

# Peter Marcus Rough Water Race

## 2026



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# Notice

This presentation will cover important aspects of the race for the 5 mile Loop Course. Downwind Course racers will receive additional instructions. If you have specific questions they can be answered by email to the race director

# Race Information

- Date: March 18, 2025
- Start: 10:00 AM
- Distance: 12 miles long course, 5 miles short course
- Location: Community Boating Center, Fairhaven Boat Launch
- Conditions may be extreme  
Be prepared for ROUGH WATER!
- Race Director: Kevin Olney
- text: 360-220-0247
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# Sponsors and Thanks

- Community Boating Center
- Pacific Multisports
- Pacific North Sports
- Giant Fish
- The amazing Bellingham Paddling community!!



# More Thanks!

- Prime Sports Institute
- Kite Paddle Surf
- Elastic Laser
- Michael Lampi Photography
- The Volunteers and Safety Crews!!



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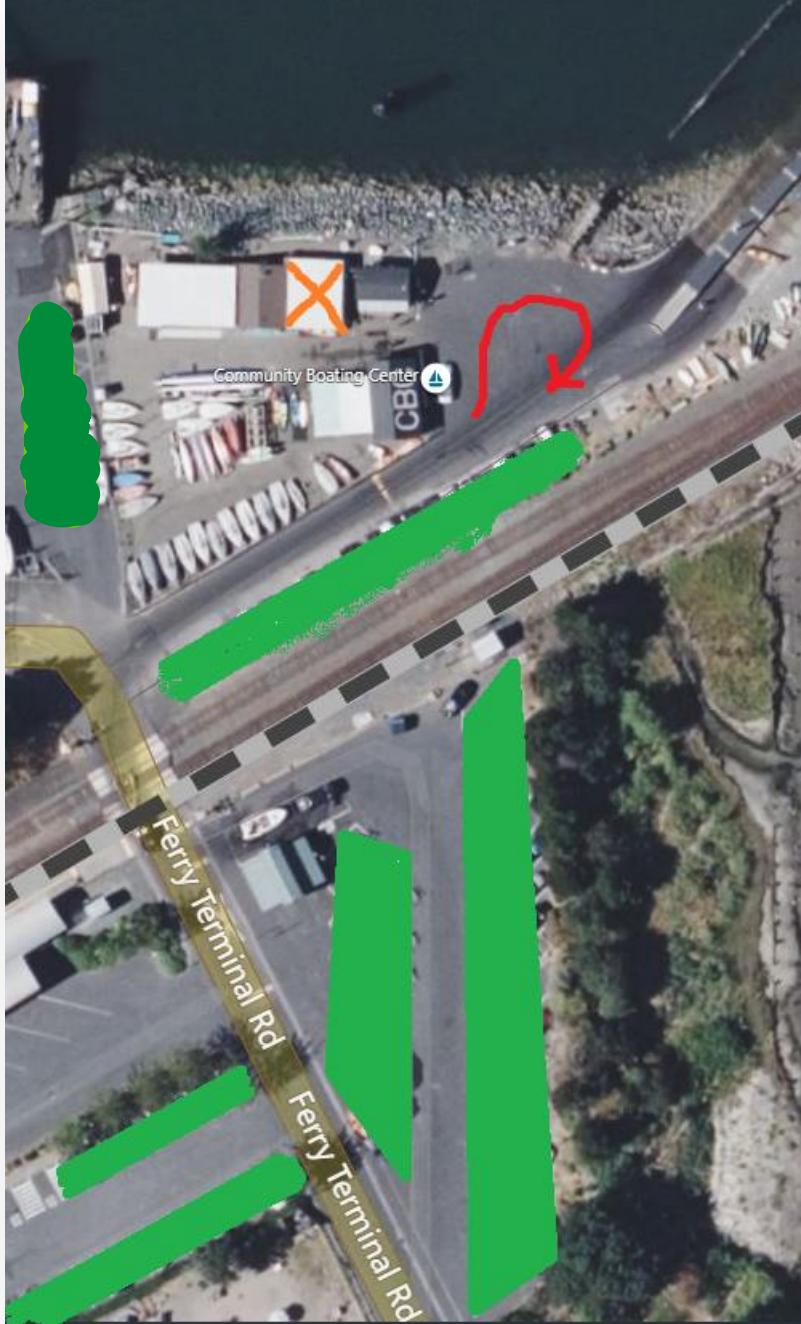
# Directions to the Start

