

2024

RACE PROGRAM GUIDE



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INSIDE THE RACER HANDBOOK

NEW IN 2024!



NEW 2024 Racer Handbook Available!

New in 2024, our Racer Handbook serves as a resource guide, equipping skippers and crews with the essential information needed for a successful on-water experience. It features detailed descriptions of skipper and crew levels tailored to your experience, aiding in team placement aligned with your goals.

The handbook also provides insights into race options, planning details, and associated fees.

External links to forms, Yacht Club race pages, and additional resources, including training materials, are included for easy reference.

A glimpse of what's inside:

- Racing rules
- Racing positions
- Racing terms
- Crew and Skipper Qualifications
- Race, practice, and preparation dates
- Team assignment schedule
- Race fees
- Policies and procedures
- Yacht Club information
- Volunteer opportunities
- and more!



WELCOME RACERS!



Welcome to Seattle Sailing Club's race program! Our aim is to introduce sailors to club racing in a friendly environment, emphasizing skills in sail trim and boat handling. Whether you're a beginner or intermediate sailor, join us for weekday evening races, weekend racing, regattas, and long-distance racing to have fun on the water and develop excellent sailing skills!



ELIGIBILITY & CERTIFICATIONS

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

In order to participate in Seattle Sailing Club's Race Program, Club Membership is required.

As a member of our Sailing Club, not only are you able to participate in our Race Programs, but you also gain access to the boats in our fleet for daysails and overnight charters on the Puget Sound, discounted rates on lessons and sailing gear, and weekly opportunities to meet the SSC community through Member Programs!



MINIMUM CERTIFICATION

We require that you hold ASA 101 Certification, or equivalent.

The ASA 101 course is a 15-hour (+ 1-hour exam) course designed for students who have either never sailed, or have been on the water and are ready to learn more. It is the perfect first step towards becoming a competent sailor.

RECOMMENDED CERTIFICATION

We also recommend anyone participating in our Race Programs be certified in:

- ASA 102: Keelboat 2 Sailing (launching this Spring)
- ASA 103: Basic Coastal Cruising (or equivalent)
- ASA 111: Asymmetrical Spinnaker Lesson (Club Membership Required)

CREW/SKIPPER REQUIREMENTS



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Club membership
- [Submit your Racer Interest Forms](#)
- [Racer Release & Indemnity Form](#)
- [Review the Racer Handbook](#)

CREW REQUIREMENTS

- ASA 101 or equivalent
- Recommended: Intro to Racing Clinic & ASA 111 or Spinnaker Checkout, ASA 102

CREW QUALIFICATION BY LEVEL

- **Crew 0:** 0-12 Ballard Cup races
- **Crew 1:** 1 season (12+ races) of Ballard Cup
- **Crew 2:** 1-2 seasons of Ballard Cup and sub (6+ races) in CYC Sound Wed.
- **Crew 3:** 3 seasons of Ballard Cup or 1 season (16-20 races) in CYC Sound Wednesdays
- **Crew 4:** 4+ seasons of Ballard Cup or 2 seasons of CYC Sound Wed. or 3 coached weekend regattas
- **Crew 5:** Swiftsure or Round the County

SKIPPER REQUIREMENTS

- Coach Approval
- Proven experience in Crew Levels (or equivalent) experience; if done outside of the Club, completion of a [sailing resume](#) with relevant experience is required.
- <30' boat: ASA 103 + ASA 111 or equivalent or
>30' boat: ASA 104 + ASA 111 or equivalent

SKIPPER QUALIFICATION BY LEVEL

- **Skipper 1:** Minimum of 1 season as a skipper for a Member Skippered (MS) team at either Ballard Cup (BC) or Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC), and/or skipper in 1-2 MS weekend races.
- **Skipper 2:** Minimum of 2 seasons as a skipper for an MS team at BC or CYC, and/or participation in 3 or more MS weekend races.
- **Skipper RYOB:** Recognition as a Run Your Own Boat (RYOB) Skipper in either the Ballard Cup or MS weekend races.



2024 RACE PROGRAMS



WEEKDAY EVENING RACES



Our evening Series programs, featuring Sloop Tavern Yacht Club's Ballard Cup (All levels) on Mondays and CYC Sound Wednesdays (Intermediate level) on Wednesdays. With options like Coached, Member Skippered, and Run-Your-Own-Boat teams, participants enjoy learning and racing in PHRF and one-design races.

From complete beginner, to running your own boat, members can sign up for a series, as a sub, or for the whole season!

