

William H. Seward Yacht Club

2024 NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Summer Series #1, #2, #3 The Alaska Cup and Rum Doodle

1. Rules

- a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing except for brief moments to adjust racing gear. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2. Sailing Instructions

- a. The sailing instructions specific to each race date and event will be available by the preceding Monday prior to the event on the club website and on the official notice board at the clubhouse.
- b. Traditionally the WHSYC holds pre-start Skipper Meetings at the clubhouse on Saturday race day at 1100 hours.

3. Communications

- a. The official notice board is located on the second floor of the WHSYC clubhouse.
- b. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 78.
- c. Participating boats must notify the Race Committee if they are dropping out of the race or will be unable to finish the race within the stated time limit found in the sailing instructions.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- a. All member-owners of sailboat of the WHSYC are entered in the Summer Series 2024.
- b. Boat owner or skipper must be a regular member of the WHSYC to participate.
- c. All crew must be a regular or race crew member of the WHSYC to participate.

5. Schedule

- a. Practice race Saturday May 18, 2024
- b. Summer Series Race #1, Saturday June 1, 2024
- c. Summer Series Race #2, Saturday June 29, 2024
- d. Rum Doodle Saturday July 27, 2024
- e. Summer Series Race #3, Saturday August 3, 2024
- f. Alaska Cup, Saturday & Sunday August 24 & 25, 2024
- g. First warning for the first start of all races will be 1300 hours.
- h. Each race day, three (3) races are intended, one (1) race will constitute a series.

6. Fees

- a. A nominal entrants fee may be applied by the WHSYC. Fees may be listed in the sailing instructions or could be determined at the skipper's meeting, the participants will be notified and maybe collected prior via PayPal or at the 1100 pre-start Saturday Skipper's Meeting.

7. Venue

- a. The intended race area starts approximately 0.5NM southeast of Green #1 Fl G 2.5sec.
- b. The William H Seward Yacht Club will be open to competitors the morning of race , hours posted on the WHSYC website.
- c. There is reserved parking for WHSYC members. Participants are welcome to park in the paid lot in front of the clubhouse or across the street in the City of Seward pay lot.

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8. Courses

- a. Courses will be announced in the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

9. Scoring

- a. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats. RRS A4.2 is modified to state, no penalty points will be added to boats that Did Not Finish (DNF), or retired after starting, rather they will be scored the total number of boats. On Course Side (OCS) will be scored total number of boats plus one. Total number of boats plus one for Did Not Start (DNS) and Did Not Compete (DNC). Plus three for DSQ, a DSQ for Safety violation is considered as a (DNE) in addition to RRS 89.3(b). Time on Distance handicap system will apply.
- b. Each boat's series score shall be the total of all races without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1
- c. RRS Appendix A5.2 is modified to read: A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that started the race. DSQ shall score two more points than the number of boats that started the race. Boats that did not finish, or that retired, will be scored the total number of boats that started.

10. Risk Statement

- a. The decision to register his/her boat and crew is entirely with the skipper of the boat. The skipper of the boat is solely responsible for the health and safety of their crew and releases the William H Seward Yacht Club of any liability.
- b. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11. Insurance

- a. All entrants are required to carry insurance.
- b. WHSYC reserves the right to request production of certificate prior to race day.

12. Prizes

- a. Post-race, a toast in your honor by the losing skippers.
- b. After the final season standings are scored and posted, your Boat and Name permanently engraved on the Summer Series, Alaska Cup or Rum Doodle Trophy.

13. Further Information

- a. For further information please contact the Principal Race Officer (PRO) Gary Fung, (702)-290-0772, gfung@pacbell.net, or Race Committee Chairman Peter Knape at (616) 450-5705 Twingo44@gmail.com or WHSYC Commodore Marty Lemon at (907)-223-0806, commodore@whsyc.org