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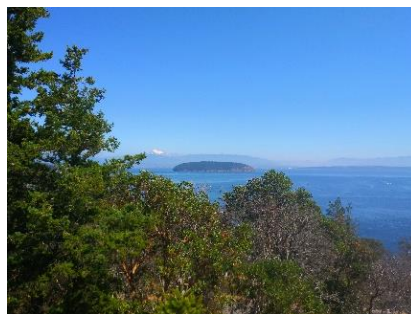
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Race Week Announces New Venue: Anacortes, Washington

SEATTLE, Washington, October 28, 2020 - Whidbey Island Race Week LLC, the organizing authority of Whidbey Island Race Week and Point Roberts Race Week announces a new venue beginning in 2021: Anacortes, Washington. Anacortes is located on the north end of Fidalgo Island in Washington State, and will be the new venue for the 5-day sailboat racing event beginning in 2021. The dates will be June 21-25, 2021 and the event will take place from the Port of Anacortes Cap Sante Marina.

“The Port of Anacortes is excited about hosting Race Week in 2021 at Cap Sante Marina! Race Week has nearly four decades of history in our area as Whidbey Island Race Week, and this partnership offers strong support for our local economy, while highlighting what a great boating community we have in Anacortes. On behalf of the entire Commission, I welcome you to Anacortes.” Ken Goodwin, Port Commissioner, Port of Anacortes



“During these unusual and challenging times, we are thrilled to bring another great event to Cap Sante Marina. We are committed to safely providing the venue for a world-class regional sailing event. Race Week will spur our local economy and further defines the maritime excellence of our community.” Dan Worra, Executive Director, Port of Anacortes

What happened to Point Roberts?

In March of 2019, it was announced that the event would change venues to Point Roberts, Washington beginning in 2020, after a 37-year run in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island, Washington. A title sponsor was procured through the Point Roberts Marina, owned by Chen Yihong, of DX Sport (China Dongxiang Group Co., Ltd), who signed a 3-year Title Sponsorship contract. Whidbey Island Race Week was rebranded as Point Roberts Race Week, and an active advertising and marketing campaign went into effect that included the production of a promotional video to build fleet interest. Point Roberts Race Week 2020 was set to host the 6 Metre North American Championships, and the Corsair Nationals.

Additionally, it was chosen to present the coveted Pacific Coast Yachting Association's Jesse L. Carr Perpetual Captain and Crew Trophy at the event which was due to take place July 13-17, 2020.

But in March 2020, the COVID-19 global pandemic hit, and Point Roberts Race Week had to be cancelled as did most big events around the world. Border closures combined with social distancing mandates enacted by federal, state, and local governments prevented the event from taking place. Point Roberts is an enclave located in Washington state, but to get there from the USA, requires two border crossings and the borders have been closed since April 2020, and are still closed to this day.



Following the cancellation of the 2020 event, the ownership of the Point Roberts Marina made the decision to not honor the 3-year Title Sponsorship contract terms that had been signed in 2019, and consequently, a contract dissolution ensued. Once this legal process was complete, Whidbey Island Race Week LLC began the search for a new venue for the event.

Race Week's new home: Anacortes, Washington

The 2021 event will be rebranded "Race Week Pacific Northwest" until a new title sponsor is found. Sponsor procurement for Race Week PNW will begin immediately, with a sponsorship terms that deliver exposure from January 1 through June 30 each year.

"Anacortes offers excellent racing areas, ample guest moorage in the Cap Sante Marina to accommodate the fleet, and shoreside amenities, including restaurants, grocery stores, and an RV campground all within walking distance from the marina," explains Event Producer Schelleen Rathkopf. "We are really looking forward to bringing new business revenue to the city, and getting to know the entire community of Anacortes."

The Race Management Team includes Schelleen Rathkopf, Event Producer, John Abel, Principal Race Officer, Paul Evenden, Race Officer, and Jared Hickman, Chief Judge. The regatta is currently open to keelboats and multihulls 19'+ racing PHRF, ORC, or in a (NFS) Cruising Class, but a dinghy component may be considered.

COVID-19

Race Week will work with the Port of Anacortes to be in full compliance with any national, state, or city COVID-19 requirements and social distancing mandates that are in place in the Summer of 2021 to prevent the spread of the virus. "We're confident that we can achieve COVID-19 safety requirements on the water while racing, and on the docks at the end of each race day," adds Rathkopf. "We are going to wait to make any decisions about post-race festivities, and the inclusion of the popular Kids Camp program until next Spring, when we're closer to the event and have a handle on what reopening phase the state and county are in."

Event Registration

Race Week 2021 registration will open on January 1, 2021 and registration details, including the Notice of Race (NOR) will be found on the Race Week website www.RaceWeekPNW.com. Event participants will make their guest moorage and RV camping arrangements directly with the Cap Sante Harbormaster's office, operated by the Port of Anacortes.

