



# Race in the Adventuress Cup!

## Quick Guide for Skippers

### Why should I race my boat in the Adventuress Cup - A Race for the Salish Sea?

April 25, 2026 is the 7th annual sailing race that brings people and sailboats together on Shilshole Bay 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, more than 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 buoys” 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. Powerboats are invited to help kick off the race in a pre-race parade that will go by schooner *Adventuress*, tour the sailboat race course and will end in special viewing areas designated for power boats so that you can enjoy the race up close. Race scoring will be comprised of: 1) On-the-water race results, 2) Pre-race “challenge points” called Wind in Your Sails Challenges and 3) Fundraising.

### How is this a fundraiser and what does it support?

*Adventuress* Cup is a peer-to-peer fundraising event (similar to a bike-a-thon) where folks reach out to their network to encourage donations toward their team's goal. Sail and powerboats are asked to make a minimum “good faith pledge” of \$1,500 in tax-deductible financial support. Thanks to our generous sponsors, **every dollar that you raise will directly support the care and maintenance of Sound Experience's unique education platform, the National Historic Landmark sailing vessel, schooner *Adventuress*.** Programs aboard *Adventuress* reach Puget Sound area young people with powerful maritime and environmental education. The *Adventuress* Cup enables Sound Experience to reach underserved youth including BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and those otherwise unable to participate for financial reasons or who do not traditionally have access to the waterfront.

### How do I sign up?

Simply visit The *Adventuress* Cup webpage - [www.soundexp.org/AdventuressCup](http://www.soundexp.org/AdventuressCup) - to sign up and learn more! Start your own team or join an existing team, **registration is now open.** You'll be able to set up and personalize your fundraising page so that your crew, friends, family and colleagues can donate or complete challenges to earn your team points. Are you going to be at the top of the leaderboard this year?!



We hope you'll join us for this exciting on-the-water community event!