

Gig Harbor Yacht Club

In-Harbor Series

Thursdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 - 2019

Warning Gun for First Start 6:25 PM

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

THE EVENT: A five race series of **INFORMAL** sailboat races to be held in the waters of Gig Harbor on Thursday evenings in May of 2019 (May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30)

ENTRIES: All fixed keel, multihull and centerboard sailboats are invited to participate in this event. There will be no flying sails allowed. This is a **LOW KEY, LOW STRESS** event. If a keelboat does not maintain a PHRF rating for this series, one will be assigned. Centerboard boats will compete in a modified and arbitrary handicap system. Complaints may not be accepted. Entry fee is \$20 for the Series or \$5 for each individual race. Prizes will be awarded and will be commensurate with the total entry fees collected.

RACE REQUIREMENTS: All boats must report to the committee boat before each race. This is to ensure that we have your entry correct. You will also be advised of your class, course and order of start.

RULES: The races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as modified by these instructions. Protests will be frowned upon, may not be heard, and decisions by the protest committee will be final and not subject to appeal. **The 360 rule is in effect.**

SAFETY: It is the responsibility of the skipper to provide for the safety of the crew and to have proper safety equipment and to sail in a safe and prudent manner. We share the Gig Harbor waters with other boats, including kayaks, dragon boats and stand up paddle boards. **Use extra caution to maintain a safe distance from small personal powered craft that often do not understand the nuances of sailing and sail racing.**

THE COURSE: Course will be set at each race. There will be a start line and **TWO** course marks. The start line will be in the vicinity of Arabella's Landing. There will be a committee boat, which may be at a dock, or a dock may substitute for a boat and an orange buoy to denote the starting line. One orange turning mark will be placed in North end towards Anthony's Shorline Restaurant. The other orange mark will be at the south near the Tides Tavern.

NORTH WIND: If the wind is from a Northerly direction, boats will start in a Northerly direction. The first mark will be an orange buoy in near the Shorline Restaurant. **LEAVE ALL MARKS TO STARBOARD**

SOUTH WIND: If the wind is blowing from a Southerly direction, boats will start in a Southerly direction. The first mark will be an orange buoy near the Tides Tavern - **LEAVE ALL MARKS PORT -**

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL RACERS MUST GO THROUGH THE START/FINISH LINE AT THE COMPLETION OF EVERY LAP. This is important as the race may be shortened after one lap. YOU MAY NOT CROSS START/FINISH LINE ON THE 'DOWNWIND' LEG. There MAY be more than one race. Some classes may only have one race while other classes may have multiple or shortened races. **START:** There MAY be up to three separate starts, one for each class, provided there are sufficient boats in a class to warrant a separate start (see classes below). We will sound three quick sound signals roughly 1 minute prior to the start of the first 5 minute horn (for Class 1). The second start will be 5 minutes after the first start

and the third start for dinghies (if there is a third start) will be **3** minutes after the second start. We will try our best to get races started on time.

CLASSES: Your assignment to a particular class will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Basically, the class breaks **MAY** be as follows: **Note that depending on turnout, classes 1 and 2 may be combined for the start at the discretion of the race committee.**

Class 1 1830 First Start Big boats (Over 30' - J-37 / 35, Ericson 35, etc.)

Class 2 1835 Second Start Thunderbirds, other fixed keel boats under 30')

Class 3 1838 Third Start Dinghies / Centerboards— **3 minutes after the 2nd start**

TIME LIMIT: Each boat not finishing within 90 minutes of its start will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

The committee may shorten the course at any mark. Remember to pass through the Start-Finish line at the COMPLETION of the first lap. **(There may be future changes to allow for shortened courses/finishes)**

SCORING: Each boat will receive the number of points equal to the finishing position within the class. Points will be totaled after the series to determine the series winner. A boat must participate in at least two evenings of races and be registered for the series to qualify for series scoring. DNF will be scored as the number of finishers +1 for each race. OCS, DNC, DNS and DSQ will be scored as the number of starters +2 for each race.

If there is enough interest Thursday sailing will continue through the summer months though finish times and results will not be recorded.

As always there will be a no-host post-race gathering at Spiro's for results.

Results will also be posted at www.gigharboryc.com

*Print this Entry Form. Complete the form and mail to the address below.
Late entries and single race entries hand this form and payment to the Race Committee prior to 6:15 pm*

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In consideration for participating in this event, I represent to the organizers that my boat is properly equipped and is in a safe condition. I will operate my boat in a seamanship manner at all times. I acknowledge that the decision to enter my boat and participate in the event is solely my own, and I agree to be bound by the US Sailing rules, the organizers, and the notice of race for this event; and I hold harmless the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, its officers and the race committee with respect to any and all claims arising out of the participation in this event.

Skipper's Signature _____ Date _____

Skipper's Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Boat Name _____ Type / Length _____

Sail # _____ Boat Color _____

Handicap /Rating _____ (normal PHRF + 18 for no flying sails)
(If not rated you will be assigned a rating)

Make checks **payable to GHYC**: \$20 for Series or \$5 per race
Mail to: Tom Gray GHYC Sail Chair, 8209 Stinson Ave. Gig Harbor, WA 98332
Or E-mail to sailchair@gigharboryc.com
(or deliver to committee boat on the day of race)

QUESTIONS: Tom Gray, GHYC Sail Chair
253-358-5193 or sailchair@gigharboryc.com

There will be a post-race, no-host gathering & results at Spiro's after each race.

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