About the Port of Anacortes

In partnership with public agencies and private business, the mission of the Port of Anacortes is to develop and manage facilities and services which stimulate private job creation and commerce, while protecting the quality of life, needs and desires of area residents. With one of eight natural deep-water marine terminal facilities in Puget Sound, its nearly 1,000 slip marina, and its roughly 80 acres of commercial properties, the Port is instrumental to the success and economic development of the community hosting over 1,100 jobs on Port property. The port is governed by five elected Commissioners, each representing their own district, including Fidalgo, Guemes, Sinclair, Cypress and Samish Islands, Shelter Bay and Bayview.

About Race Week

Whidbey Island Race Week LLC is an organization member of US Sailing and the Burgee Program by the Gowrie Group. The mission of Race Week is to grow the sport of sailboat racing in the region by providing the most qualified race management team in a venue that can offer compelling buoy and distance racing possibilities.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Previous Logos



Current Logo



Point Roberts Race Week 2020 Sponsors

Point Roberts Marina <https://www.pointrobetsmarina.com/>
Helly Hansen <https://www.hellyhansen.com>
Whatcom County State of Washington <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/>
Northwest Yachting Magazine <http://www.nwyachting.com>
Fisheries Supply <http://www.fisheriessupply.com>
CSR Marine <http://www.csrmarine.com>
Prism Graphics <http://www.prismgraphics.com>
Jan's Marine Photography <http://www.janpix.com>
Cori Whitaker Homes <http://www.coriwhitakerhomes.com>

Ullman Sails <http://www.ullmansails.com>
Seattle Sailing Club <http://www.seattlesailing.com>
Sail Northwest <http://http://www.sailnorthwest.com>

Point Roberts Race Week 2020 Fleet Championships

Corsair Nationals
International 6 Metre North American Championships

The Race Management Team and Advisory Board

Schelleen Rathkopf, Event Producer



Schelleen Rathkopf is the Managing Editor at *Northwest Yachting* magazine and has been the producer of Race Week since 2014. A graduate from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon with a major in Art History, and a certified professional organizer through NAPO (National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals), Schelleen has been involved with Race Week for over 20 years. She has worked in marketing and sales promotion in Seattle's most prestigious media houses including the Seattle Times, KING TV, Seattle Magazine in her media career that spans over 30 years. Schelleen was also the Sponsor Coordinator for the world-renowned Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition on Mount Everest in 1999, where she procured sponsors, and managed contract fulfillment on Mt. Everest for the duration of the expedition.

Schelleen has raced on a variety of boats including J24s, SJ24s, C & C 32, Olson 30, Cookson 12M, and a Star, and has participated in many Puget Sound area events as both a racer and as a member of the race committee. She has also done some cruising in the San Juan Islands and British Virgin Islands, and has owned and skippered her own boat, *Isaura*, a San Juan 28 for many years. In 2019, Schelleen participated in a delivery on board *Maiden*, the 58' ocean racing yacht made famous when Tracy Edwards raced her in the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World race with an all-female crew.

John Abel, Principle Race Officer



John Abel Credentials:

World Sailing International Race Officer
Sail Canada National Race Officer
Race Management Master Course Conductor
Club Judge
Member Sail Canada Race Management Sub-Committee
Championship Coordinator, International Melges 24 Class

John Abel Career Highlights:

Principle Race Officer Sperry Charleston Race Week 2019
Principle Race Officer Swiftsure International Race 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Principle Race Officer VanIsle 360 Race 2019, 2017
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 World Championship 2018
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 Canadian Championship 2018
Principle Race Officer Sail Canada Youth Nationals 2017
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 US Nationals 2016
Principle Race Officer Australian Hobie National Championship 2014
Certified Race Officer Melbourne Sailing World Cup 2014

John Abel is a lifelong sailor and member of Royal Victoria Yacht Club. He has competed in numerous keelboat and dinghy classes including the Melges 24, J80, Star, Martin 242, and Soling. In addition to racing, John enjoys cruising on his Beneteau 49 which he recently sailed from Halifax, down the US east coast and through the Caribbean and Panama Canal.

Paul Evenden, Race Officer**Paul Evenden Credentials:**

National Race Officer
Race Management Course Conductor
Club Judge

Paul Evenden Career Highlights:

Principle Race Officer Hobie 16 and Hobie 20 North American Championships 2019
Principle Race Officer BC Summer Games 2018, 2016
District Race Officer Laser North Americans 2017
Area Race Officer 6 Metre Worlds 2017
Principle Race Officer Hobie 16 Youth North Americans 2016

Paul Evenden is a member of the Cultus Lake Sailing Club and COSA (Central Okanagan Sailing Association). In addition to 15 years of race management experience, Paul has over 20 years of racing experience and achieved a 2nd place ranking in all of North America in the Hobie 18 class.