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- Take I-5 exit 250, head West, continue through the light on 12th Street
- Follow the 90 degree curve to the right, continue until you come to Harris Avenue.
- Turn left, approximate 1/2 mile down Harris, turn right into Fairhaven Trailer Launch Parking.
- Community Boating Center
- 555 Harris Ave
- Bellingham, WA 98225

# Parking

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## Green: Parking

Attendants on orange vests will be on hand to direct you to available spaces

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**Orange X:** Check-in and day-of registration will be in the CBC work shed

# Check-in Procedure

Visit the CBC work shed

Confirm your boat class and course length

Pick up your race number



# Boat Requirements

- Your boat must be safe, seaworthy and appropriate for open water. Flatwater kayaks, racing shells and open canoes may be prohibited based on conditions
- Race number to be fixed securely to the top of bow or stern. Duct tape will be provided



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# Personal Requirements

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- You must have a Coast Guard approved PFD on board your vessel
- You must carry a noisemaking device such as a whistle or horn
- You must be capable of self-rescue in any conditions that may be present on race day
- Surfskis, Outrigger Canoes and Stand-up Paddleboards must have a functional leash attaching paddler to craft
- Failing to meet these requirements will result in disqualification from the race

# Where and When to Launch

There is limited access to the water, launch early and be courteous of other racers

Warm up on the water at any time before the race but stay clear of the start line.

Leave boat launch free for larger rowing vessels. Smaller craft can use the beach to the right of the ramp



# Start Sequence

Mass Start: All Classes

- 9:55 – 5 short blasts: alert
- 9:59 – 2 short blasts: 1 minute
- 10:00 – 1 long horn: Go!

