



# The Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs

Invites you to enter the

## 2016 WOMEN ON THE WATER/WOMAN AT HELM REGATTA

August 27th and 28th, 2016

Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, Marina del Rey, California

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The Women on the Water / Woman at the Helm Regatta is co-hosted by the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs and the following member clubs: Pacific Mariners YC, South Bay Yacht Racing Club, California Y C, Del Rey YC,, Santa Monica Windjammers Y C, and the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. Information about this regatta may be found at: <http://wsasmb.org/wow-wah>*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 55 will be modified to allow biodegradable sail stops to be discharged overboard when setting a sail.
- 1.3 Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed so that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.4 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 Rule 82 will not apply to this event.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Section A, Penalties While Racing, will apply.
- 1.7 Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, will apply.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to one-design keelboats, boats with a PHRF rating less than 208, and Cruising Class boats.
- 2.2. Skippers must be women who are members of a yacht club or organization affiliated with US Sailing.
- 2.3. There will be three divisions:
  - **Women on Water (WOW):** Female helmsperson and all female crew using spinnaker on primarily windward-leeward courses. Boats must have a PHRF certificate.
  - **Woman at Helm (WAH):** Female helmsperson with co-ed crew on primarily windward-leeward courses. Boats must have a PHRF certificate.
  - **Woman at Helm Cruising (WOW/WAH Cruising):** Female helmsperson with a female or co-ed crew on random-leg courses. Boats must have an ASMBYC Standard or Certified Cruiser rating, or a rating calculated from the ASMBYC allowances.

2.4. Eligible boats must enter on line by filling out the Regatta Network (RN) entry form available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13086> (Paper entries will not be accepted). The cut off time for entries is 1200 (noon) Friday August 26.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$45.00, payable on line at the time of entry.
- 3.2. Entries entered before 2300 Sunday August 21 will be given a \$5.00 discount.
- 3.3. US Sailing members who enter their membership number will be given a \$5.00 discount.

### 4. SCHEDULE

Sunday August 21	2300	Early Entry Discount Closes
Friday August 26	1200 (noon)	Entry Closes
Friday August 26	1900	Sailing Instructions, Classes, class flags and order of starts posted on <a href="http://www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086">www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086</a>
Saturday August 27	1000	Notices (if any) posted at <a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13086">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13086</a>
Saturday August 27	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day.
Saturday August 27	Post Racing	Hospitality/Party at PMYC
Sunday August 28	1000	Notices (if any) posted at <a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13086">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13086</a>
Sunday August 28	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day
Sunday August 28	Post Racing	Awards Ceremony and Party at PMYC

**WOW and WAH:** Five (5) races are scheduled; three (3) on Saturday and two (2) on Sunday.

**WOW/WAH Cruising::** Three (3) races are scheduled; two (2) on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday.

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be available on line at [www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086](http://www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086) by 1900 Friday August 26.

### 6. VENUE

- 6.1. The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay outside the Marina del Rey breakwater.
- 6.2. WOW & WAH races will be sailed with the area shown on Marina del Rey Course Chart 17.
- 6.3. WOW/WAH Cruising races may go beyond the area shown on Marina del Rey Course Chart 17.

### 7. COURSES

- 7.1. Courses for WOW Performance and WAH Performance will be primarily windward / leeward
- 7.2. Courses for the WOW/WAH Cruising will be random legs.

### 8. SCORING

- 8.1. WOW Performance and WAH Performance boats will be scored using their PHRF Area B Buoy rating.
- 8.2. WOW/WAH Cruising boats will be scored using their Standard or Certified ASMBYC Cruiser Rating, or a rating calculated with the ASMBYC allowances. ASMBYC Cruiser ratings are available at [www.asmbyc.org/cruising-class-racing/](http://www.asmbyc.org/cruising-class-racing/). Ratings take a minimum of 3 business days to process and if this would preclude entering the regatta the rating may be calculated using the allowances shown on the web site.
- 8.3. No races will be excluded from the series scores. This changes rule A2
- 8.4. One race must be completed to constitute a series for each division.

## 9. PENALTIES

9.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may exonerate herself by taking a one-turn penalty. Exceptions (a) and (b) to Rule 44.1 remain in force.

10. **HOSPITALITY:** Post-race hospitality will be held at Pacific Mariners' YC, 13915 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey, CA.

## 11. PRIZES

11.1. The Robert S. Wilson Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the WOW division.

11.2. The WSA Perpetual Trophy for Woman at the Helm will be awarded to the winner of the largest WAH class (Performance or Cruising), *provided that skipper/crew have not won this award previously.*

11.3. The Cheryl Rembert Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Martin 242 with the best performance in the WOW division.

11.4. Individual take home trophies will be awarded in each division according to the number of entrants per division as follows: Up to 4 entries – 1 trophy; Up to 6 entries – 2 trophies; 8+ entries – 3 trophies

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 13. OFFICIALS

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**More Information:** <http://www.wsasmb.org/wow-wah> and [www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086](http://www.RegattaNetwork.com/event/13086)