

## SYSCO Crew Overboard May 10

## INVITATION TO RACE

**INVITATION:** The Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon extends an invitation to all boats to compete in this special regatta between the I-5 and I-205 Bridges.

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a single medium-distance race event, with a pursuit chase start based on club handicapped ratings, with each boat required to complete a simulated crew overboard drill on each of the first and second legs of the course.

**COURSE:** The start line will be between Buoy 14 and the committee boat, which will be anchored south of Buoy 14 near the RCYC docks. The course and finish line will be determined by the Race Committee on the day of the race and announced on VHF 72 before the start sequence. The course commonly includes navigational buoys 2, 14, and 18. Race Committee will monitor VHF 72.

**ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS:** Races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, OCSA General Sailing Instructions and Courses, and supplemental sailing instructions posted on the OCSA Event Notice Board. Specific courses, start times for individual boats, and any supplemental instructions will be posted on the OCSA Event Notice Board prior to the race.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION: After starting, each boat shall, at a time and location of its choosing, but before reaching the three-boat length zone around the first mark, conduct a simulated crew overboard drill, by throwing an untethered Category IV flotation device (e.g., a throwable seat cushion, a detached ring buoy, or horseshoe buoy) a minimum 10 feet off the stern in a direction perpendicular to the transom, and then successfully recovering the device before proceeding. Between the first rounding mark and the second rounding mark or, if there is no second rounding mark, the finish line, each boat must repeat the simulated crew overboard drill, for a total of two crew overboard drills during the race. Exclusion: no boat shall initiate a simulated crew overboard drill within three boat lengths of the start line, finish line, another boat, or any mark of the course.

**DATE AND TIME:** Saturday, May 10, warning signal at 1255 hours, the slowest rated boat starts at 1300.

**REGISTRATION:** Enter online at <a href="www.sailpdx.org">www.sailpdx.org</a>. The registration deadline is 24 hours prior to the first scheduled race. No late entries will be accepted.

**FEES:** FREE! But you still must register! You need your individual start time **COMMUNICATIONS:** Race information & results will be at <a href="https://www.sailpdx.org">www.sailpdx.org</a>. **INFORMATION:** Contact the Race Committee <a href="mailto:race\_captain@syscosailing.org">race\_captain@syscosailing.org</a>.

## END INVITATION TO RACE

Check the Notice Board at <a href="mailto:sailpdx.org/notice-board">sailpdx.org/notice-board</a> for the official Notice of Race and any Supplemental Sailing Instructions.