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This event is organized by the Pink Boat Regatta, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation supporting The Breast Cancer Research through sailing with 100% of all net proceeds.

This event is considered a 'Fun' race. Boats are expected to abide by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, common sense and a spirit of service. DON'T BE A JERK. If you foul someone or may have fouled someone, do a 360 degree turn and continue the race. Keep it safe, kind and courteous on the water, this is a charity fundraiser after all! The race committee is a bunch of people who are out here for a good cause and a good time and will reserve the right to disqualify any boats that don't resolve their differences on the water.

TIME: First warning is expected to be at 12:00pm.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION: The race is open to all boats under sail. Vessels may [register here](#).

Special COVID 19 Requirements: The Pink Boat Regatta would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required to participate and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations of King County to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while participating in this race. Please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.

MOORAGE: Moorage will be available for race day on a first come basis on dock X at the north end of Shilshole marina. Boats are asked to raft to the degree practicable to accommodate others. For overnight moorage needs please coordinate directly with Shilshole Bay Marina at (206) 787-3006. Overnight moorage is not included in your race registration and must be paid directly to the Port of Seattle.



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PRE-RACE MEETING: A mandatory pre-race meeting (party!) will be held in person at 10am Saturday, September 9th in the CYC Clubhouse. All participants are encouraged to join.

CLASSES: Boats will be assigned to classes based on rating. The number of classes and class assignments will be announced and posted at the pre-race meeting on 9/9.

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SAFETY: Racers are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue the race. Each boat is responsible for carrying the safety equipment required and operating their vessel in a safe manner.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, COMMUNICATIONS: Notices to competitors will be posted on this website, and at CYC Seattle by 0900 on the morning of the race. Boats shall check in by sailing by and hailing the committee boat before the race. The Race Committee may make announcements on VHF Channel 72, please ensure your radio is sufficiently charged and at a volume where it can be heard by the skipper and/or a designated crew member.

START TIME: First warning is expected to be at 12:00 pm. The class flag for each start will be the number flag corresponding to each boat's assigned class number.

START/FINISH LINE: The start/finish line will be between the designated Race Committee Vessel and the fixed white starting mark outside the Shilshole Marina breakwater. All boats must stay clear of the RC Vessel. Remember, fun charity race, no need to be aggressive.



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RACE FORMAT AND COURSE: The race is a timed event in which competitors sail a course, passing as many of the fixed marks as possible within the time limit.

The course will be announced at the pre-race meeting and will be posted on the committee boat prior to the start.

The course will be a series of fixed marks in the vicinity of Shilshole. Boats will round the buoys to port in the order stated. To be counted, a boat must round the buoy to port, fully passing the mark in the direction of the next buoy of the course.

Course Marks:

M - Meadow Point Buoy

N - Start Mark. White ball buoy off Shilshole breakwater

E - Entrance Buoy. Green #1

W - West Point Buoy

After starting, each boat will continue to round the course, passing as many of the designated marks as possible until the 3-hour time limit is reached.

Boats are responsible for keeping track of the number of buoys rounded during the time limit. Upon reaching the time limit boats are asked to radio the total number of buoys rounded to the committee boat via VHF channel 72. Please practice good radio etiquette when reporting your number of buoys rounded and ensure you are not speaking over another boat. Race committee will confirm they have received your transmission.

TIME LIMIT: The time limit for all boats will be 3 hours after their class start. The race committee intends to use a signal horn and announce on VHF channel 72 that the race is completed but makes no guarantee that this will occur. Please watch your GPS time.



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SCORING: At the end of the time limit, boats are to radio the total number of buoys rounded to the race committee. A boat that retires prior to finishing shall notify the race committee--at the time she retires--via VHF channel 72 and announce the number of buoys rounded.

Each boat's total buoys will be posted on the leaderboard near the sales deck at the party.

A boat may increase the number of buoys rounded by 'buying' buoys at the party following the race until 5 minutes prior to the awards ceremony. (See next section)

Awards will be given to the top 3 boats in each class that have rounded the most marks.

CHARITABLE BUOY DONATIONS: Boats have the opportunity to add to their score by making donations to Pink Boat Regatta supporting Breast Cancer Research following the race. These additional buoys will be counted towards the boat's total in the awards.

Buoys will be available at the sales desk at the party until 5 minutes prior to the awards ceremony. Price per buoy will be posted following the race.

TROPHIES and AWARDS: At the awards ceremony the following will be awarded:

- 1st through 3rd place awarded based on total buoys (see above) by class.
- The 'Black Flag' perpetual trophy will be awarded to the team that raises the most money.
- Pinkest boat
- Overall Female Skipper