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Permit No. GS###-03

_____ Yacht Club
Attn: Commodore _____
1111 10th Avenue S.
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Dear Commodore _____,

Coast Guard approval has been granted for the Puget Sound Cup 1, 2, & 3. This letter constitutes your permit.

Name of Event:	Puget Sound Cup
Location:	Puget Sound
Event:	Sailboat Races
Date/Time:	April 28, 2003 May 5, 12, & 19 June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 July 7, 14, & 28 August 4, 11, & 18
Sponsoring Organization:	_____ Yacht Club
Permit Number:	GS###-03

Approval of this event by the Coast Guard does not imply endorsement of the activity or guarantee that it will be accident free. The sponsor of a marine event is completely responsible for the safe conduct of the event, including the safety of the participants, safety of spectators and transient craft in the area, and safety of real and personal property in the area. The sponsor's responsibility also includes preparations, such as instructions to and qualification of participants, safety equipment inspections, rescue and first aid facilities, control of activities, removal of obstructions or menaces to navigation, and the placing and retrieving of course markers. At no time will permanent navigation markers be used as event markers. The Coast Guard takes no part in performing functions, which are solely for the protection of the participants and assumes no responsibility in this regard. Participants shall be adequately briefed and their boats equipped as required by law.

The sponsor of a marine event is responsible for following regulations applicable to their specific event set forth in Title 33 CFR Part 100. An individual or organization who violates any provisions of these regulations, or any regulations or order issued pursuant to the regulations shall be subject to penalties in those regulations pursuant to 33 USC 1236.

A permit may also be required by another federal, state, county or municipal agency. Coast Guard approval of this event does not confer release from any ordinance or regulation imposed by local or civil authority having jurisdiction in the area concerned.

The sponsor of a marine event is responsible for taking appropriate steps for containment and cleanup of any spills. Fuel, oil, solid, human waste or other polluting substances should be handled away from the water whenever possible, and any spilled substance or residue shall be completely cleaned before a participant reenters the water. Any polluting substance spilled into the water must be reported to the Coast Guard immediately by calling the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802 or Marine Safety Office (MSO) Puget Sound at (206) 217-6240.

Participants are to be informed that they may not impede the natural flow of traffic.

The sponsor of a marine event must provide a patrol as indicated in the application and a means of warning spectator craft to stay well clear of the event perimeter prior to, during and immediately following the event. Any accident involving property, damage, personal injury or death shall be reported to the appropriate authorities and Coast Guard Group Seattle.

If at any time Commander, Coast Guard Group Seattle deems the event unsafe or not in compliance with environmental standards and stipulations, the event will be stopped.

It is the responsibility of the event sponsor to consider the weather and sea conditions at the time of the event. If any adverse conditions exist that would jeopardize the safety of the participants, the sponsor must take the necessary action to cancel or postpone the event and notify the Coast Guard immediately.

The sponsor is fully responsible for the proper organization, supervision, conduct and safety of the event, including participants and spectator vessels as well.

If there are any changes to the information provided on your application, please notify Ensign Erica Govednik at (206) 217-6138 or the Group Seattle Operations Center at (206) 217-6001.

I trust that your event will be a safe and an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

SCOTT W. ROBERT

Enclosure: (1) Application for Marine Event Permit
(2) Naval Vessel Protection Zone Regulations

Copy: Commanding Officer, Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound