NOTICE OF A SERIES OF RACES
2026-2027 Southern Sound Series

Winter Vashon, Tacoma YC – December 5, 2026
Duwamish Head, Three Tree Point YC – January 9, 2027
Toliva Shoal, South Sound Sailing Society/Olympia YC – February 13, 2027
Islands Race, Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma – March 20, 2027

Sponsors

The Southern Sound Series is an annual series of four sailboat races, each of which is conducted by a separate club. Each club has sole responsibility for the management of its race, while coordination of the series is accomplished through the Southern Sound Series Council. The Council is comprised of representatives from each sponsoring yacht club. This series' representatives are:

- Tacoma Yacht Club, Robert Nettleton, (253) 732-5918, tycsail@gmail.com
  TYC web site: https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/
- Three Tree Point Yacht Club, Tyson Geldseth (206) 396-8542, tyson.geldseth@davey/com
  TTPYC web site: https://www.ttpyc.org/
- South Sound Sailing Society/Olympia Yacht Club, Marvin Young, (360) 584-2951
  SSSS web site: https://www.ssssclub.com/
  OYC web site: https://olympiayc.org
- Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma, Cyndi Larrison (253) 468-9918,
  CYCT web site: https://www.cyct.com

Sponsor General Information

The individual race sponsors will post general information specific to their individual race on their respective web sites. This information is not part of the NORs or Sis for the individual races. For example the information could include information on moorage availability, special conditions, pre and post-race meals or other social events, tee shirts, etc.

Rules

Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of U S Sailing, PHRF NW rules, USSA Safety Equipment Requirements 2025 as amended for the series, this Notice of Series, and the Series Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility

This race is open to all PHRF, ORC, Cruising Classes, and One Design sailboats.

All PHRF race participants must be current PHRF members.

All ORC race participants must have active ORC certificates.

All PHRF and ORC racers **must** provide their respective current valid PHRF or ORC ratings when registering for a race on Regattanetwork.com

PHRF Cruising Class-NFS and PHRF Commodore Class-FS are offered. Vessels sailing in these classes must be active PHRF members and are not eligible for series 1st Overall, Best in Fleet, and Winter Challenge Team awards.

Non-PHRF Cruising Class-NFS and a Non-PHRF Commodore Class-FS are offered. Vessels sailing in the non-PHRF Cruising Class-NFS or the Non-PHRF Commodore Class-FS are not required to have a PHRF rating. Vessels sailing in these Non-PHRF classes are scored where they finish in relation to other vessels in their class and are not eligible for series 1st Overall, Best in Fleet, and Winter Challenge Team awards. Boats in these Non-PHRF class do not need to provide a vessel rating when registering for a race.

One Design classes will be any five boats of a singular design who would like to race as a class. Please notify the Race Chair of each race if such a group is registering.

Registration and entry fee

Eligible boats may participate in any or all races. Series awards will be given for participation in total scores among all four races. See Awards below for more details on series awards.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on Regatta Network for each individual race. Each race will have individual fees which are due prior to the stated deadline. Entry forms and the sailing instructions will be available on the Southern Sound Series website, www.ssseries.org

Classes

Class breaks will be determined Wednesday evening before the Vashon Island Race based on racers registered PHRF or ORC ratings. Racers registering after noon on the Wednesday before the Winter Vashon race shall be charged a late fee and will be assigned to a class based on their PHRF or ORC rating. The Southern Sound Series Council will appoint a committee to determine the Series class breaks and the decision will be final. Class break assignments will be posted the Thursday before the Winter Vashon Race and to the SSS website as updated for that year's SSS Sailing Instructions.

Schedule

Starting sequence will be the same for all four races:

- PHRF and non-PHRF Cruising NFS and Commodore FS Classes
- PHRF Classes: reverse order – Class 8, 7, 6 ...etc.
- One Design Classes
- ORC Class

AIS Broadcasting

If a participating vessel has the ability to broadcast AIS, per U.S. Coast Guard regulations, AIS must be broadcasting during all series races.

Protecting Southern Resident Orcas from Vessels

Operators of motorized vessels, non-motorized vessels and paddle crafts must stay 1,000 yards (approximately one-half nautical mile) away from southern resident killer whales (SRKW)

in all directions. If the SRKW approaches within 400 yards of any vessel, state law requires that the vessel disengages the transmission, luffs sails, or stops paddling (if it is safe to do so) until the animal(s) moves away. Boaters who think they may be closer than 1,000 yards to SRKW, but not within 400 yards, should attempt to navigate out of the path and away from SRKW at a speed of 7 knots or less.

However, for this event the requirements of RCW 77.15.740 shall apply to all orca whales; not just SRKW. (c) Boats may be protested for breaking these requirements, or Rule 20

If an orca is seen by the crew of a boat, the boat shall not enter the circular area within 1000 yards of the orca (therefore, that area is an obstruction.); and if the boat is within 400 yards of an orca, she shall, as soon as reasonably possible, luff (or, if motoring before or after racing, disengage her transmission) to slow to the slowest safest speed, which may be to stop, until they are no longer within 1000 yards of any orca.

Add to RRS Rule 32.1
(e) if an individual orca or orca pod is found to be in, near, or approaching the race area.

Add to RRS Rule 61.4 (b):
(6) reasonable actions she took to comply with NOR / SI 20.

Series Scoring

The Sailing Instructions for this Series will detail compliance with U S Sailing rules, and any adjustments unique to this series with regard to scoring within and among series classes.

Overall scoring within classes will be maintained throughout the series and those ongoing results will be available through a link on the SSS website after the second race is finalized.

Series results will be posted to the Regatta Network website as soon as finalized after the Islands Race.

Awards

Southern Sound Series trophies shall be awarded to the first three boats in each PHRF class, ORC class, PHRF cruising classes, and in each other one design class where there are a minimum of 5 entries in those classes in each race. The Southern Sound Series Council may reduce the number of trophies awarded for any class failing to maintain six entries in each race.

The Series First Overall Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the PHRF racing class boat with the fewest points as such points are awarded in each class, as prescribed above.

The Series Winter Challenge Team Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht club or sailing society with the lowest overall team corrected position scorings, all races scored, no throw outs. To qualify, teams must be registered with the Race Committee prior to the starting signal of the first race, and consist of three, 3, boats, the owners of which are members of the same yacht club or sailing society, and, each boat shall represent that yacht club or sailing society. Each boat must be racing in a PHRF racing class, PHRF and Non-PHRF Cruising Class vessels may not be included on a team.

In addition to the Series First Overall Perpetual Trophy (see above), the Southern Sound Series will also award **the Best Fleet Performance Trophy** for the PHRF racing class boat with the lowest cumulative overall score (all boats, not counting multihulls, PHRF flying and non-

flying cruising classes, or non-PHRF cruising classes). There will be no throw out race applied to this score regardless of the number of races completed.

The Series ORC First Overall Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the ORC racing class boat with the fewest points as such points are awarded in the ORC, as prescribed above.