



Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Notice to Competitors #2

The Organizing Authority for the 2023 Islands Race has decided to cancel the race scheduled for Friday, February 24, to Saturday, February 25, 2023. There is no alternative date.

The OA met by ZOOM call Tuesday afternoon to discuss the impacts of various weather models, including:

- Timing of passage, particularly along the exposed location west of the islands
- Southerly wind & sea states
- Wave and swell directions
- Significant forecast precipitation level
- Forecast low temperatures

Further they considered:

- Postponing 24 hrs
- Shortening course to start/finish route
- Re-rating for upwind conditions
- Time on Course for front and back of fleet
- Access to start venue for all competitors
- Entry attrition
- Concerned Inquiries

Given all these parameters, the OA recognized that an abundance of caution was called for. Further, the OA did not feel it was prudent to continue with any portion of the race in conditions the US Coast Guard has stated would interfere with protocols for S.A.R. operations, if required.

The OA felt compelled to make this decision early in the week, as an attempt at minimizing logistics and expenses for all teams. We acknowledge that boats have already spent significant time and money to prepare for the race, and we intend to refund all competitors 100% of their entry fees.

We appreciate your understanding of the consideration that went into this decision and wish you fair winds and following seas for your next ocean adventure.

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