

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Gig Harbor Yacht Club Le Mans Race

Saturday, November 17th, 2018

This unique sailboat race, which began 50 Years ago (inspired by car racing), will once again feature a Le Mans type start for all boats.

Instructions for Classes 1 and 2 - At the PREPARATORY SIGNAL:

- All boats will be anchored in their designated starting area. Maximum scope for anchoring is 5:1
- All crew must be below deck.
- The mainsail must be down and on the boom and tied with at least one sail tie.
- The headsail will be down on the foredeck. Roller-furling sails will be entirely furled.
- Halyards may be attached and sails pre-fed.
- At each boat's respective class STARTING SIGNAL: Crew may come on deck, raise the anchor (no buoying the anchor), set sail and must pass through the start line. If your boat is over early you must round one end of the line to restart. Remember your lack of rights if doing so.

Eligibility: All boats entering must have a valid PHRF certificate OR must be a member of a group participating as a One-Design Class as recognized by the Race Committee (minimum 5 boats). All additional class restrictions for a One-Design Class are the responsibility of that class. PIYA category III safety requirements are in effect for all boats.

Starting times: There will be two starts. The warning signal for the first start is 10:25 and start at 10:30. The warning signal for the second start is 10:35 and a start at 10:40. A "reverse" start will be used (smaller boats / higher ratings start at 10:40). Special starting instructions may be given at the Skipper's Meeting on the day of the race. These Special Starting Instructions are unique to this event and are a change from RRS Rules 26.

Skipper's Meeting: A skipper's meeting will be at the **Gig Harbor City Dock (Jerisich Park) at 0900** on the day of the race. Any Special Instructions will be given out at that time.

Courses: The letters "S" (short) or "L" (long) will be displayed on the committee boat prior to the start. The corresponding course will be sailed as follows:

"S" – Short Course

From the designated starting areas inside Gig Harbor, boats will proceed North in Colvos Passage to a mark due east of Point. Richmond and close to the Vashon shore (north of Camp Sealh). Leave that mark to port and return to the finish line inside Gig Harbor.

"L" – Long Course

From the designated starting areas inside Gig Harbor, boats will proceed north around a temporary mark approximately 400 yards east of the Olalla Bridge at approximately 47 25.2 N, 122 32.2 W (leave this mark to port) and return to the finish line inside Gig Harbor.

Either course may be shortened at the turning mark at the discretion of the race committee.

Classes and Awards: Class breaks and starting areas will be determined by the number of entries received and will be announced at the skippers meeting on Saturday morning. The race committee Chairman's decision on class breaks will be final and must be accepted by all participants. Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

Rules, Protests, and Time Limit: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2010 and the US Sailing Prescriptions, this Notice and Sailing Instructions and special instructions provided by the race committee. The race committee must receive protests no later than two hours after the time limit for each class. The course time limit will be 4.5 hours after the start of each class.

Communication:The Race Committee will communicate with appropriate flag signals and on VHF Channel 68

Post-Race Party: A post-race party with food and drinks will be held in the **Gig Harbor Yacht Club** *immediately following the race*. You and your crew are invited to join us.

Entry Fee: Entry fee for this race is \$40.00 (Late Entries Friday or Saturday \$45). Make checks payable to Gig Harbor Yacht Club (or GHYC). Mail entries to the GHYC as indicated on the entry form.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club 2018 Le Mans Race - Entry Form

In consideration for participating in this event, I represent to the organizers that my boat has liability insurance in effect. 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 Racing Rules of Sailing, the organizers, and the Notice of Race for this event; and I hold harmless the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, its officers and members, and the race committee with respect to any and all claims arising out of the participation in this event. My vessel has a **current PHRF certificate** or is participating as a member of a One-Design Class (as recognized by the Race Committee) and complies with all PIYA Category III safety requirements.

Skipper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Skipper's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Boat Name: _____ Type: _____ Length: _____

Sail #: _____ PHRF Handicap: _____ # of Crew: _____

Yacht Club: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ On the boat during the race

\$40.00 Entry Fee Enclosed? Entries Must Be Received by Thursday November 15, 2018 (\$45 after)

Mail:
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Questions?

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