



# 2011 Northern Century NOTICE OF RACE August 26-28, 2011

## 1. BACKGROUND

Looking for one of the toughest distance races in the Pacific Northwest at the best time of the year - look no further! The Northern Century is sponsored by the Anacortes Yacht Club and is the club's premier distance event. 2011 will be the fourth running of this epic event and there will be three races:

- Double-handed mono-hull
- Fully-crewed mono-hull
- Double-handed multi-hull

## 2. RACE DESCRIPTION

The 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 Shannon Point.

The race starts on Friday, August 26, 2011. 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 difficult event that involves considerable navigational challenges, 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 a registration fee of \$50.00 (\$75.00 after August 15)**

Winners from last year will be recognized at the banquet the evening of the race at Anacortes Yacht Club. The bar will also be open to all participants and guest persons.

## 3. RACE RECORDS

### Elapsed Time Records

Fully Crewed	Icon – 13:14:30
Double-handed	White Cloud – 19:47:00

### Corrected Time Records

Fully Crewed	Icon – 15:09:30
Double-handed	Stranger – 16:44:09

#### 4. SCHEDULE

##### Friday, August 26, 2011

- 1300-1700 Registration at Anacortes Yacht Club  
Pickup race packets and sailing instructions  
Final crew lists must be provided
- 1700 Required skippers meeting  
Complimentary dinner & awards presentation from 2010  
Event shirt sales  
No-host bar
- 1930 Double-handed division start - Fidalgo Bay  
1940 Fully-crewed division start - Fidalgo Bay

##### Sunday, August 28, 2011

- 1800 Snacks & refreshments at Anacortes Yacht Club  
No-host bar  
Presentation of results  
Lies and tall stories

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1 To enter the event, entrants must register by online at [www.northerncentury.org](http://www.northerncentury.org) 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.
- 5.2 A boat wishing to use sails with numbers different from her own must notify the Principal Race Office (PRO) during the required skippers meeting.
- 5.3 All boat racing must ensure that her correct rating is issued and recorded by PHRF Northwest by the registration deadline or when her registration is accepted. Boats racing without a valid PHRF Northwest certificate will not be scored and her entry fee will not be refunded.
- 5.4 A change in a boat's rating will take effect on the day it is recorded by the rating agency. Changes are not retroactive.
- 5.5 A boat rated by PHRF Northwest in consideration of water ballast will be allowed to use water ballast as rated. This changes RRS 51.

#### 6. FEES

\$50.00 if received by August 15, 2011; \$75.00 thereafter  
Includes dinner Friday night for you and your crew plus SPOT transceiver rental

Event shirts are \$20.00 each (various sizes available)  
\$150 fee for failure to return SPOT transceiver

## 7. RULES

The Regatta is a **PIYA category II event** and is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, except as they are changed by the sailing instructions or as follows:

- 7.1 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 61.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and Appendix G2
- 7.2 Boats not finishing by 16:00 on Sunday, August 28 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 7.3 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
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 A boat that impedes or obstructs commercial traffic will be subject to disqualification.
- 7.6 Competitors are advised that while PIYA paragraph 3.16 now permits single braided UHMWPE (eg. Dyneema) rope as an alternative to stainless steel wire lifelines, RRS 49.2 continues to prohibit hiking outside upper lifelines when either lifeline is made of materials other than (stainless steel) wire.
- 7.7 No single handed entries are permitted due to US Coast Guard regulations.
- 7.8 Other changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. Changes to the rules introduced in the Sailing Instructions and not identified in the Notice of Race are intended to be those changes that would not materially affect a boat's decision to enter the race, such as changes related to courses, start, finish, and protests.

## 8. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Boats racing must comply with the then current Pacific International Yachting Association (PIYA) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment for Category II events. The text of the PIYA regulation is available from the PIYA web site at <http://www.ussailing.net/piya>
- 8.4 Boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- 8.5 The race committee may inspect a boat or its equipment at any time before or after racing for compliance with safety requirements.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available by the August 1 on the event website ([www.northerncentury.org](http://www.northerncentury.org)), plus printed copies will be available at the required skippers meeting.

## **10. SCORING & AWARDS**

All scoring will be done using time-on-distance at 100 num 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

## **11. MOORAGE**

Promotional rate moorage will be available at Cap Sante Marina at a discounted rate for Thursday through Sunday nights. 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 busy time.

## **12. ENQUIRIES**

For additional information or enquiries, please direct your enquiries to:

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