NOTICE OF RACE - MAY 2020 KYC THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
In view of the extraordinary conditions created by the COVID-19 crisis, Kitsilano Yacht Club will host its May 2020 Thursday Night Race Series by means of the *Virtual Regatta Inshore* computer and smartphone application.

1. RULES:
The regatta will be governed by:

1.1 The racing rules of sailing as enforced by the Virtual Regatta Inshore app.

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY
2.1 Entry and registration is online from the KYC calendar entry webpage, "Virtual Thursday Night Series - May". A direct link to the registration page with "Register Now" button is available from https://www.kitsilanoyachtclub.com/virtualregatta by clicking on the Virtual Race Day link for the race day for which you want to register.

2.2 Competitors must enter and confirm their entry for each Thursday night's event by clicking the "Register Now" button on each Wednesday before 7pm on Wednesday.

2.3 All KYC members are eligible to compete, as well as all English Bay PHRF keelboat sailors who would have entered the 2020 KYC Thursday Night Spring PHRF Series racing, but for the COVID-19 crisis.

3. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD:
3.1 KYC will endeavour to post each Thursday's results on its website, https://www.kitsilanoyachtclub.com/virtualregatta , promptly following the conclusion of racing.

4. REGISTRATION & FEES:
4.1 There are no registration fees associated with this event.

5. REGATTA FORMAT:

5.1 Participants are requested to install and test the *Virtual Regatta Inshore* app and the Zoom app on their PC or smartphone, in advance of competing in the series.

5.2 Detailed instructions for starting Virtual Regatta Inshore have been created in a PDF document available to download from https://www.kitsilanoyachtclub.com/virtualregatta

5.3 An evening of five practice races will be held on Thursday, April 30.

5.4 The series will consist of five races which will be held on each Thursday evening, on May 7, May 14, May 21, and May 28.

5.5 KYC will host a Zoom meeting, while simultaneously hosting five races on the Virtual Regatta Inshore app. Communications to the competitors from the KYC race committee will be made in this Zoom meeting. Competitors are encouraged to communicate with each other in the Zoom meeting.

5.6 By no later than 6:00 pm on each Thursday evening of the series, all registered entrants will be emailed an invitation code to join the KYC Zoom meeting, and also the private race access code to be used for Virtual Regatta Inshore.

5.7 KYC will open the Zoom meeting at 7:15 pm on each Thursday evening of the series, to enable social discussion and attempt to assist competitors with technological issues.

5.8 The start gun for the first race on each Thursday will be 7:30 pm.

5.9 If necessary, any postponements will be announced orally by the KYC race committee on the Zoom app.

5.10 The class of racing will be the J70 boat, as selected in Virtual Regatta Inshore.

5.11 The regatta will consist of five races to be held on every Thursday in May 2020.

5.12 All race results from April 30 will be discarded as it is intended to be the practice evening. There will be no discards for any of the races held in May.

6. SCHEDULE:

<u>April 30th:</u>
KYC competitors' Zoom meeting begins at 7:15 pm.
Five practice races will be held, the first one starting at 7:30 pm.
No races starting after 8:30 pm.

<u>May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th:</u>
KYC Competitors' Zoom meeting begins at 7:15 pm
Five races will be held, the first one starting at 7:30 pm.
No races starting after 8:30 pm.