



Anacortes Yacht Club presents:

2017 Northern Century

NOTICE OF RACE

August 18-20, 2017

1. BACKGROUND

100 miles of awesome, and the toughest race you'll ever love! The event was founded as a doublehanded endurance race, and we have added more options for the sane people:

- Double-handed 100
- Fully-crewed 100
- Double-handed 50
- Fully-crewed 50.

The course is through/around (skipper's choice) the San Juan Islands and each year competitors are met with a unique set of challenges and some of the most beautiful conditions the Salish Sea has to offer. The race starts on Friday evening, and night time spinnaker runs are the norm on the way up to the first mark of the course. Due to the time of year, we have come to expect meteor showers and phosphorescence that light up the night and continue to add to the excitement of the race.

2. RACE DESCRIPTION

The N100 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Point Roberts, then south any way you choose to Hein Bank, followed by a return to Anacortes with a finish off Washington Park (details in Sailing Instructions and at skippers meeting). There will be a halfway finish when each boat in the N100 race reaches 48° 48' Latitude after rounding the mark at Point Roberts. Boats will be required to provide adequate GPS proof of their halfway crossing time if they wish to be scored for the halfway finish. The N50 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Alden Bank, then south any way you choose to the finish off Washington Park.

The race starts on Friday, August 18, 2017. Double-handed entries start at 1930 (GPS Time) followed by fully crewed entries at 1940 (GPS Time). It will likely take most competitors until Saturday night or Sunday morning to finish. This can be a very challenging event that involves considerable navigational skills, plus night sailing, strong currents, transit of vessel traffic lanes,

and potentially strong winds near Hein Bank. The race is open to all yachts that have submitted the following:

- Completed registration on-line
- Paid registration fee of \$75.00 (\$100.00 after August 16, 2017)

3. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 18, 2017

1500-1700 Registration and check-in at Anacortes Yacht Club Distribution of race packets, race trackers and sailing instructions Final crew lists must be provided Dinner, T-shirt Sales and Open Bar

1700 Dinner served to racers

1730 Skippers Meeting: Group Photo, Honor 2016 winners, weather briefing, questions and any special instructions

1800-1900 Boat parade between Cap Sante A and B docks

1930 Double-handed division start - Fidalgo Bay

1940 Fully-crewed division start - Fidalgo Bay

Sunday, August 20, 2017

1300 Anacortes Yacht Club open

1500 Snacks & no-host bar, presentation of results

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 To enter the event, entrants must register online and pay the appropriate fees by the registration deadline. Registration after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the race organizers and will require an additional late fee.

4.2 A boat wishing to use sails with numbers different from her own must notify the Race Chairman before 1730 on race day.

4.3 All boat racing must ensure that her correct rating is issued and recorded by PHRF Northwest by the registration deadline or when registration is accepted. Boats racing without a valid PHRF Northwest certificate will not be scored.

4.4 A change in a boat's rating will take effect on the day it is recorded by the rating agency.

4.5 A boat rated by PHRF Northwest in consideration of water ballast will be allowed to use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.

5. FEES

\$75.00 if received by August 16, 2017; \$100.00 thereafter, includes dinner Friday and Sunday night for you and your crew plus SPOT transceiver rental. Event t-shirts are available for \$18.00 each. Please order t-shirts online with registration. We MAY not have additional shirts available for purchase at the event registration. \$150 fee for failure to return SPOT transceiver 2017 Northern Century.

6. 6. RULES

The Regatta is a PIYA "Coastal Category" event except for the following gear exceptions:

6.1 Section 3.1.1 requiring inflatable life jackets, or Type I life saving devices with crotch straps is at the discretion of the skipper of each boat. Skippers accept responsibility for their choice and it is recommended that Section 3.1.1 is followed as written. Section 3.1.2 is in effect at a minimum and it is recommended that life jackets be worn at all times when racing. It is required that double handed competitors wear life jackets while on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

6.2 Sections 3.6.1-3.6.3 requiring SOLAS branded flares is recommended, and Section 3.6.4 requiring US Coast Guard approved flares at a minimum is a requirement. If a boat is equipped with SOLAS flares rather than USCG approved flares, it will have met the flare requirements.

6.3 Section 3.8.1 has been amended to include any VHF with a 7 watt minimum, and the masthead antenna requirement has been removed. A second waterproof VHF is still required per Section 3.8.2

6.4 Section 3.8.3 has been changed to "recommended".

6.5 The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are changed by the sailing instructions or as follows:

6.6 Boats not finishing by 1200 on Sunday, August 20 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35. Boats not finishing the Short Course/ Halfway N100 by 1159 on Saturday, August 19 will not be scored for the short course/ halfway finish.

6.7 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), or is disqualified (DSQ, DNE, DGM, BFD) will be scored the number of finishers plus one. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9

6.8 Between sunset and sunrise, the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" shall replace the relevant rules of Part 2. Furthermore, all double-handed competitors are required to wear life jackets while on deck during these hours.

6.9 A boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to disqualification.

6.10 No single handed entries are permitted due to US Coast Guard regulations.

7. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

7.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Anacortes Yacht Club, 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.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to competently inform their crew of the risks of sailboat racing, to make sure their crew understands and accepts those risks, to decide whether their crew is competent and their equipment adequate for the event, and to decide whether to start or continue in a race.

7.2 Boats racing must comply with current Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment for Coastal Category .

7.3 The race committee may inspect a boat or its equipment at any time before or after racing for compliance with safety requirements.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website (www.northerncentury.org), plus printed copies will be available at the required skippers meeting.

9. SCORING & AWARDS

All scoring will be done using time-on-distance at 100 nm (and 50 nm) based on elapsed times. Awards will be given to the following boats: - First, second and third place finishers in each division within each race - The last boat in the Regatta to finish before the time limit - Boats breaking the elapsed time records in each race

10. MOORAGE

Moorage is available at Cap Sante Marina. Call 360-293-0694 for reservations or call VHF channel 66A between 0700 and 1700 daily. Advance notice is required to reserve a slip, so call ahead as this is a very busy time of the summer.

11. QUESTIONS?

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