

### Bellingham Yacht Club March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Doug Schenk Eric Hopper Dennis Damore

### Thanks to David Sheperdson

Team Free Bowl of Soup Looking Forward to Offshore #11\*!

### SHOW OF HANDS

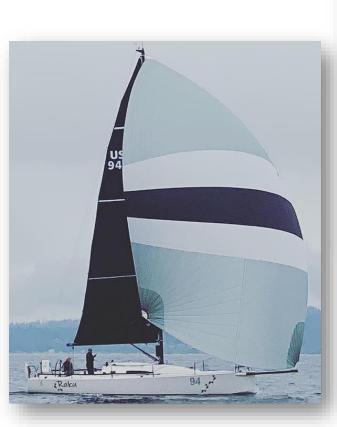


- How many of you are somewhat familiar with the Offshore?
- How many of you have done an Offshore?
- Who is thinking an Offshore is in their future?



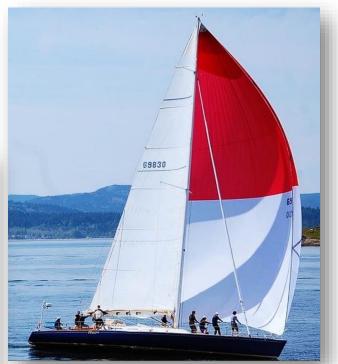
### AGENDA

- History and Overview of the Race
- Why Do It?
- Who Does It?
- How To Do It Brief
- Q&A



"Raku" J/111 2021 winner





"Rage" 5-time winner



### HISTORY

- 1976: First race destination Newport, Oregon - 100 NM, 10 boats
- 1977-1979: courses varied
- 1980: "Typical" course, 193 NM, finish in Victoria, BC
- 2020: Now the **Pacific NW Offshore**. Starting port Ilwaco, WA. Cancelled...
- 2021-2022 Finished in Port Angeles
- 2023 Back to Victoria, BC Multi-Hulls!
- 2024 1 week closer to Swiftsure (logistics & tides), virtual start/finish lines, ORC





### WHY DO IT?

- True and Unique International Offshore Race
- Feeder to Swiftsure and up North
- Qualifier for Vic Maui, Pacific Cup, and Van Isle 360 – you're legit...
- Challenge, Adventure, New Friends...
- Parties, Champagne, Trophies...
- "It's always easier not to do something..."







## WHO DOES IT?

- Minimum Length 24'
- Pure Racing -> Pure "Cruising"
  - ORC
  - PHRF
  - Multi-hulls
  - Cruising Class
- Goal of 20-25+ Boats





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Kinetic V vs. Rage 2017 Finish (15 seconds)

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## WHO'S DOING IT IN '24?!

- 19 entries so far hoping for at least 3-5+ more
- Strong "Northern" showing:
  - Zvi (RP55), Rush (Sunfast 3600), Flash (J/111), Cheekee Monkely (F-45RC), Presto (Voyager 48), <u>Margaret II</u> & Time Bandit (J/120), True Love (Spencer 1330), the Boss (J/35)
- (4) J/120s!













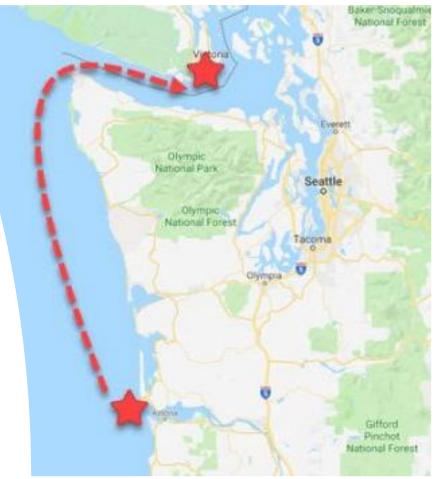


- PNW Offshore is using ORC as the primary scoring method this year.
  - Can still use your PHRF rating, if you want to be scored for overall you must have an ORC rating. It is our expectation that ORC will provide a fairer rating system across the board, regardless of conditions.
- Race Requirement is the much easier ORC Club certificate.
  - If you have a standard, unmodified, boat it is likely you can get a certificate relatively easily. You will have to have your sail measurements and declare your maximum crew weight. If you have an ORR certificate, it is an easy conversion to ORC. Non-standard boats, or boats not currently in the ORC database will require more work. More information is available <u>US Sailing Offshore ORC</u>
- Working with Chris Tutmark, the Head Measurer at US Sailing with (5) New Measurers in the Pacific NW!
  - Seattle: Marc-Andrea Klimaschewski (<u>marcklim@outlook.com</u>) & Spencer Kunath (<u>shbk@kunath.org</u>)
  - Portland: Eric Hopper (<u>ericfhopper@gmail.com</u>), Doug Schenk (<u>dougschenk@gmail.com</u>) & Denny Damore (ddamore33@gmail.com)



