



42nd BLACKLINE PATOS ISLAND RACE

Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club
1949 Marina Way, North Saanich, B.C.

March 29 & 30, 2025



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to 2025. With the release of the 2025 racing schedule, the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club is once again very proud to announce to all first timers and returning skippers and crew members that the first major event for this years Vancouver Island Racing Series will be the Blackline Patos Island Race.

New for 2025: we are including a Nearshore Course of approximately 30 NM. This course will be around fixed marks and islands and is open to yachts with PHRF BC ratings of 90 or greater. There will also be a double-handed division if a four-boat minimum is attained.

Registration opens on Sunday, January 26th, 2025, at <https://patosislandrace.com>

Registration will close on Monday, March 24th, 2025, at 2359 hours. Registration will be limited to 55 boats primarily due to the limitations of hosting this event at our club house and availability of dock space at the North Saanich Marina. Others will go on a waiting list. We have increased our registration fee slightly to reflect our operational cost. To promote early registration, our organizing committee is again offering a free jug of beer for the first 10 boats to register!

Blackline Marine Inc. will again be our Title Sponsor. We are very proud of our longstanding and close relationship with them as they are the premier boat repair and rigging company based in Sidney.

Our other major race Sponsors includes **Gartside Marine Engines Ltd.**, **Leitch & McBride Sails Ltd.**, **Van Isle Marina**, **Westport Marina**, **Westport Yacht Sales**, **Canoe Cove Marina** and **Trotac Marine**. Their respective websites are also listed on our race website and social media site.

We are rebuilding our Blackline Patos Island Race website and adding new information daily as it becomes available, including our 2025 race poster, links to the local tidal conditions, the upcoming Coastal Personal Safety at Sea Course, and Notice of Races. Additional race information is being posted weekly as details are confirmed.

We anticipate providing slips to all visiting race boats on the south dock at the Sidney North Saanich Marina. If you are wanting a slip for the race weekend, be sure to include this when completing your online registration. However, if you wish to reserve a dock space at Port Sidney Marina instead, please contact them directly.

The SNSYC dock reception party will be on-hand on the reciprocal dock to assist the registered visiting race boats into an assigned slip starting at 1400h on Friday, March 28th.

SNSYC will be open on Friday, March 28th, starting at 1600h for reception and registration. We will again be offering our premium buffet dinner on Friday evening and the racer's pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning. Our traditional all-night unlimited Chili and Buns will be served in the clubhouse for all boat crews returning from the finish line. On Sunday morning a hot breakfast with coffee and juice will also be served before the start of our awards ceremony.



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We will have great prizes for our divisional winners and a chance at excellent door prizes for all competitors.

We will again be tracking the race fleet with the Kwindoo Tracking System. Our SNSYC Technical Support representative will be on-hand during registration on Friday, March 28th to assist anyone with operating instructions and downloading this Smartphone App.

The Blackline Patos Island Race is always a very challenging, strategic, and exciting overnight long-distance race where you decide which way to round Patos Island.

For more information or clarification please contact me at patoschair@snsyc.ca or cell 604-897-5250. Please pass this letter to your sailing friends who may want to join us for this race for the first time. I look forward to seeing you on the start line.

On behalf of the SNSYC and race organizing committee, our warmest regards for a safe and healthy 2025 sailing and VIRS racing season.

Kevin Crawford
Chair, 2025 Blackline Patos Island Race
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