

Why Should I Race My Sailboat in the Adventuress Cup?

Quick answers for Skippers

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September 20, 2020 is the inaugural year of an exciting new sailing race that brings people and sailboats together in Shilshole Bay – in a Covid-safe way – to compete, to celebrate the extraordinary Salish Sea marine environment and to raise funds to support the youth mission of the iconic schooner *Adventuress*. The 1913 gaff-rigged schooner is owned and operated by the nonprofit Sound Experience. Over the past thirty years, some 30,000 children and teens have climbed aboard *Adventuress* for powerful day and overnight programming. Together, young people raise the sails, take the helm and learn how our daily actions make a difference in the health of our waterways and oceans. As important, they experience what it means to be a shipmate.

Is this a REAL race/regatta?

Yes! This is a one-day “around the bouys” racing event which will include multiple starts that split the fleet into similar sized groups. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Race scoring will be comprised of: 1) On-the-water race results, 2) Pre-race “challenge points” and 3) Fundraising.

Why is this a fundraiser?

That’s a good question. The truth is, we need you. In times of pre-Covid, Sound Experience’s annual fall gala raised a quarter of the annual cost to deliver shipboard programs to more than a thousand children and teens each year. Such an event is, of course, not possible this year. Boats that are racing are asked to make a “good faith pledge” of \$1,500 (or more) in tax-deductible financial support which can be donated outright or raised through an online peer-to-peer platform (similar to walk-a-thons). Sound Experience development staff members can help you set up your fundraising page so that your crew, friends, family and colleagues can donate. It’s easy!

What does the money I raise support?

Our dedicated Adventuress Cup sponsors make it possible for every dollar that you raise to directly support shipboard programs for children and teens throughout the Puget Sound region. Programs include Girls at the Helm, high school credit eligible programs through Seattle Skills Center, partnerships with youth-serving organizations in communities of need, and many others. In addition, Sound Experience is developing virtual “experiential” opportunities for those young people who cannot climb aboard due to Covid restrictions this year. With your help, *Adventuress* will continue to sail “not for one, but for all.” Aboard *Adventuress*, and in our communities, we believe that we are ALL shipmates.



We hope you’ll join us for this exciting new on-the-water community event – Thank you from all of us at Sound Experience and aboard *Adventuress*!

To sign up and learn more visit,
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