Jared Hickman, Chief Judge and Regional Umpire



Jared Hickman Credentials:

World Sailing International Judge
US Sailing National Judge
US Sailing Chief Judge
US Sailing Regional Umpire

Jared Hickman Career Highlights:

National Judge Hobie 16/Hobie 20 National Championships 2019
National Judge and Regional Umpire US Team Racing Championships (Hinman Cup) 2019
Regional Umpire US Match Race Championship 2019
Chief Judge Moore 24 National Championships 2019
Chief Judge Whidbey Island Race Week 2012-2019
Chief Judge San Juan 24 North Americans 2018
National Judge Melges 24 World Championship 2018
National Judge 6 Metre World Championship 2017
National Judge J24 National Championship 2017
National Judge Melges 24 National Championship 2017

Jared Hickman is a longtime member of Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle, WA and has been a passionate sailor since he was a kid. In 2013, he competed in the Melges 24 Worlds and also have enjoyed racing his International 14 and Star.

Craig Daniels, Race Week PNW Jury Lead and US Sailing Umpire



Craig has been a lifelong sailboat racer and has a decade of experience racing at Whidbey Island Race Week in addition to serving as the Chief Judge. Craig has raced Naples Sabots, Lasers, Lido 14s, Flying Juniors (FJs), Cal 20s, Melges 24s,

Flying Tiger 33s, Cal 40's, and one of the original ULDBs, Ragtime. His racing experience also includes Transpacs, where he was responsible for the celestial navigation. His preferred positions have been skipper, foredeck and tactician. Craig is also the Regional Area Judge for US Sailing for area (L), a National Judge, Regional Umpire, and Club Race Officer and is a member of Willamette Sailing Club. With a specialization in Naval Architecture, Craig has a graduate degree in Ocean Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, in NJ, where he focused on sailboat design. With an MBA in Marketing and Finance, and 10 years in Marketing at Hewlett-Packard, Craig now works as an IT Consultant in addition to his race management ventures.

Craig Daniels Credentials:

Area L Regional Area Judge
US Sailing National Judge
Regional Umpire
Club Race Officer

Craig Daniels Career Highlights:

Chief Judge Laser Pacific Coast Championship 2018
Chief Judge Thunderbird International Championship Regatta 2017
Chief Judge US National Moore 24 Championship 2016
Chief Judge San Juan 24 North Americans 2016
Chief Judge Hobie 18 and 20 North American Championship 2014

Craig Daniels Career Highlights as Judge and Umpiring:

High-School Doublehanded Championship 2019
USODA (Opti) Team Trials 2019
Laser Midwinters West 2019
Optimist Pacific Coast Championship 2018
Optimist West Coast Championship 2018
Melges 24 North American Championship 2017
Laser Masters US National Championship 2017
Laser North American Championship 2017
Laser Midwinters West 2017
NWISA Singlehanded Championships 2016
Laser North American Championship 2016
USODA Team Trials 2016
Melges 24 Nationals 2015
Whidbey Island Race Weeks (many years)
USMRC Qualifier- St. Francis YC 2019
Baldwin Cup 2019
Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship 2019
U.S. Team Racing Championship 2018
USODA Team Race National Championship 2018

Charlie Macaulay, Race Week PNW Competitor, Chief Engineer, TÜV SÜD Global Risk Consultants



Charlie Macauley is a US Sailing Judge and Judge Instructor, a member of the PIYA Appeals Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for PHRF-NW. He has participated in every Whidbey Island Race Week except two as either skipper or crew, racing the first ten years on his Backyard 28, Katrinka Finklesplatt. Kat Fink was retired from Race Week competition following Race Week No. 25 in 2007 and replaced with, Absolutely, a G&S One Tonner. After years of racing the G&S, a new Farr 39 ML entered the picture, was named, Absolutely, and Charlie and his crew (that include daughters, Leigh and Shelagh, and his wife Kathy) continue to regularly take a place on the podium in most of the races that the Macauley's participate in. Charlie is also a longtime member of Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle.

Charlie Macaulay Credentials:

US Sailing Judge
US Sailing Judge Instructor
PIYA Appeals Committee
PHRF NW Board of Directors
Advisory Board, Whidbey Island Race Week

Joe Cline, Race Week PNW Competitor, Managing Editor, 48 Degrees North Magazine



The only thing Joe Cline is more enthusiastic about than racing boats is sharing (or being a part of) the stories of the PNW sailing community. He cut his teeth in the marine industry scrubbing boats and then managing Seattle Sailing Club, a job he held from 2009 through 2014. It was during this time that he developed a passion for providing advancing sailors a pathway toward progression, whatever their sailing interest.