BALLARD CUP

- Cost is dependent on membership level and commitment.
- Substitute position (per race): \$66
- 1 Series (6 races): \$204+
- Full Season (3 series, 6 races per series): \$550+

CYC SOUND WEDNESDAY

- Cost is dependent on membership level and commitment.
- Substitute position (per race): \$66
- 1 Series (5-6 races): \$223+
- Full Season (4 series, 5-6 races per series): \$805+



WEEKEND & SIGNATURE RACES

WEEKEND RACES

- Cost is dependent on membership level, race, and commitment.
- 1 day Race: \$144+
- Year Round

Immerse yourself in strategic, competitive sailing with a strong educational focus and rewarding experiences. Our programs offer racing opportunities in a variety of PNW regional regattas, including benefit races and double-handed races. Choose to polish your skills on a Coached team or explore the camaraderie of a Member Skipped or Run-Your-Own-Boat team.

Our **Weekend Race** program supports racing in 19+ weekend races throughout the year, below are just a few:

- **CYC Center Sound Series**
- **CYC Puget Sound Spring Series**
- **SYC Tri-Island Race Series**
- **STYC Down the Sound**
- **STYC Women at the Helm**
- **Pink Boat Regatta**
- **Adventuress Cup**
- **SYC Grand Prix Regatta**
- **& many more!**

SIGNATURE RACES

- Coached Teams
- Cost is dependent on membership level and race.
- Swiftsure - Pricing starts at: \$1456+
- Anacortes Race Week - Pricing starts at: \$144+ (1 day of racing), \$661+ (5 days of racing)
- Round the County - Pricing starts at: \$749+

Our Signature Race program is the pinnacle of PNW racing. Choose to race in the Swiftsure International race, an overnight race out of Victoria, B.C., where you can combine racing with completing your ASA 106 Advanced Coastal Cruising certification during the event.

Explore other options such as Anacortes Race Week, a 5-day adult summer camp with daily races and nightly celebrations, and Round the County, a challenging race around the San Juan Islands in the Fall.



TEAM ASSIGNMENTS & SCHEDULE

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Team invitations are emailed to racers following the [Team Assignment Schedule](#). Carefully review the Race Dates, Form Deadlines, and Team Assignment dates. Make sure to save the dates in your calendar so you don't miss any racing opportunities!

Assignments will be delivered **via email over 3-7 days. Racers will be provided a response-by date (3-7 days)**, and non-response within the given timeframe will be considered as a rejection of the invitation.

Respond promptly with confirmation or rejection of your team assignment invitation.



SUBSTITUTIONS

The Club race program is highly popular, often with limited team spaces. To address demand, we maintain substitute lists for all racing programs. It is crucial to promptly inform your team and the Club if you are unavailable for a race, allowing time to coordinate a substitute.

Crews can independently coordinate substitutes as long as the Club has approved the sub. Subs for Coached and/or Member Skipped teams must have an active, in good standing, Club membership and will be charged for their participation.

Substitutes will be contacted as needed to match the skill and experience needed for a particular team. Several people on the sub list may be contacted, placement will be on a first response basis.

Teams must meet minimum crew requirements to race; otherwise, they won't participate, and there are no refunds for single race cancellations.

Process & Policies

Please refer to the [Racer Handbook](#) for more details on the process and policies pertaining to substitutions.

2024 RACE DATES



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WEEKDAY EVENING RACES - DATES

STYC BALLARD CUP

Series	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Team Assignment Sent	Form Deadline
BC 1	4/15	4/22	4/29	5/6	5/13	5/20	3/4-3/10	3/4
BC 2	6/3	6/10	6/17	7/1	7/8	7/15	5/6-5/12	5/6
BC 3	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	6/24-6/30	6/24

CYC SOUND WEDNESDAYS

Series	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Team Assignment Sent	Form Deadline
Spring	4/10	4/17	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15	2/28-3/5	2/27
Solstice	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19	-----	4/24-4/30	4/24
Summer	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	-----	6/5-6/11	6/5
Fall	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11	7/10-7/16	7/10

BALLARD CUP PRACTICES

BC 1	Practice 1	Practice 2
	4/1	4/8
BC 2	Practice	Practice 2
	5/28	5/30
BC 3	Practice 1	Practice 2
	7/16	7/18

SOUND WEDNESDAYS PRACTICES

Spring	Practice 1	Practice 2
	4/3	4/10
Solstice	Practice 1	Practice 2
	5/14	5/16
Summer	Practice 1	Practice 2
	6/18	6/20
Fall	Practice 1	Practice 2
	7/30	8/1

