



**The NWISA Keelboat Championship  
The 2025 Qualifier for the ISSA Keelboat Invitational  
October 4-5, 2025  
Seattle Sailing Club in Partnership with CYC Seattle  
Amended October 3rd**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the ISSA Procedural Rules.
- 1.2. Under ISSA PR 18(a), the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 are deleted and will not apply
- 1.4. The J80 class rules will not apply except that the following language taken from the J80 class rules in regards to Bowsprits shall be in effect:
  - 1.4.1. When retracted, the forward end shall not extend more than 76mm forward of the hull.
  - 1.4.2. To extend the bowsprit a boat shall be in the process of either a continuous hoist, flying or a continuous retrieval of the gennaker. At all other times the bowsprit shall be retracted and comply with *NOR 1.4.1*.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 2.1. Each sailor must be a member of a school which is registered with the ISSA. This is a district championship, all competitors must be in grades 9-12.
- 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 J80s available. A minimum of six berths are guaranteed. If more teams wish to compete than berths available, selections will be made via resume.
- 2.5. Teams shall consist of four sailors with a minimum of one male and one female sailor.
- 2.6. Teams shall be accompanied by a designated team leader, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent recognized by the school.
- 2.7. Teams shall submit the resume form found [here](#). Team resumes will be used to select teams if the event is oversubscribed. ALL team resumes will additionally be screened to ensure that teams have the necessary skills and experience to participate safely.

**3. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE:**

- 3.1. Registration opens Monday, September 15. Teams shall register via the NWISA

regatta registration Google Sheet.

- 3.2. Teams shall submit a completed resume by Monday, September 29. If 5 teams or fewer apply, all will be accepted.
- 3.3. Eligible teams must complete registration including necessary waivers by 5pm on Thursday, October 11. Additional registrations will not be allowed after this time.
- 3.4. Competitors unable to compete once registration closes, shall notify the regatta chair as soon as possible.
- 3.5. Each competitor must have both a signed EVENT WAIVER and Seattle Sailing Club Waiver on file, this can be found on the NWISA Regatta Registration Sheet.
- 3.6. An entry fee of \$25.00 per team payable to: "CYC Community Sailing Center" will be collected at check in.

#### 4. QUALIFICATION:

- 4.1. The winner of this regatta shall advance to the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational Regatta December 13-14, 2025, in St. Petersburg, FL. Teams not intending to compete in the invitational should not compete in this qualifier.
- 4.2. The National Keelboat Invitational shall take place in J/70's provided by the St Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 4.3. There is no backup qualifier for this event. If this qualifier fails to complete the minimum number of races (1), the team selected to represent NWISA shall be determined by the NWISA High School Keelboat Team Ranking Formula. The formula allocates points as follows:
  - 4.3.1. NWISA Fleet Race Championship – 20%
  - 4.3.2. Best 2 of 3 NWISA Ranking Regattas – 20%
  - 4.3.3. Best of Cascadia Cup or Combined Division – 10%
  - 4.3.4. Outside Dinghy Sailing Performance – 10%
  - 4.3.5. Keelboat Résumé (Quality, Quantity, Depth of Results) – 30%
  - 4.3.6. Judges' Input – 10%
  - 4.3.7. Scores shall be calculated as the percentage of boats beaten using the formula: (Total Boats–Finish Place) / (Total Boats–1) Teams competing in Silver Fleet shall receive one-half of the points otherwise awarded.

4.4.

#### 5. SCHEDULE:

##### 5.1. Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

##### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

1100	Registration	0830	Suggested Report Time
1130	Registration Ends	0845	Mandatory Competitor's Meeting
1200	Practice Races	0930	First Warning
1530	On water practice ends	1600	No Races Started after this time
1600	End of Day	1645	Results and Awards

- 5.2. Any changes to the schedule will be posted on a CYC Official Notice Board. The

location will be released with the SIs.

6. **BOATS AND FORMAT:**
  - 6.1. J80s are being provided by Seattle Sailing Club.
  - 6.2. Boats shall be sailed as provided. Teams shall not make alterations to the standing rigging unless explicit consent is obtained from the race officials.
7. **RACING AREA:**
  - 7.1. All races will be sailed in Shilshole Bay, and the parts of the Puget Sound adjacent to Meadow Point.
8. **DAMAGE DEPOSIT:**
  - 8.1. A \$1000 damage deposit check, made out to Seattle Sailing Club, 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.
  - 8.2. 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.
  - 8.3. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all competing teams.
  - 8.4. District damage deposit rules will not apply to this event.
9. **HOUSING:**
  - 9.1. Housing is unavailable for this regatta.
10. **TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION:**
  - 10.1. Teams are responsible for their own transportation. The address of the regatta site is: 7001 Seaview Avenue NW #130, Seattle, WA.
11. **COACHING:**
  - 11.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel may go afloat in the designated portion of the sailing area from Saturday morning to the end of racing Sunday.
  - 11.2. Competitors may receive coaching including instructions, assistance, equipment or sustenance either on shore, or on water, but only before, after, or in-between racing. Unless safety assistance is required, in which case assistance may be provided.
  - 11.3. Coaches will have to supply their own coach boats. Limited coach boats may be available upon request from the Regatta Chair.
12. **CONDUCT:**
  - 12.1. No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), or marijuana, cocaine, or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802), the possession of which, by that contestant is unlawful under 21 US Code 841.
  - 12.2. Infringements of this regulation and/or other inappropriate conduct occurring

during the regatta, may be the basis for a hearing under RRS 69.1. The protest committee for such a hearing shall, at a time and place selected by it, meet to hear said protest, and it may impose scoring penalties, or other sanctions that it deems appropriate, including summary removal from the regatta.

**13. REGATTA CONTACTS:**

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