## THE COURSE

- Start Columbia River Near Buoy #2
- Duntze Rock Buoy 2 (now V-AIS 2) to Starboard
- Through/Around Race Rocks (not a mark of the course)
- Finish Victoria, BC Near Breakwater (Virtual Line)
- 193 nm
  - 138 nm Swiftsure (Long)
  - 289 nm Chicago Mac
  - 630 nm Sydney Hobart
  - 2,070 nm Pacific Cup
  - 2,308 nm Vic-Maui
- Weather: "Typical" NW, 8-15 kts, seas 3-10, temp 45-55F

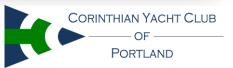


Not for Navigational Purposes



- 1. Delivery to Ilwaco, WA (not a leg of the course...)
  - Starting Port as of 2020
  - Great Community Support
  - Deep Draft Capability
  - Haul-out Option
  - Closer to the Start!





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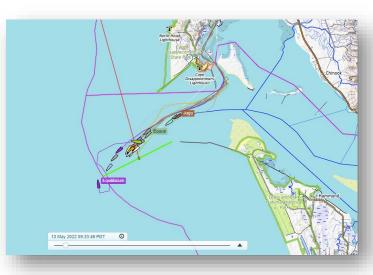
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- 2. The Start!
  - Crossing the Bar
  - 10AM Target First Gun





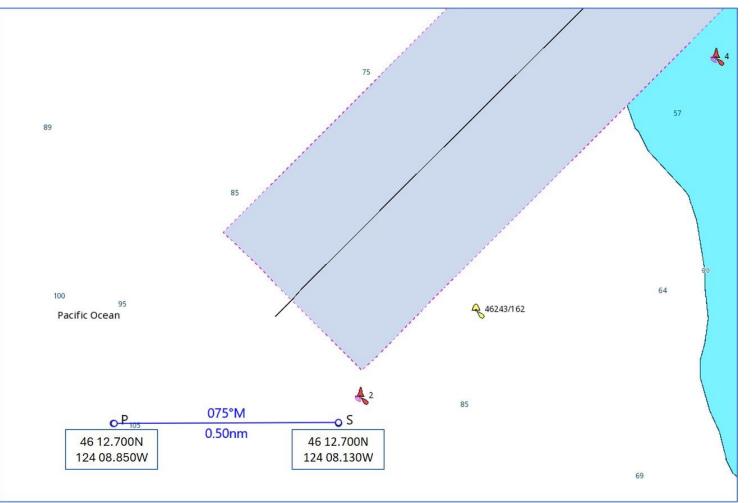






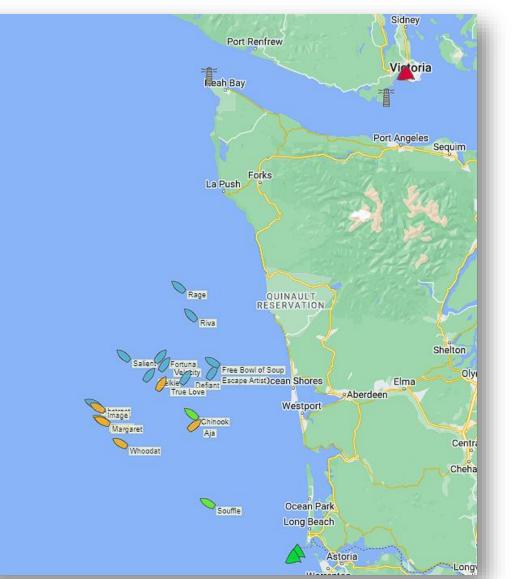


- 2. New Virtual Starting Line
  - Outside of the shipping channels





- 3. VMG Bash
  - Up the Coast to Umatilla Reef
  - Strong Coastal Currents
  - Inside or Out?



