DESDEMONA DASH

WHO: Any sailboat may sail the course and submit their times to the club for posting.

WHAT: This is not a race. It is a timed course for practicing sailing skills. There are no entry fees. There is no limit to the number of times a boat may sail the course and submit times during one season. The Dash is conducted under standard maritime rules and regulations (for instance, the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea*, and the *US Inland Navigation Rules*), but not the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, even if more than one boat is sailing the course at the same time. Your engine may not be used while sailing the course. Submitted times will be posted on the club's website. Boats with the best time for each course will be recognized at the club's awards meeting.

WHEN: Anytime between May 7 and September 24.

WHERE:

> **West Course**: Start at Buoy 33, sail west and around both Buoy 20 and Buoy 21, either direction, then sail east and around Buoy 35A, either direction, and return to Buoy 33 to finish. The official distance for correcting times for the west course is 13.1 nautical miles.

> **East Course**: Start at Buoy 37, sail east and around Buoy 54, either direction, then sail west and around Buoy 35B, either direction, and return to Buoy 37 to finish. The official distance for correcting times for the east course is 13.7 nautical miles.

> **Start/Finish Line**: Your start and finish are when the starting buoy is abeam of your boat on either side and within two boat lengths. Record: 1) your time of start, 2) when your boat is abeam of the first turning mark, and 3) your time of finish.

HOW: Record your: 1) time of start, 2) time when your boat is abeam the first turning mark, and 3) time of finish. To submit your times for correction and posting to the club's website, email the information listed below to aycracecommittee97103@gmail.com within two weeks of sailing the course. Each submission must include the following information for each attempt: 1) *Boat name and type; 2) Skipper's name; 3) Names of crew members; 4) Date the course was sailed; 5) Which course was sailed; 6)Times – time of start, time abeam the first turning mark, and time of finish (all to the nearest second); 7) Whether flying sails were used on the course; 8) Astoria Yacht Club handicap rating*. Contact the Astoria Yacht Club Race Committee for assignment of a handicap rating.