



Notice of Race (NORs) - 2024 Northern Century and Northern 50

Anacortes Yacht Club proudly presents the Notice of Race (NORs) for 2024 Northern Century and Northern 50, August 16th -18th, 2024.

1. BACKGROUND

"100 miles of awesome, and the toughest race you'll ever love!" The Northern Century (N100) was founded as a double-handed endurance race, and we have added more options over the years. The Northern Century Race includes a "Double-handed 100" division and a "Fully-crewed 100" division. The Northern 50 (N50), affectionately referred to as the "Fifty Cent" for those who just want "faster fun" this race was added for racers with smaller boats or those not ready to sail the full 100. The Northern 50 also includes a "Double-handed 50" division and a "Fully Crewed 50" division. Multi Hull and Mono hull division splits will be made depending on sufficient entry of vessels.

The course is through and around (skipper's choice) the San Juan Islands. 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 at 7:30PM, 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 any way you choose to Point Roberts, then south any way you choose to Hein Bank, and returns to Fidalgo Island. Details coming soon with potential changes for the finish line in 2024. Traditionally, the race finishes at Guemes Channel Lighted Buoy 2, near the entrance to Guemes Channel, but this may be changed for the 2024 race. The N50 course starts in Fidalgo Bay and heads north to Alden Bank, then south any way you choose to the finish off Fidalgo Island. The race starts on Friday evening, August 16, 2024. 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. The race is open to all yachts that have met the following criteria: a. Completed registration on-line b. Paid registration fee of \$80. -Valid PHRF NW 2024 rating certificate

3. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 16th, 2024, All day / weekend: Guest moorage is available all weekend at the AYC Reciprocal Moorage, on a first come, first served basis, located at the end tie of O Dock, in the north basin of Cap Sante Marina. 1400- 1700 Registration and check-in at Anacortes Yacht Club
Distribution of race packets and sailing instructions
Final crew lists and race documents completed
1700 Dinner and Competitor Meeting, group photo
1800- 1830 Boat parade between Cap Sante A and B docks
1920 First start in Fidalgo Bay
Sunday, August 18, 2024, 1300 Prizes at Anacortes Yacht Club



Notice of Race (NORs) - 2024 Northern Century and Northern 50

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

\$80.00 per entry. Each boat will receive a Skipper packet with one race t-shirt with entry. Additional T-shirts may be available for \$20 each at Anacortes Yacht Club. Each packet will receive Friday night crew meal coupons with entry. Additional meals may be available for purchase at \$7 each at Anacortes Yacht Club.

6. RULES

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

6.2 Boats not finishing by 1200 (noon) on Sunday, August 18 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

6.3 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

6.4 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.

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

6.6 No single-handed entries are permitted.



Notice of Race (NORs) - 2024 Northern Century and Northern 50

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 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) of "Coastal" other than any exceptions noted in the Sailing Instructions.

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 (visit anacortesyachtclub.org) and look for the tab "Regattas". Printed copies will be available at Anacortes Yacht Club on Friday night.

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 finishers in each division within each race, up to third place. - The last boat in the Regatta to finish before the time limit - Boats breaking the elapsed time records in each race - Additional awards are likely, based on unique crew characteristics and performance.

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. There will be moorage available in the Anacortes Yacht Club reciprocal slips at the end of O Dock on a first come, first served basis.

11. Questions or More Info? For additional information please contact:

John Sanford AYC Racing Chairman (206) 697-0098 john.sanford@comcast.net



Notice of Race (NORs) - 2024 Northern Century and Northern 50

Northern Century Notice of Race Amendment #1 July 12, 2024

The category of safety requirements per US Sailing 2024-2024 SER is changed to Nearshore. While there is certainly a substantial amount of night sailing in this race, it is always in relatively protected waters. Most of the racecourse is in close vicinity to protected harbors in the San Juan Islands, and in close vicinity to other boats able to render assistance in an emergency. Many of the items in the category of Coastal are recommended, but the list is deemed to be excessive for the conditions presented in this race.

SER Nearshore: Monohull SER Nearshore

SER Coastal: Monohull SER Coastal

Northern Century 2024 Notice of Race Amendment #2 July 12, 2024

Self-steering devices are permitted for boats racing in all Double Handed divisions of the Northern Century race.