

Schooner Cove Yacht Club

SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Last year SCYC was unable to start its regular fall, winter and spring racing series due to COVID-19 restrictions. This year there are not enough race boats to mount a fall and winter series.

Similar to last year, in place of the racing series, the Club is organizing a series of day sails or “rallies” around our spectacular archipelago of islands outside the marina. These will NOT be races. The objective will be to sail a defined course in the prescribed time.

The plan is to schedule a rally every two weeks beginning Sunday, October 17, subject to the weather. No rally will be scheduled if it is pouring rain or blowing 20 kts. This is about having fun. You don’t need special or extra crew. The idea is you would sail your boat like you do when you are cruising, which means most boats will be double handing with their regular crew or possibly sailing with a crew of three.

A typical course will be 12-15 miles to be completed within 4 hours. The start will be staggered to avoid congestion. Each boat’s start time will be determined using the “Wally method”.

Based on last years experience there is considerable interest in participating in the rallies (until COVID-19 rules also shut them down). On a good day, I expect that we could have 15 or more boats out on the water. You do not have to commit to doing every rally.

To participate is easy. If you are receiving this note by email, you don’t need to respond to the recent notice in the Scyline as I already have you in my data base of interested boats. On the Thursday before each rally you will receive an email from me indicating the course, the rally start time (likely either 1000 or 1100) and your boat’s start time. Slower boats will go first. Depending on the weather, the go/no go decision will be made early (i.e., before 0800) on the day of the rally

The Fall Schedule will be:

Rally #1	October 17
2	October 23
3	November 14
4	November 28
5	December 12

If you are interested, mark your calendars.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water!