



THE 2009
OREGON
OFFSHORE

Sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland



To the Offshore Racer:

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland welcomes your interest and invites your participation in the thirty-third annual Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race, scheduled to start Thursday, May 7, 2009. This 193 mile race begins off the coast of Astoria, Oregon and finishes in the harbor at Victoria, British Columbia.

While the typical Offshore fleet is made up of experienced skippers and seasoned yachts, this is a perfect event for skippers looking for an introduction to ocean racing. CYC will again be offering mentors to first time participants. This system pairs a new Offshore skipper with experienced skippers to allow free flow of questions, answers, hints and experience. Potential first time participants are encouraged to contact me, (Eric Rouzee, CYC Rear Commodore, erouzee@gmail.com / 360-607-3993), to get your questions answered and help you get off on the right foot for a successful and safe Oregon Offshore.

New skippers should be aware that although there are no formal requirements for the skipper and crew participating in this event, the Race Committee does recommend that certain skills and levels of experience be a factor in the prudent skipper's crew selection.

Due to the unpredictable and sometimes hazardous conditions that may be encountered off the Washington coast, the following suggestions are offered as guidelines for skills and levels of experience:

1. THE SKIPPER OF THE VESSEL SHOULD HAVE COMPETED IN AT LEAST TWO OVERNIGHT OFFSHORE RACES.
2. AT LEAST 50% OF THE CREW SHOULD HAVE OFFSHORE OVERNIGHT SAILING EXPERIENCES.
3. NO LESS THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE CREW SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND BE COMPETENT TO NAVIGATE SUCCESSFULLY WITH A VARIETY OF INSTRUMENTS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A COMPASS, DEPTH SOUNDER, AND LORAN OR GPS.

All competing boats will need to complete safety inspections demonstrating compliance with the **2009** PIYA Category I Requirements, as well as prescribed safety issues listed in the sailing instructions. (see PIYA info at http://www.ussailing.net/piya/new/cat_cert.html).

When it is time to make arrangements for this mandatory inspection, please contact Jeff Duvall (503) 313-6560 or at jeffery.a.duvall@boeing.com

If there are enough registered yachts, CYC will provide team scoring. Teams will be assigned with one yacht from each of the competing classes. These teams will be scored on cumulated corrected time and additional team awards provided. In the past this has been a great way for sailors at different competitive levels to share experiences and build camaraderie.

The Annual Offshore Kickoff social will be held on Monday, April 27th, 2009. This event is a great opportunity to meet other skippers and crews, to fill out your crew roster, help crew find boats and firm up to/from transportation issues. CYC will have a list of available crew (for the

race and delivery), as well as Port Angles Ferry and Victoria travel information available. And of course, during the social the Official 2009 Offshore t-shirts will be unveiled and will be for sale.

The skipper's meeting in Astoria will begin at 1930 hours May 6th, 2009 with the annual weather briefing and announcement of start time, team assignments and other race details. The skipper's meeting will be followed by the typically very social crew dinner which provides another opportunity for participants to mingle and share experiences. (Dinner cost TBA).

At the finish, yachts can look forward to warm towels, champagne and photos, followed by the EXCELLENT dock party which goes on as long as yachts are finishing. Family and friends are welcome to volunteer to assist with yacht greeting and finish line activities. Contact me for more information on volunteer opportunities. (Eric Rouzee, CYC Rear Commodore, erouzee@gmail.com / 360-607-3993).

As in past years, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club will again be honoring all Oregon Offshore Race participants with a welcoming barbeque. Naturally, families and friends are welcome to the BBQ and transportation from and back to the moorage will be provided. The BBQ will start at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 10th 2009. The race results will be announced at the BBQ.

Attached you will find:

- CYC Membership Application
- 2009 Sailing Instructions
- Race Entry Form & Waiver
- Crew List Sheet

In closing, please note that entries must be post marked no later than Sunday, April 26th 2009. If you are coming from out of the area and would like assistance in securing accommodations and moorage, please contact me. On behalf of Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland, I look forward to helping you with your participation in the 2009 Oregon Offshore.

Regards,

Eric Rouzee
2009 Oregon Offshore Race Chairperson
Rear Commodore, Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland
Email: erouzee@gmail.com
Phone: (360) 607-3993

Join Corinthian Yacht Club and Save!

