

SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

TellTales

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Welcome 2012 Round Saltspring Racers!



Welcome to all participants in Round Saltspring Weekend! We hope that all entrants enjoy the challenge of the race, with our fickle winds and critical currents. Among the 120 boats being hosted by Saltspring Island Sailing Club, I notice that they represent many area Clubs and cover the full range of sailing vessels. You might even notice the radical design TP 52 skippered by Club member Richard Clarke, who is a five-time Olympic Champion on his way to the London summer games. As a small club, we are most pleased to welcome a large group of about 500 skippers, crew, spectators and other guests to this major event on the nautical calendar. Please enjoy the total experience that our volunteers have prepared for you over the Victoria Day weekend, both on the water and on the shore. A special thanks goes to our sponsors, who generously support this regatta, and have donated excellent prizes. Fair winds and a following sea. ■

— Derek Castle, Commodore



On behalf of all our Club members and the Round Salt Spring Planning Committee may I extend a warm welcome and thanks to all Skippers, crew members, friends and neighbours who are participating in this great celebration of sailing and camaraderie. This year we are hosting 120 boats from many local clubs including three from the United States. This event could not take place without the major contribution of dozens of volunteers from the Saltspring Island Sailing Club and the extensive support from local business sponsors. We also are most grateful for the many special prizes donated by marine businesses in our local area. We hope you enjoy the Race and our fun activities planned for the weekend leading up to the Lamb BBQ and awards on Sunday. Let's hope for good winds and fair skies. ■

— Chris Gadsby, Regatta Chair 2012

Which Way Round in 2012?

Every year the Race Committee agonizes over which way to send the Round Saltspring fleet, clockwise or anti-clockwise? The decision is often more complex than at first appears. Over the years we've mostly opted for a clockwise course in order to ride an ebb tide to Beaver Point and beyond and then catch an afternoon flood tide to sweep the boats through Sansum Narrows. But many times the wind, or

lack of it, has played havoc with this plan. Sometimes the faster boats have crawled through Sansum Narrows leaving the slower rated boats desperately trying to make some positive progress near Musgrave Landing. Many a boat has anchored for hours here waiting for the tide to turn. Likewise, in clockwise mode many have spent the wee hours at Captain's Passage waiting for a little

wind or current to help them home. So the best laid plans are often outfoxed by the vagaries of Saltspring's petulant wind and current. The Race Committee is always mindful to choose the direction most likely to prevent the higher rated boats from being stymied by the tide.

