

INVITATION TO RACE

INVITATION: SYSCO extends an invitation to all sailboat skippers to compete in this fun race on the Columbia River between the I-5 and I-205 bridges. The objective of this race is to introduce novice sailors to the sport of sailboat racing.

DESCRIPTION: SYSCO is requesting one-design, PHRF, Level, and Cruising boats to invite friends and others interested in experiencing a fun sailboat race. Skippers will be asked to register for the race 2 weeks ahead of the race date through www.sailpdx.org. Each boat will be asked to carry one or more individuals that may be familiar with sailing but have seldom raced on the Columbia River. All boats are encouraged to take at least one novice sailor.

ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS: This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the OCSA General Sailing Instructions, except that no trophies will be awarded. Entrants agree to comply with the provisions of the OCSA General Sailing Instructions, and specifically the Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance Requirements of sections 20 and 21.

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, June 23. The first warning signal is at 1700 hrs.

REGISTRATION: Registration is free. Boats are encouraged to register online at www.sailpdx.org. Novice sailors may be assigned to boats by race coordinators if you have space. Please contact commodore@syscosailing.org if you have space for new crew members.

FEES: None! It is assumed entrants and novice sailors will be so grateful at this method of being exposed to the sport of sailboat racing, that drinks will be purchased for the Race Committee at the social after the race.

CLASS DIVISIONS: There will probably be 2 divisions. Division #1 includes all one-design boats: Cal 20, Ranger 20, Venture 21, Catalina 22, Martin 24, J/24, Moore 24, Melges 24, Merit 25. Division #2 will be PHRF, Level, and Cruising Classes. **COURSES:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee and will be posted on the committee boat or announced on VHF 72.

SCORING: Skippers are expected to note their finish position relative to others and report such information to anyone willing to attach significance to its importance. Extra points, worth nothing except goodwill from all your fellow races, will be awarded to those boats with the most novice crews.

HEARING REQUESTS: Hearing requests are emphatically discouraged. Skippers are encouraged to settle all alleged infringements in private and in the Corinthian spirit.

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Check the Notice Board at https://sailpdx.org/notice-board for the official Notice of Race and any Supplemental Sailing Instructions.