By joining CYC of Portland you can save 3 ways:

All CYC river race entry fees are free

(save more than \$100)

Discount on the Offshore race

(save \$50)

Membership in CYC of Portland

\$125.00

Offshore Entry fee for CYC of Portland Members

\$100.00

TOTAL

\$225.00

Members receive, in addition to the racing discounts, a monthly newsletter, a race calendar, social and educational opportunities and a chance to participate in one of the best racing sailing clubs on the Columbia.

Application for Membership

I hereby apply for membership as an Active Member

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Children's Name _____

Age _____

Age _____

Age _____

Boat Name _____

Length _____

Type _____

Partner _____

Moored at _____

Return your application with your Offshore packet



2009 Sailing Instructions

The 2009 Oregon Offshore Race will be sailed under the 2009-2012 US Sailing International Yacht Racing Rules, the Sailing Instructions, International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and any Supplemental Sailing Instructions.

The minimum overall length of a yacht to qualify for entry is 24 Feet.

Every yacht must meet the **2009** PIYA requirements for Category I (see <http://www.ussailing.net/piya/PIYA%20Certificate%202004A.pdf>) and carry a signed certificate to this effect. LIFERAFTS ARE REQUIRED. In addition, each yacht must have a VHF transmitter-receiver equipped with marine channels 1, 5A, 9, 13, 14, 16 and 68. Yachts may be inspected at any time before or immediately after the race. All yachts should be made available for inspection by appointment between April 16th and May 7th, 2009. Boats not complying with these requirements will not be scored. Yachts with their homeport in the Portland area that are competing in the Oregon Offshore for the first time must have their boat safety inspected before traveling to Astoria. Portland homeport boats that have previously competed in The Oregon Offshore can be inspected in Astoria. Competing boats with a homeport outside of the Portland area can make arrangements for inspection by contacting Mr. Jeff Duvall, (503) 313-6560 or at jeffery.a.duvall@boeing.com

Racing Division yachts must have a valid PHRF NW rating (<http://www.phrf-nw.org>) at the time of registration. IMS or IOR Classes will be established only if a sufficient number of yachts indicate that they desire to race IMS or IOR and that they hold a current IMS or IOR certificate. Cruising Division yachts that do not hold a current rating will be assigned a provisional rating for this event.

There will be a skipper's meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at 19:30 hours PDT place TBA in Astoria, Oregon. Final class breakdowns will be announced at this time and changes to these sailing instructions will be distributed in writing. Every yacht must submit a final crew list on the appropriate form at this meeting. Attendance by the skipper or a representative is mandatory.

ANY YACHT WHOSE SKIPPER OR REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL AT THE SKIPPERS' MEETING WILL BE DISQUALIFIED !

The race will start in accordance with Racing Rule 26. The Class Flag for all boats will be the Code Flag Number 1. The warning signal will be given at TBA hours PDT and the race will start at TBA hours PDT on Thursday, May 7th. An attempt will be made by the Race Committee to hail premature starters on VHF Channel 9. When a general recall has been signaled, a new Warning signal will be made one minute after lowering of the code flag "First Substitute".

The starting line will be off the mouth of the Columbia River between Buoy 2 and the Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat. The name and description of the Race Committee Boat will be posted at the Skippers' Meeting.

Yachts will proceed north to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, leaving Duntze Rock Buoy to Starboard, and finish at Victoria, B.C., inside the harbor entrance.

Each vessel MUST check in with Seattle Vessel Traffic (VTS) on channel 5A as soon as they enter the Straits at 124° 40' W. VTS will have a list of all vessels competing in the race and will list you as overdue with the Coast Guard if you do not check in.

The Race Committee will be stationed at the Northwest end of Pier "A" on Ogden Point, (C.N.R. Outer Wharf) approximately 100 yards inside the breakwater. The finish line will extend magnetic West (270 degrees M.) from that point. The Race Committee will fly the "RC" flag at all times. During the hours of darkness the Committee will be marked by a revolving yellow light. It is recommended that yachts record their finishing times using these references.

When a yacht comes into the vicinity of Race Rocks, she shall make a reasonable effort to contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 9.

Corrected time will be determined using the PHRF Time on Distance system with a course length of 193 nautical miles.

The time limit will be 72 Hours. Yachts finishing after this time will not be scored.

A yacht retiring either before or after the time limit MUST inform the Committee of her action at the first opportunity. A Race Committee telephone number in Victoria will be included in the supplemental sailing instructions, and announced at the Skipper's meeting.

After finishing, a yacht shall come within hail of the Committee for instructions as to possible inspection.

Every yacht landing in Victoria MUST clear Canadian Customs. Please be aware that due to heightened security concerns positive identification (Passport, Birth certificate, Government ID) are likely to be required. Skippers are encouraged to check with Canadian and American Customs about current requirements and then to preview crew documents to insure safe and smooth transit.