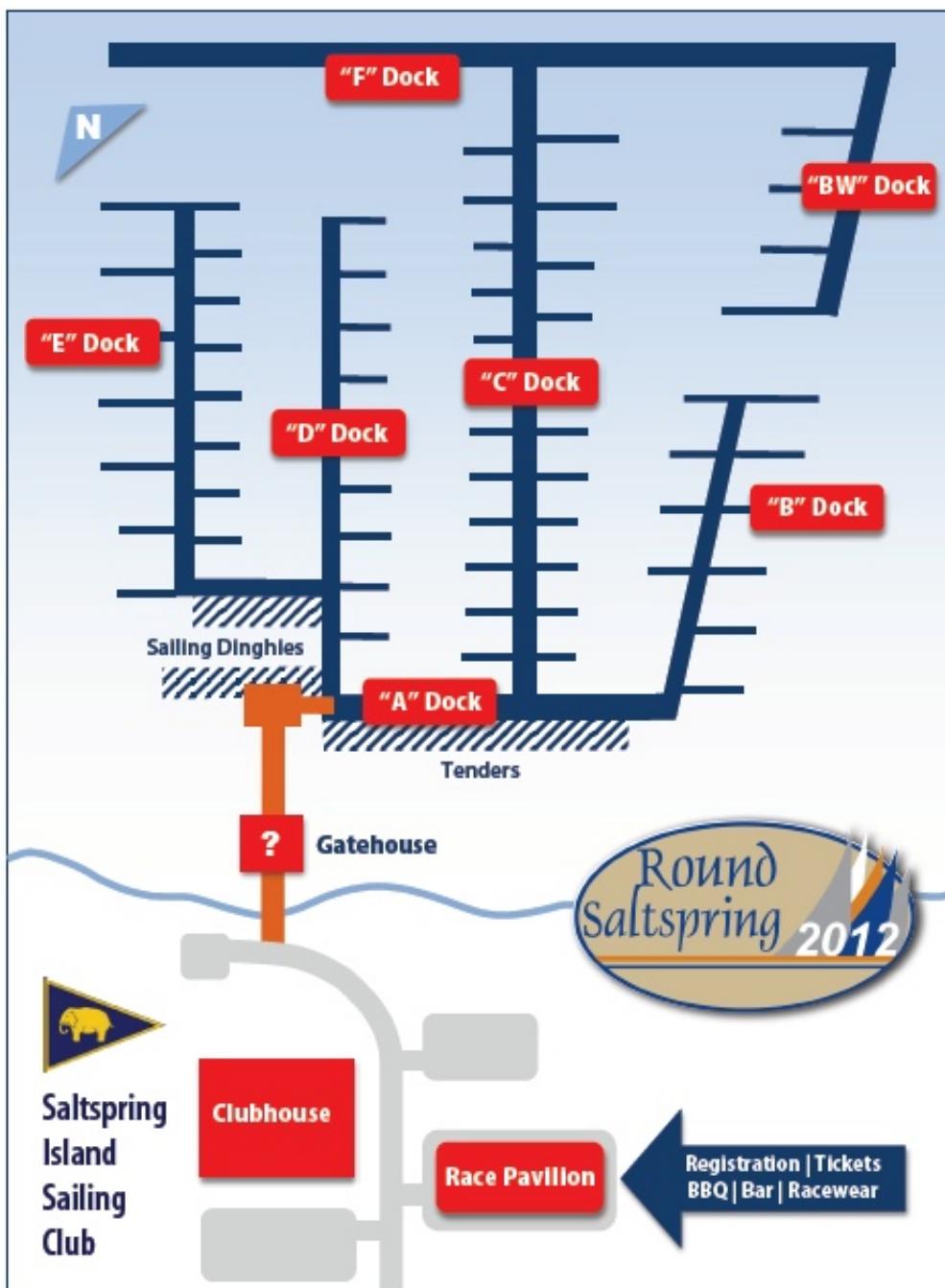
This year, a big flood tide starts at about 1100 hours and continues until around 1900 hours. If light wind prevails we'll likely opt for an anti-clockwise direction. The tide will assist the fleet on the run down Trincomali to Southeby Point although they'll have it on the nose afterwards to Maple Bay. The evening ebb tide will help the fleet get through the Narrows and up to Fulford. A late weak flood starts at 2300 hours and would help the slower boats down the home stretch to the finish line. It all depends on the wind!

If stronger airs appear we might be advised to opt for the more usual clockwise course. Then most of the fleet should be able to get past Beaver Point before the tide becomes strong and then benefit from the big flood push. It would rush the fleet up Satellite Channel and through the Narrows while the wind is strong and then up to Southeby Point. By then the flood should end and the slight ebb will help boats get down Trincomali, then home before midnight.

Deciding which way to go is often more of an art than a science. Some say we should just toss a coin!

— Roger Kibble, Saltspring old salt and skipper of Electra

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No matter where you finish in the race, you can sail home looking good – guaranteed – if you stop in at our Racewear Shop in the Race Pavilion and let Louise and her crew outfit you in nautical splendour! Don't miss our souvenir

2012 Race T-shirt –
bound to be a
collector's item!



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

1500-2100	Clothing Sales Table Opens	Race Pavilion
1500-2000	Pick Up Registration Packages	Race Pavilion
1500-2100	Food & Bar Ticket Sales Open	Race Pavilion
1600-2200	Bar Open	Race Pavilion
1800-2030	Salmon BBQ Dinner	Race Pavilion
1800-2100	Music by the Fabulous Flakes	Race Pavilion

SATURDAY

0630-0830	Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Racers	Race Pavilion
0700-0830	Clothing Sales Table Opens	Race Pavilion
0830	Welcome & Skippers Meeting	Clubhouse Lawn
0955	Warning	Ganges Hbr Start Line
1000	Official Race Start (Division 1 Start, followed by other Divisions)	Ganges Hbr Start Line

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no food or bar service at the Sailing Club on Saturday evening.

SUNDAY

0800-1000	Complimentary Coffee	Race Pavilion
0800-1300	Clothing Sales Table Open	Race Pavilion
1000-1300	Food & Bar Ticket Sales Open	Race Pavilion
1100-1500	Bar Open	Race Pavilion
1130	Saltspring Lamb/Salmon BBQ and Dessert	Race Pavilion
1300	Awards Ceremony	Race Pavilion

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