

San Juan Island Yacht Club
PRESS RELEASE
39th annual Shaw Island Classic
August 8, 2009

The 39th annual Shaw Island Classic is the high point of the summer sailing activities in the San Juan Islands and will be held Saturday, August 8 this year.

All sailboats are grouped into divisions depending on their type, class, and handicap ratings. The divisions include multihulls, unballasted centerboards, registered PHRF boats and cruising sailboats of all sizes and rigs.

The race starts and finishes in Friday Harbor and has just one mark and that's Shaw Island. The course permits rounding Shaw Island either clockwise or counter-clockwise and offers a navigational challenge as currents, winds, and projected boat speed must be factored into the equation to determine which way is best to round the island. In 2008, as in 2007, winning boats chose to round Shaw Island counter-clockwise but that's no assurance that will be the winning way in 2009.

After a spirited day competing on the water, with up to (as in 2008) 62 boats competing for honors, a hearty lasagna dinner will be served and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony.

Race applications may be obtained by emailing /calling SJIYC Fleet Captain Bill Wertz at williamwertz@hotmail.com or (360) 298-0594 or the San Juan Island Yacht Club at 360-378-3434 or by

All entries must be received at the San Juan Island Yacht Club no later than 8:00PM Friday, August 7.