A yacht must advise the Committee of an intention to protest within 2 hours of finishing.

For racing class yachts: Engines may be used for propulsion in emergencies. A written situation report must be given to the Committee within 2 Hours of finishing. Penalties may be assessed.

Automatic pilots and automatic steering devices, including wind vanes, shall not be allowed.

For cruising class yachts: A written report of engine and automatic steering device use must be given to the Committee within 2 Hours of finishing so that allowances may be assessed. Cruising class skippers are reminded that automatic steering devices DO NOT relieve the necessity of constant look out and watch keeping.

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS WILL BE REQUIRED:

Besides having the following charts on board they should be current and in usable condition. This list is by no means a substitute for common sense and sound navigational practices.

Chart Number	Description
US No. 1	Symbols and Abbreviations (Excellent reference for all those symbols)
US 18521	Columbia River Bar (Astoria to the Starting Line)
US 18500	Columbia River Bar to Destruction Is. (The Start to Half way to the Big Corner)
US 18480	Destruction Is. to Cape Flattery (Half way up the coast to the Big Corner)
US 18485	Umatilla Reef to Cape Flattery
US 18460	West End of the Juan de Fuca Straits
US 18465	East End of the Juan de Fuca Straits
CN 3641	Race Rocks Passage (The Little Corner)
Charts US 18460 & US 18465 may be replaced by the following:	
CN 3606	Juan de Fuca Straits (The Big Corner to the Finish)
The following charts are suggested in case of an emergency:	
CN 3415	Victoria Harbor
US 18502	Grays Harbor
US 18504	Willapa Bay (Good to have, to convince you not to go in)
US 18484	Neah Bay

These instructions may be supplemented in writing at, or before, the Skipper's Meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

(End of Sailing Instructions)



Race Entry Form & Waiver

Please enter my sailboat _____, described on page two of this race entry form in the 2009 Oregon Offshore International Yacht Race.

In consideration of CYC accepting my entry:

I hereby warrant that my sail boat will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with those conditions, that she will have all the required equipment aboard, that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear, and that she will be competently crewed.

I agree that the handicap rating to be filed with the committee will be the applicable rating for the sailboat at the time she starts the race.

By my signature I agree to accept and abide by the regulations and the sailing instructions of the race. I certify that I am a member in good standing of a US Sailing Member or CYA Member Yacht Club.

In consideration of being permitted to enter the race, being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, and recognizing that it shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start or to continue the race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participating in the same and agree to hold harmless against any and all losses and/or claims incident thereto the organization and/or personnel conducting the race.

I do for myself, my executors, my administrators and assigns, waive any and all claims that I may have against the Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland, their officers, directors, members and employees, and agents, and any one or more of them, their successors, executors, administrators, and assigns arising out of participation of my sailboat in this race, and its related activities, together with any costs including reasonable attorney's fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claims that any officer or member of my crew or his executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns or all of them may have or assert and costs with respect thereto.

Date: _____
Skipper's Signature (Person in charge and acting as Captain during the race.)

Date: _____
Parent or Guardian's Signature (If Skipper is a minor.)

The Committee recommends that you advise your insurance underwriter of the execution of this document.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING:

Skipper: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Business: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Owner of record: _____

Charter of record (if applicable): _____

Sailboat Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Yacht Club: _____ Home Port: _____

LOA: _____ LWL: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Rating (PHRF): _____ Cruising Class: ___ YES ___ NO

(You must have a current 2009 PHRF rating, <http://www.phrf-nw.org>)

Radio Call Letters: _____ Rig Type: _____ Hull Color: _____

On Board Cell Phone Number: _____

Spinnaker colors: _____

Stock Boat Class: _____ Deck Color: _____

Custom boat designer: _____

Completed this _____ day of _____, 2005

By: _____

Skipper's Signature

Fee: **\$100.00 (US)** for members of CYC of Portland
\$150.00 (US) For Non Members of CYC of Portland

Make checks payable to: **The Corinthian Yacht Club of Portland**

Mail entries to: Eric Rouzee
374 N. Tomahawk Island Drive
Portland, OR 97217

Entries must be postmarked before midnight April 30th, 2009. Thank you.

(End of Race Entry Form)

2009 CREW LIST

YACHT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

	NAME	PERSON TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY	PHONE NUMBER
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THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY NO LATER THAN THE SKIPPER'S MEETING IN ASTORIA