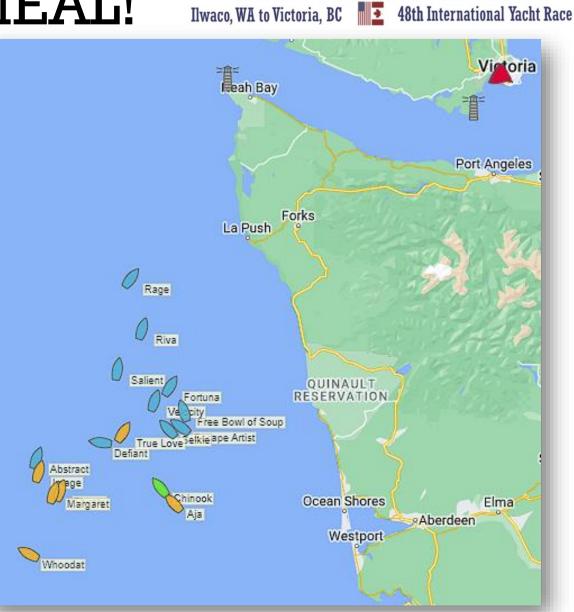
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- 4. Power Trap
  - Umatilla Reef to Duntze Rock (Also a Virtual Mark)
  - Oppty to crack off, but not too much!
  - Ready for the next leg?!





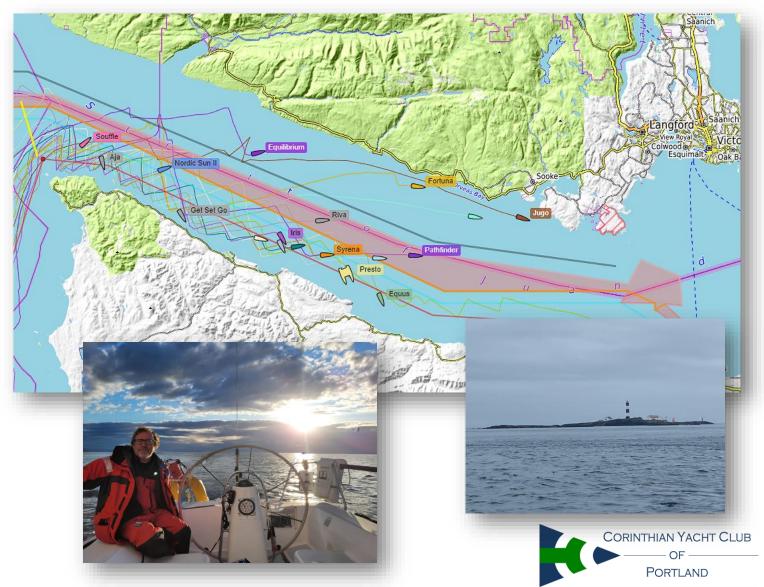
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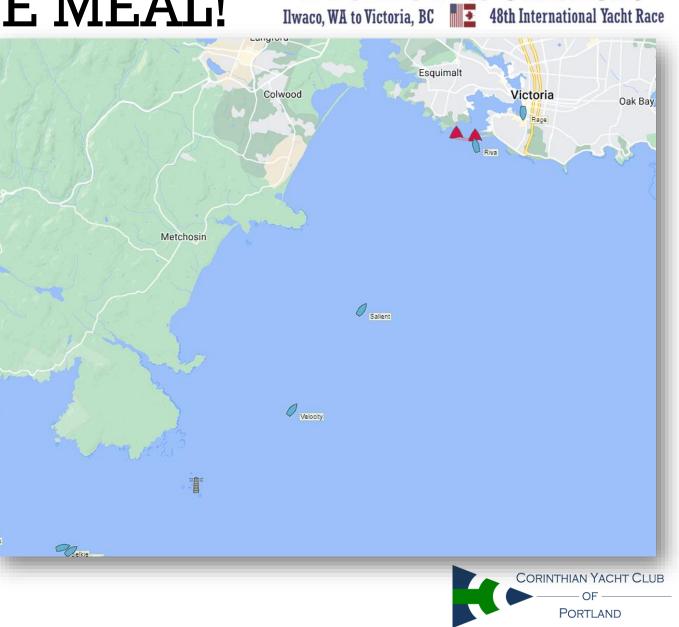
#### 5. Race to the Rocks

- From Duntze Rock to the corner of Shearingham Point Lighthouse to Beechey Head
- Check-in & stay aware of commercial traffic and lanes
- 6. Through Race Rocks or round the Outside?!
  - Not a mark of the course



- 7. Toilet Bowl
  - From Race Rocks to Finish
- 8. The Final ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Mile





