



# NOTICE OF RACE

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## The Adventuress Cup: *A Race for the Salish Sea*

**Shilshole Bay, Washington USA**  
**April 25, 2026**

This race is a celebration of the marine environment and aims to raise critical program funds for the nonprofit Sound Experience which owns and operates the iconic tall ship, *Adventuress*. The ship's programs reach nearly a thousand children and teens each year who climb aboard for powerful day and overnight programs in maritime skills, environmental stewardship, resilience, and connection to each other and the natural world. Race participants can join the fun on the water or virtually. On-the-water racing will be organized as a mid-length distance race using fixed marks for keelboats and typical round-the-buoys racing for dinghies (if enough dinghies register) with the start and finish off the Shilshole breakwater. Prior to the race there will be an organized parade of the racers and supporting powerboats past the Shilshole marina and out to the course. Participating boats are strongly encouraged to make a good faith commitment to raise a minimum of \$1,500 through a peer-to-peer fundraising model or through direct contribution.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Sound Experience.
- 1.2. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The race is open to all sailboats including dinghies with the following qualifications:

Each boat shall meet the Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) as set out by U.S. Sailing, or its one-design class rule (as applicable).

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

- 2.2. All seaworthy powerboats are eligible to participate in the parade procession and staged observation of the race.
- 2.3. All participating vessels must register using the process outlined in section 3 below.

**3. ENTRY PROCEDURE & FEES**

- 3.1. Entries shall be submitted using the online form found at the race website: [www.soundexp.org/adventuresscup](http://www.soundexp.org/adventuresscup)
- 3.2. The entry fee is \$100 per boat (large sailboats and supporting powerboats). Participating boats are strongly encouraged to make a good faith commitment to raise \$1,500 through a peer-to-peer fundraising model or through direct contribution.
- 3.3. Entries must be received by midnight on Friday, April 17 to guarantee inclusion on the scratch sheet.
- 3.4. Each sailboat (except for one-design dinghies) shall provide a PHRF rating. A rating certificate can be obtained from PHRF-NW at <https://phrf-nw.org/> A participant may petition the Organizing Authority for a temporary rating if they do not hold a current PHRF rating certificate. Such temporary ratings will be assigned at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**4. EVENT HEADQUARTERS and NOTICES**

- 4.1. Event headquarters will be the [www.soundexp.org/adventuresscup](http://www.soundexp.org/adventuresscup) website. All notices and official communication will be posted on the site.
- 4.2. On shore activities, post-racing, will be hosted in the CYC Seattle Club House at Shilshole Marina, subject to all applicable CYC guidelines.

**5. SCHEDULE**

Friday, April 24	
6:00pm - 6:30pm	All Participants Meeting (a.k.a. Skipper's Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will be an online meeting</li> <li>• Details will be sent to all registered participants (sail and power) and posted on the event website prior to the meeting</li> </ul>
Saturday, April 25	
12:45pm - 1:00pm	Muster for Parade -- outside north end of Shilshole breakwater
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Parade to the Course -- led by <i>Adventuress</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All participants (sail and power) are encouraged to join the fun</li> </ul>
1:30pm	Pre-Race Prep Time

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerboats to proceed to designated observation areas per Kwindoo race tracking app</li> </ul>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start times and courses will be posted on the event website and reviewed in the Participants' meeting</li> </ul>
5:30pm (or immediately following racing)	<p>The CYC Commodore invites all participants and Sound Experience supporters of all kinds to come to the CYC clubhouse for a post race celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-the-water racing awards will be announced</li> <li>• No-host bar</li> <li>• Light food provided</li> <li>• <i>Adventuress</i> open for tours (weather dependent)</li> <li>• Raffle Tickets available for purchase aboard <i>Adventuress</i> and at post race celebration</li> </ul>

## 6. RACING

- 6.1. All participants (sailboat racers and powerboats) are required to use the Kwindoo Tracking app during the race. Virtual participants can track the fun on the Kwindoo LiveView app or on [Kwindoo.com](http://Kwindoo.com) -- instructions for use will be sent to all registered participants.
- 6.2. Racing will be conducted on one or more courses, depending on the number and type of registered participants.
- 6.3. Marks will be traditional racing marks and will be described more fully in the Sailing Instructions. The keelboat course will use fixed marks and the dinghy course will use inflatable marks.
- 6.4. Mark positions will be shown in Kwindoo.
- 6.5. Powerboat observations/staging areas will be shown in Kwindoo.
- 6.6. Classes for "Flying Sails" (boats with spinnakers) and "No Flying Sails" (boats without spinnakers) will be scored separately.
- 6.7. The Race Committee will determine the length of the course for each class based upon weather and sea conditions.

## 7. SCORING

Race scoring will be comprised of two different components:

- On-the-water race results (for sailing competitors)
- And, of course, **fundraising**

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online on the event website and will be reviewed in the all competitors meeting.

9. **WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

9.1. The Organizing Authority, Sound Experience, affiliated companies, and other sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

9.2. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers(organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.