Though he learned to sail at summer camp in his native Minnesota, his love of sailing took flight in Seattle. Some of his first and most formative racing experiences took place at Whidbey Island Race Week. He has sailed at Race Week every year since 2010. You might now find Joe racing a variety of boats, from the TP 52 to the 505, and most things in between especially the Melges 24 and the J/80. In addition to being actively involved in the sailing scene via the magazine and his role on the Race Week PNW Advisory Board, Joe is also on the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Marine Trade Association, where he is the chair of the Grow Boating committee.

Joe Cline Credentials:

Board of Trustees, Northwest Marine Trade Association
Chair, Grow Boating Committee
Advisory Board, Race Week PNW

David Jackson, Race Week PNW Competitor, Overall Winner of Whidbey Island Race Week in 2018 and 2019



David Jackson has lived and raced in Point Roberts for 19 years and has a long history of sailboat racing since he was a young boy. He sailed sabot prams, lasers, fireballs and tornados before landing on his favorite big boat, Mad Dash – a Dash 34. Mad Dash has been in David’s family since 1984 when his parents and his sister (who were all on Olympic sailing teams) wanted a boat that the entire family could race and cruise on. His parents have since retired from racing, but David and his kids have continued the family tradition and have enjoyed a lot of success on the podium. As a longtime Whidbey Island Race Week racer (and the Overall Winner at Whidbey Island Race Week in 2018), David has also participated in club races, J24 Worlds and Vic-Maui.

Larry Butchart, Race Week PNW Competitor, Sponsor, Salesman, Fisheries Supply



Larry Butchart began sailing with his family since he was 6 years old. He started out with an 8 foot pram and eventually moved to Hobie Cats while in high school. He bought his first keel boat in 1987 and raced it at Whidbey Island Race Week for 3 years beginning in 1988. Larry has crewed at Whidbey Island Race Week every year since then on various boats including an Olson 25, Hobie 33, Olson 30, J-35, and 1D35. Larry was also crew of a 2001 Lloyd Phoenix Cup/US Offshore Championship team and has cruised and raced in the Caribbean, the British Virgin Islands, and a boat delivery from Alaska. He has worked for Fisheries Supply in Seattle, WA for 19 years, and has greeted racers at the Fisheries booth at Race Week for nearly two decades.

Cori Whitaker, Race Week PNW Event Staff and Sponsor



Cori Whitaker of Cori Whitaker Homes/Windermere has been helping people move since 2005. She is listed in the Top 100 in the NWMLS for volume of sales and is a Windermere Premier Properties Director. She has been participating in Race Week for the past 5 years in the role of Sponsor and on the Event Management Team. As a business consultant to Whidbey Island Race Week, she began serving on the Advisory Board in 2019.

TJ Ravensborg, Race Week PNW Competitor and Event Staff



TJ Ravensborg discovered her passion for sailing in 1999 while studying Biomedical Ethics at the University of Washington. She joined the Washington Yacht Club (WYC) and quickly progressed to sailing instructor on Lasers and FJs and later served as WYC's Rear Commodore. While at U of W, TJ worked at the Seattle Yacht Club and spent her summers teaching youth sailing at Laurelhurst Beach Club, keelboat sailing at Kirkland Sailing Club and also driving a whaler on the Race Committee for Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) in Seattle.

For six years, TJ was a mark set driver for Corinthian, a job she loved due to her love of sailing, comradery and the thrill of being involved in the regatta environment. She continues as a longtime member of both WYC and CYC. TJ has also raced in many regional events including Whidbey Island Race Week, Swiftsure, Round the County, PSSC, and Duck Dodge. In 2015, she purchased a 20' Stingray deck boat and when not sailing, she can be found trailering, launching, and captaining their deck boat throughout the interconnecting waters of Lake Washington and Puget Sound. Currently, TJ is pursuing her Captain's License.

Helpful Links

Race Week PNW <http://RaceWeekPNW.com>
Whidbey Island Race Week <http://whidbeyislandraceweek.com/>
Anacortes Chamber of Commerce <https://anacortes.org/>
Port of Anacortes <https://portofanacortes.com>
Anacortes Yacht Club <https://www.anacortesyachtclub.org/>
PHRF NW <http://phrf-nw.org/>
PHRF BC <http://bcsailing.bc.ca/racing/phrf-orc/>
ORC www.ORG.org/clubapplication.
ORC Explained <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>
Point Roberts Race Week Video <https://youtu.be/6sPSvjng1-8>
Race Week 2019 Official Photos <https://janpix.smugmug.com/Events/Whidbey-Island-Race-Week-2019/>
Sailing World Magazine <https://www.sailingworld.com/adult-summer-camps-new-home/>