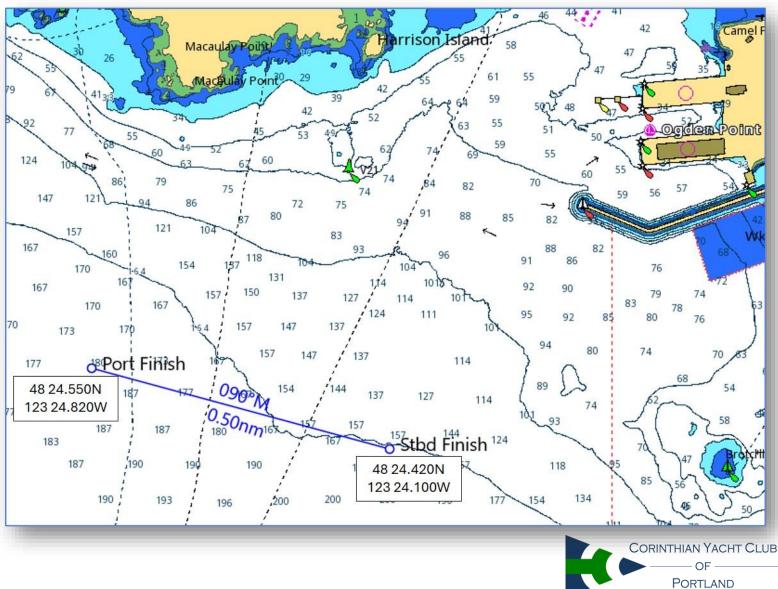
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### 11. New Virtual Finish

- Outside of the Inner Harbor
- Clear of the shipping lanes



- 9. Canada, Eh?
  - Be ready for and don't forget customs
- 10. The Reward!
  - Champagne & Hot Towels
  - Victoria!!
- 11.What's Next?!
  - Swiftsure, Cruising, ???...



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### TIMELINE

WHEN	WHAT
Now	Register & Prepare your boat & team Read the Notice of Race (NOR) Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) Safety @ Sea Reservations/Plans for Ilwaco & Victoria
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	"Kick-off" Party @ Kell's, entry cut-off
May 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Boats arrive in Ilwaco, "Race Days"
May 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Equipment inspection for SER compliance
Wed May 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Skippers Meeting and Pre-Race Party</b>
Thu May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Start – ~Buoy #2
??? May ?? <sup>th</sup>	Finish in Victoria – Champagne & Hot Towels!
Sun May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Time limit (72 hours), BBQ at RVYC

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Don't be left behind!



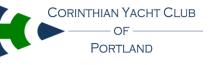
### RECORDS

- Smallest: Wavelength 24, Dana 24, San Juan 24
- Largest: Canadian Navy HMCS Oriole 102 (1981)
- **Fastest:** "Icon" Custom 65 16 hours (2014)
- Most Races: Steve Rander 40, Tom Kelly lost count
- Youngest Racer: Piper (12, 2016)
- Most Overall Wins:
  - Steve Rander/Dave Raney (5) Rage Custom 70
  - Bob Brunius (4) Time Bandit J120
  - Bill & Becky Huseby (3) Sting Soverel 33
  - Ward Naviaux (2) Blade Runner Santa Cruz 27









### **OVERALL WINNERS**

1981 Commander Walker - "Oriole" Owens 102 1982 Jack Becker - "Pegasus" C&C 30 1983 Jack Becker - "Pegasus" C&C 30 1984 Bob Smith Jr. - "Scamp" Cascade 27 1985 Howard Shaw - "Adios" Columbia 43 1986 Bob Hyslop - "Manitou" Wiley 28 1987 Wiley Grabisch - "Starfire" C&C 35 1988 Jack Becker - "Pegasus" C&C 30 1989 Jack Armes - "Spellbound" J35 1990 Fred Hazzard - "Challenger" Peterson 41 1991 Al Staley - "Decadence" J35 1992 Pat Quigley - "Envoy" Santana 35 1993 Peter Schmidt - "Olympian" Cal 40 1994 Steve Rander - "Rage" Sunrise 70 1995 Bill Huseby - "Sting" Soverel 33 1996 Bill and Becky Huseby - "Sting" Soverel 33 1997 Steve Rander - "Rage" Sunrise 70 1998 John Hanna - "Geronimo" Wilderness 40 1999 Gary and Karen Rossow - "Total Eclipse" Kalik 40 2000 Steve Rander - "Rage" Sunrise 70 2001 Gary and Karen Rossow - "Total Eclipse" Kalik 40



