

NOTICE OF A SERIES OF RACES 2023-2024 Southern Sound Series

Winter Vashon, Tacoma YC – December 2, 2023
Duwamish Head, Three Tree Point YC – January 6, 2024
Toliva Shoal, South Sound Sailing Society/Olympic YC – February 17, 2024
Islands Race, Gig Harbor YC – March 16, 2024

Sponsors

The Southern Sound Series is an annual series of four sailboat races, each of which is conducted by a separate club. Each club has sole responsibility for the management of its race, while coordination of the series is accomplished through the Southern Sound Series Council. The Council is comprised of representatives from each sponsoring yacht club. This series' representatives are:

- Tacoma Yacht Club, Robert Nettleton (253) 732-5918, tycsail@gmail.com
TYC web site: <https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/>
- Three Tree Point Yacht Club, Dean Conti (206) 795-2312, dconti54@gmail.com
TTPYC web site: <https://www.ttpyc.org/>
- South Sound Sailing Society/Olympia Yacht Club, Alex Broman (360) 561-4788, tolivarc@ssssclub.com
SSSS web site: <https://www.ssssclub.com/>
OYC web site: <https://www.theolympiayachtclub.com/>
- Gig Harbor Yacht Club, Erik Carlson (253) 224-1513 sailchair@gigharboryc.com
GHYC: <https://www.gigharboryc.com/>

Sponsor General Information

The individual race sponsors will post general information specific to their individual race on their respective web sites. This information is not part of the NORs or Sis for the individual races. For example the information could include information on moorage availability, special conditions, pre and post-race meals or other social events, etc.

Rules

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 2024, and the prescriptions of U S Sailing, this Notice of Series, and the Series Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility

This race is open to all PHRF, IRC, Cruising Classes, and One Design sailboats.

All PHRF race participants must be current PHRF members.

PHRF Cruising Class-NFS and PHRF Commodore Class-FS are offered. Vessels sailing in these classes are not eligible for series 1st Overall, Best in Fleet, and Winter Challenge Team awards.

Non-PHRF Cruising Class-NFS and a Commodore Class-FS are offered. Vessels sailing in the non-PHRF Cruising Class-NFS or the Commodore Class-FS are not required to have a PHRF rating. Vessels sailing in these Non-PHRF classes are scored where they finish in relation to other vessels in their class and are not eligible for series 1st Overall, Best in Fleet, and Winter Challenge Team awards.

One Design classes will be any five boats of a singular design who would like to race as a class. Please notify the Race Chair of each race if such a group is registering.

Registration and entry fee

Eligible boats may participate in any or all races. Series awards will be given for participation in total scores among all four races. See Awards below for more details on series awards.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form for each individual race. Each race will have individual fees which are due prior to the stated deadline. Entry forms and the sailing instructions will be available on the Southern Sound Series website, www.ssseries.org

Classes

Class breaks will be determined and announced the night before the Vashon Island Race. The Southern Sound Series Council will appoint a committee to determine the Series class breaks and the decision will be final. Class break assignments will be posted the evening before the Winter Vashon Race and to the SSS website on the updated for that year's SSS Sailing Instructions.

Schedule

Starting sequence will be the same for all four races:

- PHRF and non-PHRF Cruising NFS and Commodore FS Classes
- PHRF Classes: reverse order – Class 8, 7, 6 ...etc.
- One Design classes

Series Scoring

The Sailing Instructions for this Series will detail compliance with U S Sailing rules, and any adjustments unique to this series with regard to scoring within and among series classes.

Overall scoring within classes will be maintained throughout the series and those ongoing results will be available through a link on the SSS website after the second race is finalized.

Awards

Southern Sound Series trophies shall be awarded to the first three boats in each PHRF class, PHRF cruising classes, and in each other one design class where there are a minimum of 5 entries in those classes in each race. The Southern Sound Series Council may reduce the number of trophies awarded for any class failing to maintain six entries in each race.

The Series First Overall Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the PHRF racing class boat with the fewest points as such points are awarded in each class, as prescribed above.

The Series Winter Challenge Team Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht club or sailing society with the lowest overall team corrected position scorings, all races scored, no throw outs. To qualify, teams must be registered with the Race Committee prior to the starting signal of the first race, and consist of three, 3, boats, the owners of which are members of the same yacht club or sailing society, and, each boat shall represent that yacht club or sailing society. Each boat must be racing in a PHRF racing class, PHRF and Non-PHRF Cruising Class vessels may not be included on a team.

In addition to the Series First Overall Perpetual Trophy (see above), the Southern Sound Series will also award **the Best Fleet Performance Trophy** for the PHRF racing class boat with the lowest cumulative overall score (all boats, not counting multihulls, PHRF flying on non-flying cruising classes, or non-PHRF cruising classes). There will be no throw out race applied to this score regardless of the number of races completed.