WEEKEND RACES - DATES

	Race Dates	Form Deadline	Team Assignment Sent
Center Sound Series	3/2, 3/9, 3/23	1/22	1/26-1/29
Blakely Rock Benefit	4/13	2/12	2/19-2/25
Puget Sound Spring Regatta	4/20, 4/21	2/19	2/26 - 3/3
Tri-Island Series	4/27, 5/11, 6/1	2/26	3/4 - 3/10
Race to the Straits	5/4 - 5/5	3/6	3/13 - 3/19
Three Buoy Fiasco	6/8	4/9	4/16-4/22
J/Fest	6/15, 6/16	4/16	4/23-4/29
Women at the Helm 1	7/20	5/21	5/28-6/3
Down the Sound	8/3 - 8/4	6/4	6/11-6/17
Pink Boat Regatta	9/7	6/10	6/17-6/23
J&J Race	9/8	7/10	7/17-7/23
Adventuress Cup	9/14	6/26	7/3 - 7/9
Women at the Helm 2	9/21	7/22	7/29 - 8/4
Foulweather Bluff	10/5	8/6	8/13 - 8/19
Puget Sound Sailing Championships	10/12, 10/13	8/13	8/20 - 8/26
Great Pumpkin Regatta	10/20	8/21	8/28 - 9/3
Grand Prix	10/25, 10/26, 10/27	8/26	9/2 - 9/8
Fall Regatta	11/2	9/3	9/10 - 9/16
Snowbird 2024-2025	11/16, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15	9/30	10/7 - 10/13



Only Coached Teams are available for these races..

SIGNATURE RACES - DATES

SWIFTSURE (RVICYC)


All-Crew Meeting	4/11, 6:30 PM
Delivery & Race Planning Meeting	May 16, 6:30 PM
Boat Prep	5/20, 5/22, 8:30pm
Delivery Date	5/23
Race Dates	5/25, 5/26, 5/27
Form Deadline	2/23
Team Assignment Sent	3/9-3/15
Delivery Date	5/27

ANACORTES RACE WEEK

All-Crew Meeting	6/6, 6:00 PM
Delivery & Race Planning Meeting	6/14, 6:00 PM
Boat Prep	6/20, 6/21, 6:00 pm
Delivery Date	6/22-6/23
Race Dates	6/24, 6/25, 6/26, 6/27, 6/28
Form Deadline	3/24
Team Assignment Sent	4/1-4/7
Delivery Date	6/29

ROUND THE COUNTY (OIYC)

All-Crew Meeting	10/3, 6:00 PM
Delivery & Race Planning Meeting	10/30, 6:00 PM
Boat Prep	11/6, 11/7 6:00 PM
Delivery Date	11/8
Race Dates	11/9, 11/10
Form Deadline	8/10
Team Assignment Sent	8/17-8/23
Delivery Date	11/11

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2024 RACE FEES



WEEKDAY EVENING RACES - FEES

STYC BALLARD CUP

		COACHED TEAM			MEMBER SKIPPED TEAM*		
Boat	Series	OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB	OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
J/80	1 Series	\$550	\$385	\$270	\$413	\$286	\$204
	3 Series (10% Off)	\$1,485	\$1,040	\$728	\$1,114	\$772	\$550
	RYOB*	–	–	–	\$3,828	\$1,914	\$1,340
J/32	1 Series	\$413	\$286	\$200	–	–	–
	3 Series	\$1,115	\$770	\$480	–	–	–
J/105	1 Series	\$594	\$416	\$292	\$457	\$319	\$223
	3 Series (10% Off)	\$1,604	\$1,123	\$785	\$1,233	\$862	\$604
	RYOB*	–	–	–	\$5,500	\$3,850	\$2,695
	SUB FEE	\$70			\$66		

CYC SOUND WEDNESDAYS

		COACHED TEAM			MEMBER SKIPPED TEAM*		
Boat	Series	OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB	OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
J/80	1 Series	\$594	\$418	\$297	\$457	\$319	\$223
	4 Series	\$2,138	\$1,505	\$1,069	\$1,643	\$1,151	\$805
	RYOB*	–	–	–	\$3,960	\$1,980	\$1,386
J/105	1 Series	\$638	\$451	\$319	\$501	\$352	\$248
	4 Series	\$2,297	\$1,624	\$1,148	\$1,802	\$1,267	\$891
	RYOB*	–	–	–	\$5,610	\$3,927	\$2,749
	SUB FEE	\$70			\$66		

*10.25% tax will be added to the total amount during checkout.