2002 Fred Hazzard - "Phantom" J-35 2003 Bill and Becky Huseby - "Sting" Soverel 33 2004 Bob Brunius - "Time Bandit" J120 2005 Bob Brunius - "Time Bandit" J120 2006 Brian Duchin - "Voodoo Child" SC52 2007 Bob Brunius - "Time Bandit" J120 2008 Bob Brunius - "Time Bandit" J120 2009 Scott Campbell - "Riva" J-46 2010 John Hanna - "Orizaba" J130 2011 Mark McCuddy - "Bums Rush" Cascade 36 2012 Graeme Easarey - "Kotuku" Farr 1220 2013 Tom Kelly - "Anam Cara" J122 2014 Ward Naviaux - "Blade Runner" Santa Cruz 27 2015 Steve Rander - "Rage" Sunrise 70 2016 Ward Naviaux - "Blade Runner" Santa Cruz 27 2017 Schenk, Hopper & Davis - "Free Bowl of Soup" J105 2018 Joby Easton – "Raindrop" Cascade 36 2019 Scott Campbell – "Riva" J121 2020 Covid 19 2021 Justin & Chris Wolfe – "Raku" J111 (double-handed!) 2022 Dave Raney – "Rage" Sunrise 70 2023 Davis, Hopper, Schenk – "Free Bowl of Soup" Club Swan 42

### NEXT STEPS

- More Info & Register at: <u>PNWOffshore.org</u>
  - \$350 Entry Fee
  - \$175 Transponder Rental
- Current Entries
  - On website, also on <u>Regatta Network</u> and <u>Sailpdx.org</u> under event notices & registration
- Keep in touch
  - <u>Facebook.com/PacificNWOffshore</u>
  - Google Group: Send eMail to Race Captain
- Contact the Race Captain: <u>Race.Captain@CYCPortland.org</u>
- Other Questions?





## Additional Q&A

#### Some Videos for Fun

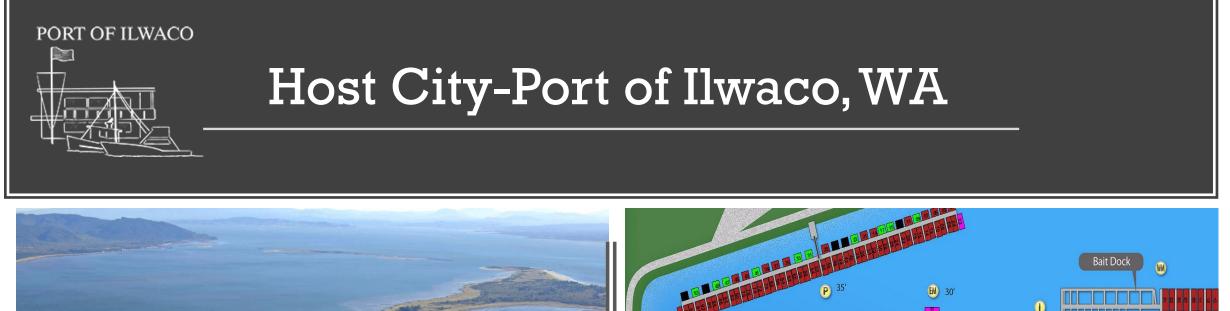
- <u>2022 Rage</u>
- <u>2021 from 48 North & Raku</u>
- <u>2017 Start from Soup</u>
- <u>2016 from Soup</u>
- <u>2014 from Icon</u>
- More on <u>YouTube</u>

#### **Recent Race Trackers**

- 2022: <u>https://yb.tl/pnmwr2022</u>
- 2021: <u>https://yb.tl/pnmwr2021</u>
- 2019: <u>http://oregonoffshore.swiftsure.org/</u>









### What to Bring?

- Think Racing Gear (day bag or crew box)
- Think Survival Gear (Dry Bag)
- This is an open water potentially dangerous and exhausting race do not skimp on personal warmth and dry changes.
- Gear is to be easy to find and put on.
- Basic crew gear suggestion:
- PASSPORT!!!
- Name on all gear
- Inflatable Harness w/ crotch strap Spray Shield preferred. With light, knife and whistle
- Tether with quick release at harness end glow in the dark Wichard preferred
- Personal waterproof LED flashlight (AA Batteries)
- Folding/LOCKING knife or multi-pliers (Leatherman type). Yes each person needs a knife
- Spare Glasses sun & prescription

- Sailing Gloves
- Night Watch Cap
- Neck Warmth
- Knee pads
- Hat with strap or lanyard
- Prescription and Spare prescription medicine in separate containers
- Layered Clothing; undies, Poly's, fleece, breaker, Foulies. (NO COTTON!!!)
- Personal Hygiene supplies
- Doctor's Email Address and phone numbers. (Stored in ship manifest)
- Family Members email addresses & phone numbers. (Stored in ship manifest)
- List of allergies and sensitivities or other medical conditions
- Your personal phone or device charger
- Your personal private snack(s)
- PASSPORT!!!