

WILLIAM H SEWARD YACHT CLUB

Notice of Races (NoR) 2026

1. Rules

- 1.1 All racing is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while racing

2. Sailing Instructions (SIs)

- 2.1 Sailing instructions for each individual race event will be available after the Monday just prior to the respective race date

3. Communications and Radio Communications

- 3.1 All Boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.2 On the water, race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to the competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency a boat shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice and data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 Official notices may be posted either by email, WHSYC website, or any visible whiteboard at WHSYC.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regattas are open to WHSYC members in good standing.
- 4.2 Under discretion of the WHSYC Race Committee, non-member boats may be allowed to compete in William H Seward Yacht Club (WSYC) sponsored races and regattas.
 - 4.2.1 Non-member boats must express their intentions to the race committee at least forty eight hours prior to the race event.

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1 Racing is complementary to WHSYC members in good standing.
- 5.2 Eligible non-member boats may enter by application to the WHSYC Race Committee by email and submitting an entry fee of \$100.
- 5.3 An entry is not considered complete without payment.
- 5.4 Payment can be made by check to William H Seward Yacht Club, PayPal, or cash to club member treasurer Debra Perala.

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6. Schedule

6.1 Mermaid Festival Thumb Cove Race

6.1.1 Saturday May 16th

6.2 Summer Series

6.2.1 Saturday May 23rd

6.2.2 Sunday May 24th

6.2.3 Saturday June 27th

6.2.4 Saturday August 22nd

6.3 Rum Doodle

6.3.1 Saturday July 18th

6.4 Alaska Cup

6.4.1 Saturday August 1st

6.4.2 Sunday August 2nd

7. Venue and Courses.

7.1 Racing will take place on Resurrection Bay

7.2 Starting area will be approximately .5NM Southeast of the Seward Harbor entrance

7.3 The race committee reserves the right to relocate any starting area for any reason

7.4 Courses may use both fixed and drop marks. The race committee will publish a complete description of the marks with the sailing instructions.

8. Penalty System

8.1 The 2024 Summer Sailing Series are intended to be fun, and protests are strongly discouraged. Only protests involving a serious violation will be heard by the protest committee.

8.2 Protests shall be lodged with the race committee within 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished.

9. Scoring

9.1 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.

9.3 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats.

9.4 RRS A4.2 is modified to state, penalty points will be added to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one Did Not Finish (DNF), Retired After Finishing

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(RAF) (prior to protest hearing), Did Not Start (DNS), Did Not Compete (DNC), and Disqualification (DSQ). A DSQ for Safety violation is considered as a Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) in addition to RRS 89.3(b).

9.5 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A7 or A8 as appropriate. RRS A9 is deleted.

9.6 Time on Distance handicap system will apply.

10. Prizes

10.1 Take home prizes will be awarded based on participation.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance

13. Additional Information