# Race Course (Loop Course)

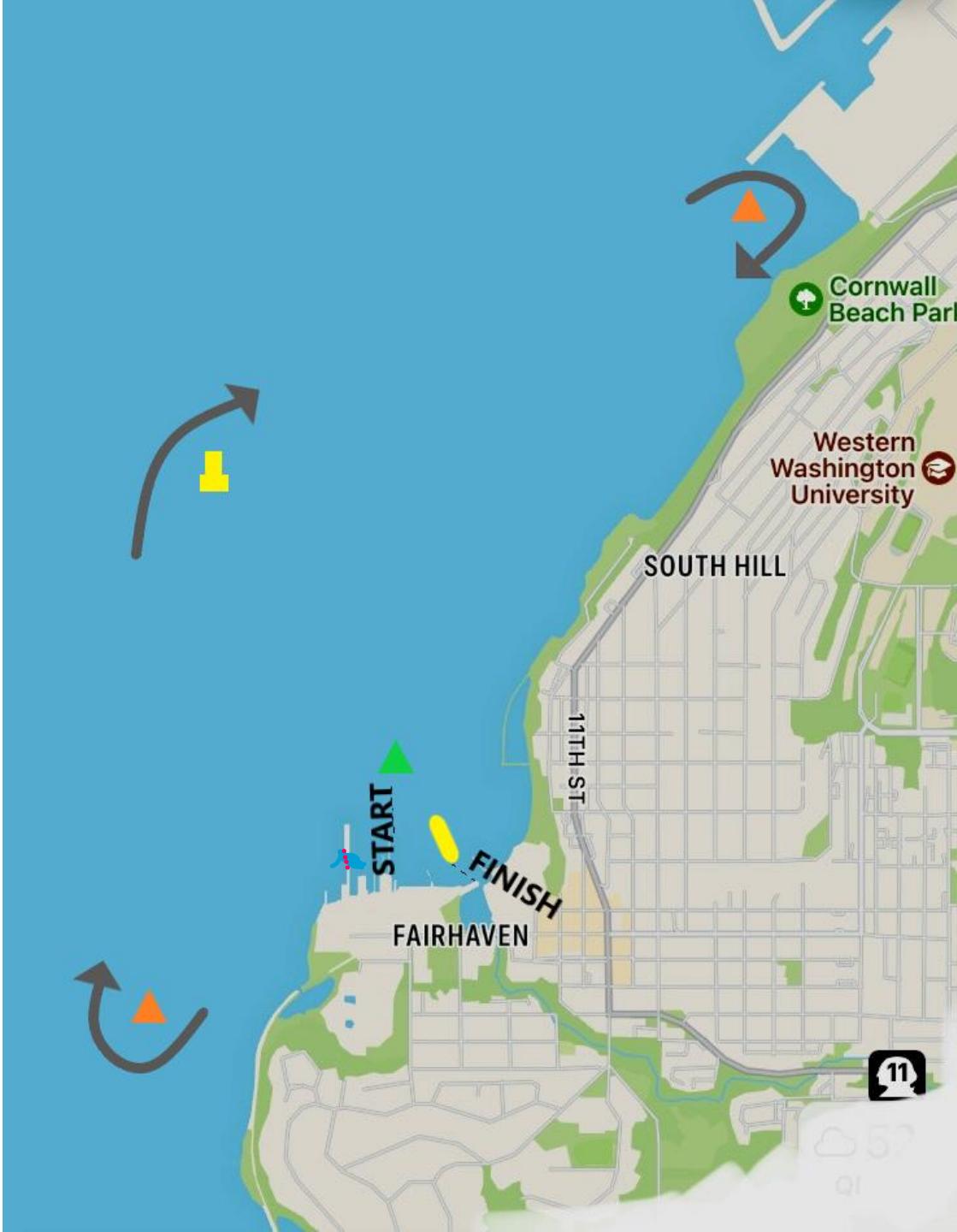
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Start is between the **Alaska Ferry Dock** and the **Green Inflatable Buoy**

- Head SW to an **Orange Inflatable** BNP Buoy near Marine Park
- Head North to the **Yellow** Outfall Buoy
- Head NW to an **Orange Inflatable** BNP Buoy near Cornwall Beach
- Head South along the shoreline
- Finish is between the Permanent **Yellow Buoy Line** and the CBC office



# Course Map





Finish through the  
brightly colored gate  
at the end of the  
yellow buoy line



# Dangers

- **Currents may be present.** Be cautious around buoys, piers and navigational markers
- **Watch for commercial and recreational boaters.** Give room to any vessels you encounter
- Winds can increase suddenly. **Be prepared for Rough Water!**

# Safety

- PFD and whistle are required
- You must have the ability to self-rescue
- Surfskis, OCs and SUPs must have a securely attached leash
- High visibility clothing is recommended
- Please carry a VHF radio and/or cell phone in a waterproof bag
- Use good and honest judgement about your abilities and the conditions present

# Safety, continued

- You are obligated to aid any racers in distress. Be sure they are in their boat and underway before leaving them. You will be credited for time spent assisting
- If you require assistance, signal one of the 4 safety boats by waving your hand, paddle or oar over your head
- If race is cancelled AFTER the start, safety boats will blow their horns repeatedly and direct racers to shore



# Whales

If you encounter a  
Southern Resident Killer  
Whale you must maintain  
1000 yards distance

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# At the Finish

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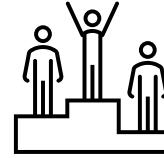
- Your finish will be signaled when you have finished
- Please keep clear of the finish line after you have completed the race
- Return your race number and head to the shelter for lunch and awards



# Lunch

- Multiple lunch options will be available. Please inform servers of any dietary concerns

# Awards



- Ribbons will be presented to the top three finishers in each category
- Special to the top overall Female, Male and Mixed finishers
- The Grand Barnacle of the Bay
- ACA members will earn points

# Thank You

We appreciate your participation  
in this Sound Rowers event

Thank you for continuing the  
legacy of fun and competitive  
racing

