

NWISA Keelboat Qualifiers
Oak Harbor Youth Sailing-Oak Harbor, Washington
September 24-25, 2022
Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the NWISA District Rules.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted and will not apply.
- 1.3. Under rule 70.5(a), the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.4. San Juan 24 class rules will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The event is a District Championship Regatta as defined by NWISA District Rule 2.3. Competing teams shall be “active” teams as defined in the NWISA District Rules, shall be members of ISSA, and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 2.2. Teams shall consist of four eligible sailors with no maximum weight.
- 2.3. Teams shall be limited to one berth per school.
- 2.4. Berths shall be limited to one more team than the total number of San Juan 24s available. A minimum of five berths are guaranteed. If more teams wish to compete than berths available, selections will be made via resume.
- 2.5. Teams shall be accompanied by a designated team leader, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent recognized by the school.

3. QUALIFICATION

- 3.1. The winner of this regatta shall advance to the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational Regatta December 10-11, 2022, in St. Petersburg, FL. Teams not intending to compete in the invitational should not compete in this qualifier.
- 3.2. The National Keelboat Invitational shall take place in J/70’s provided by the St Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 3.3. There is no backup qualifier for this event. If this qualifier fails to complete the minimum number of races (3), then the team with the best resume submitted will be selected to represent NWISA

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Teams shall register via the NWISA regatta registration Google Sheet and by completing the resume form linked [here](#). Resumes are due by registration closing.
- 4.2. Registration closes September 12th at 10:00pm. Additional registrations are not allowed after this time.
- 4.3. If more teams sign up than berths available, please wait for confirmation from the OA that your team has been accepted.
- 4.4. Entry fee for this regatta will be \$100 per team payable to Oak Harbor Youth Sailing and will be collected at registration.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- 0930 Registration
- 1000 Mandatory Skipper's Meeting
- 1200 First warning, racing will continue throughout the day

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- 0830 Report time
- 1000 First warning
- 1500 No starting sequence shall begin before this time

6. BOATS

- 6.1. San Juan 24 class sailboats are being provided by San Juan 24 owners of the Oak Harbor Sail Fleet.
- 6.2. Boats shall be sailed as provided. Teams shall not make alterations to the standing rigging or adjustable backstays unless explicit consent is obtained from the race officials.

7. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 7.1. A \$750 damage deposit check, made out to Oak Harbor Youth Sailing, will be collected at registration. This check will be returned or destroyed at the conclusion of the regatta provided the team is not liable for any damage. Boats will be inspected for damage before and after racing each day.
- 7.2. Teams are responsible for damage attributed to their actions. If an incident involving two or more boats results in serious damage, there shall be a mandatory protest hearing, even if a boat takes a penalty at the time of the incident. The boat(s) found to be at fault shall be responsible for resulting damages. When more than one boat is at fault, the protest committee may apportion liability between multiple boats as it sees fit.
- 7.3. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all competing teams.

7.4. District damage deposit rules will not apply to this event.

8. VENUE

8.1. Sailing will be on the waters of Oak Harbor, Saratoga Passage, and Penn Cove, depending on conditions. Registration and skippers meeting will take place on “A” dock at the Oak Harbor Marina.

9. FORMAT

9.1. The race committee will attempt to sail a full Round Robin, unless there are four or fewer entries, in which case a double Round Robin will be attempted.

9.2. Teams shall rotate boats between each race.

9.3. A minimum of three (3) races shall constitute a regatta.

9.4. If determined necessary, a qualifying round may be added to accommodate more teams.

10. COACHING AND SPECTATING

10.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors, and other support personnel may go afloat in the racing area.

10.2. Competitors may receive coaching including instructions, assistance, equipment, or sustenance either on shore or on water, but only before, after, or in between racing.

10.3. Coaches will have to provide their own coach boat.

11. SAFETY

11.1. Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

12. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

12.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

12.2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.