WEEKEND RACES - FEES

COACHED WEEKEND RACING RACE FEES

RACE FEES	OLYMPIC CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days
1 Day	\$337	\$268	\$214
2 Days	\$641	\$508	\$407
3 Days	\$961	\$763	\$610
4 Days	\$1,281	\$1,017	\$813
5 Days	\$1,517	\$1,204	\$963

MEMBER SKIPPED WEEKEND RACING RACE FEES*

RACE FEES	OLYMPIC CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days
1 Day	\$235	\$182	\$144
2 Days	\$424	\$346	\$275
3 Days	\$671	\$519	\$412
4 Days	\$895	\$691	\$549
5 Days	\$1,118	\$865	\$661

*10.25% tax will be added to the total amount during checkout.

RYOB WEEKEND RACING RACE FEES*

RACE FEES	OLYMPIC CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days	5% discount 2+ days
1 Day	\$546	\$423	\$326
2 Days	\$1,037	\$803	\$621
3 Days	\$1,555	\$1,204	\$931
4 Days	\$2,074	\$1,605	\$1,240
5 Days	\$2,593	\$2,007	\$1,550

*10.25% tax will be added to the total amount during checkout.

SIGNATURE RACES - FEES

SWIFTSURE COACHED RACE FEES

Racing Only		
OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
\$2,600	\$1,820	\$1,456
Racing + ASA 106		
OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
\$2,912	\$2,132	\$1,768

ANACORTES RACE WEEK

	OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
1 Day	\$337	\$268	\$214
2 Days	\$641	\$508	\$407
3 Days	\$961	\$763	\$610
4 Days	\$1,281	\$1,017	\$813
5 Days	\$1,517	\$1,204	\$963

RTC COACHED RACE FEES

OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
\$1,404	\$1,123	\$936
RTC Member Skippered Race Fees*		
OLY CLUB	NW CLUB	SJ CLUB
\$1,123	\$894	\$749

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YACHT CLUBS & MORE

Corinthian Yacht Club

[Website](#)

[2024 Racebook; Sailing Instructions, NOR, Race Dates, Rules, etc.](#)

[2024 Race Calendar](#)

[Registrants & Results](#)

[Racing Rules Changes](#)

[Volunteer for Race Committee](#)

[Youth Sailing Programs](#)

Sloop Tavern Yacht Club

[Website](#)

[STYC: Keelboat Racing 101 Video with Al Hughes & Sara Billey, Race Chairs 2021](#)

[Race Marks](#)

[Results](#)

[Racing Rules of Sailing Reference](#)

[General Sailing Instructions](#)

[Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions \(Race Specific\)](#)

Seattle Yacht Club

[Website](#)

[Regatta Schedule](#)

[2024 Race Handbook](#)

[Youth Sailing Program](#)

Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

[Website](#)

[Racing](#)

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[Race Marks](#)

Other Yacht Clubs / Races

[Pink Boat Regatta](#)

[CYC Edmonds - Foulweather Bluff](#)

[South Sound Sailing Society](#)

[Adventuress Cup \(previous year\)](#)

Volunteering at Sloop Tavern Yacht Club

The best way to meet people in the community and learn how to race is to volunteer on a committee boat, even if you really just want to sail. You see how starts work, and what's important before and afterward. You learn the right etiquette, and the timing. You watch other boats race and learn from them. You can ask questions during and after the race. And you meet people! To volunteer, see their [volunteer page](#).

RACER INTEREST FORMS

The Racer Interest Forms are used to provide information pertaining to your interests, availability, and experience level. Once submitted, the Club utilizes the information to form teams based on each racers preferences. To be considered for a team, forms must be submitted by the Form Deadline provided in the Racing Dates section.

»»» **Spring/Summer Racer Interest Form**

Available: January 26th

- Ballard Cup, CYC Wednesday Nights
- Regattas: Blakely Rock Benefit, PSSR, Tri Island, 3 Buoy Fiasco, J/Fest, WATH 1 & 2, PBR, Adventuress
- Signature: Swiftsure, Anacortes Race Week

»»» **Fall Racer Interest Form**

Available: July 12th

- Foul Weather Bluff, PSSC, Great Pumpkin, Grand Prix, Fall Regatta, Snowbird, Round the County

»»» **Winter Racer Interest Form**

Available: November 15th

- STYC Iceberg
- South Sound Races (TBD)
- CYC Center Sound Series

»»» **2024 Deadline Exceptions:**

- Center Sound Series: deadline January 22



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