include races for one-design class, the rules for that class shall be in effect.
- 3 Safety**
 - 3.1 Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) – Competitors are encouraged to wear personal floatation devices at all times. The Race Committee at its discretion will put RRS 40 into effect.
 - 3.2 PHRF Yachts must comply with the current safety requirements for PIYA SER Category “Nearshore”, and may be subject to a safety inspection discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4 Eligibility**
 - 4.1 The Regatta is open to all multi-hull and self righting single hull sail boats that conform to their class rules and/or hold valid PHRF rating or are a recognized one-design class racing one design only.
 - 4.2 All participating yachts shall have a current PHRF-NW certificate. The OA will process new PHRF NW applications provided that complete (per 5.1) applications are submitted at time of registration. This Regatta is a Grand Prix Regatta Qualifier and a 48 North Top 25 Qualifier. Races run under 3.2 above are not part of these qualifiers.
- 5 Entry & Fees**
 - 5.1 Entry - Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form (available online at the Regatta website) & either submitting the form online or mailing it to BYC. Entry forms must be accompanied by a statement of a valid PHRF Rating certificate and proof of insurance, together with the required entry fee.
 - 5.2 Fees – Entry fees include the Skipper’s Race Packet, moorage from September 2-4 and tickets for the Friday evening BBQ and beverages.

Early Registration:	\$85 USD received by August 22, 2016
Registration:	\$115 USD received by August 29, 2016
Late Registration:	\$130 USD received after August 31, 2016

Checks for entry fees should be made payable to BYC and be sent to: PITCH Regatta, Bellingham Yacht Club, 2625 S. Harbor Loop, Bellingham, WA 98225

6 Schedule of Warning Times for Races and Other Events

Friday, September 2nd, 2016

1600: Registration – BYC Clubhouse.

1700: Free BBQ and refreshments. (Tickets are included in the Race Packet).

1930: Mandatory Skippers' Meeting.

Saturday, September 3rd, 2016

1000: Scheduled time of Warning Signal for the first race of the day.

Note: The BYC Lounge will open at 1700 hrs. Dinner to follow. (Saturday night tickets are available for \$10. Per person.)

Sunday, September 4th, 2016

1000: Scheduled time of Warning Signal for the first race of the day.

Raffle and awards will take place in the BYC Clubhouse following racing.

7 Classes and Awards

- 7.1 Classes and Class breaks will be assigned by the based upon the number of entries received. PHRF class assignments will provided at the Skippers Meeting. A minimum of five entries is required to form a one-design class; The RC may combine class starts into a single start. 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.
- 7.4 **Yacht Club Teams** - Yacht Club Teams will be comprised of three yachts from a participating yacht club. Teams must be registered with the OA by 2100 hours, September 2, 2016. Yacht clubs may have more than one team, however, no boat shall be on more than one team. 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 race sailed by its class.
- 7.5 An overall individual yacht performance award may be made at the end of the Regatta.

9 Skippers' Meeting, Communications & Signals Made Ashore

- 9.1 A mandatory Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1930 hrs on Friday September 2, 2016. At least one person from each registered boat must attend.
- 9.2 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta website. Copies will be provided in the Skippers' Packets which will be available the Skippers' Meeting.
- 9.3 Any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions, class breaks and streamer requirements and other relevant information will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), which is located, adjacent to the lower level entrance to the BYC Clubhouse. The RC will make a reasonable attempt to post communications on the Regatta website.
- 9.4 Signals Made Ashore will be flown from the flagpole in front of the BYC Clubhouse.

- 10 **Courses** - Course to be sailed will be clearly designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat(s). Probable courses will be described in Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions.

- 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. One race will constitute a series.

12 Moorage and Other Arrival Information

- 12.1 Moorage will be available at no charge to registered boats. BYC will make an effort to accommodate tenders in the same mooring area.
- 12.2 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.

13 Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 13.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

For additional information please see the Regatta Website - <http://pitch.byc.org/>