

## PERMIT FOR MARINE EVENT

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DATE APPROVED

18 FEB 2026

NAME OF EVENT 43rd Annual Patos Island Race	LOCATION Boundary Pass, Haro Strait	DATE OF EVENT 21-22 MAR 2026
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Heather Meads	TITLE Chair, 43rd Annual Patos Island Race

**Your application for the following event is approved.** Special services to be rendered by the Coast Guard are listed. You are reminded that your organization is primarily responsible for safety in the regatta area and that this permit does not relieve you of such responsibility. Participants shall be adequately briefed and their boats equipped as required by law. A permit may also be required by a state, county or municipal agency. This authorization grants no exemption from state or local ordinances. In the event of any change in the information furnished in your application you will notify this office.

There **will not be** a Special Local Regulation issued. No restriction is placed on the use of any navigable waters by other parties. Your event shall not obstruct any channel or normal shipping lane, or interfere with any aid to navigation. The Committeeman in Charge shall control participants to prevent conditions hazardous to other craft in the area.

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There **will be** a Local Notice to Mariners issued to inform maritime interests and solicit their cooperation.

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**Additional safety equipment** is stipulated below.

The following checked items are additional requirements for your event:

[X] Vessels may not approach within 200 yards of a southern resident killer whale. Boaters may not position a vessel to be in the path of a southern resident whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. This includes positioning a vessel so that the prevailing wind or water current carries the vessel into the path of the whale at any point located within 400 yards of the whale. Boaters are obligated to disengage the transmission [Move away] of a vessel that is within 200 yards of a southern resident whale and boaters may not feed a southern resident whale.

[X] Race instructions and pre-race skippers meeting should include information and reminders regarding COLREGS Rule 10 (Traffic Separation Schemes) and the importance of complying with such regardless of competitive position at the time.

[X] A person in charge of the race committee (or organizing committee) shall contact the VTS Watch Supervisor at 206-217-6152 at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the race or event.

[X] The lead race committee or safety vessel, and other safety vessels, shall monitor the VTS frequency on VHF Channel 05A.

I.P. McPhillips  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Waterways Management Division Chief  
By direction