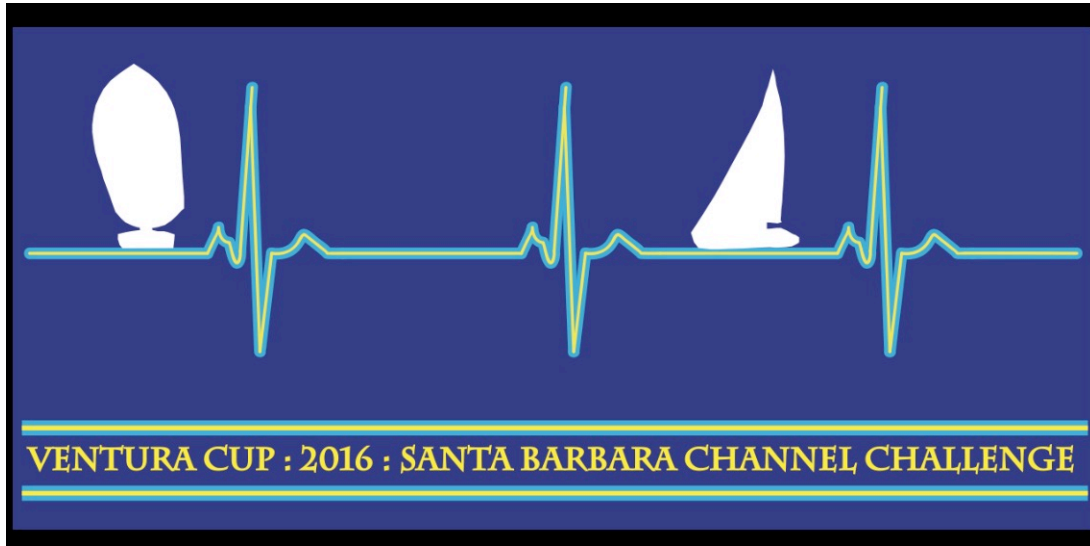


NOTICE OF RACE



Santa Barbara Channel Challenge *INDIVIDUAL YACHT COMPETITION*

AND

Ventura Cup *TEAM COMPETITION*

Sept. 17-18, 2016

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Ventura Yacht Club is pleased to announce the 2016 Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup. The regatta will be sailed in the waters off Ventura Harbor on September 17-18, 2016. It will be a competition of spinnaker and non-spinnaker individual entrants. In addition, each area yacht club may designate up to three 3-boat teams to compete for the Ventura Cup.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Boats must carry the safety equipment required by the U.S. Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for U.S. Sailing Nearshore Races (Definition 1.0.3) as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Minimum crew requirement is 2. All boats regardless of class shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69.

ELIGIBILITY: The Regatta is open to current members of recognized SCYA yacht clubs who enter boats with current and valid PHRF certificates. However, current one-design Class certificates may be substituted for PHRF certificates for boats in well established one-design classes (e.g. J/24, J/70) that don't normally sail in races requiring PHRF certificates. This changes paragraph 6.4 of PHRF Class Rules. Entrants in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge *individual* yacht competition will use Area A and Area I Buoy ratings for Buoy races and Area A and Area I Random Leg ratings for Random Leg races. (Exception: The following one design boats, unless modified, shall rate as follows: J-22 buoy and RL 186; J-24 buoy and RL 168; Olson 30 buoy and RL 96; J-35 buoy 72, RL 75; Schock 35 buoy 72, RL 75; Melges 24 buoy 84, RL 60; J-105 buoy 90, RL 84; Moore 24 buoy 162, RL 156).

Member clubs of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) wishing to compete in the Ventura Cup *team* competition may enter up to three 3-boat teams. ALL boats on said teams must file entries into the Challenge competition and have valid PHRF or one-design Class Certificates (see above). *Team* boats for a club competing for the Ventura Cup must be helmed by competitors who have been fully paid members of that club for at least three months. The PHRF Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule is not in effect.

ENTRIES: Yachts wishing to compete in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge *individual* competition may enter by registering online and paying their entry fee. Simply go to venturayachtclub.org and follow the links (On the Water>Racing>Ventura Cup>Registration) to the Regatta Networks site. The entry fee is \$50 if paid by September 9, 2016, after which the entry fee will be \$75. All entries for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge must be received by the organizing authority no later than 0830 hours on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Yacht clubs wishing to enter the Ventura Cup *team* competition must declare their 3-boat team(s) online at the same site. No additional entry fee is required for entering the team competition. However, *team* declaration and registration must be completed online by September 15, 2016.

SKIPPER'S MEETING: A skipper's meeting will be held promptly at 0900 hours on Saturday, September 17, 2016 in the upstairs dining area of the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse. A representative from each yacht is highly recommended.

CLASSES: There will be three spinnaker classes and one non-spinnaker class. The class breaks:

Class A: 84 and below.

Class B: 85 to 144

Class C: 145 and above

Non spinnaker Class: 150 and above

RACE VENUE AND COURSES: The starting area will be in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. Two Windward-Leeward Buoy races are planned for all entries on Saturday. One Random Leg race is planned for all entries on Sunday. The courses to be sailed will be chosen from the Course Charts included in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup Regatta Sailing Instructions. Different Classes may be given different courses for any of the races.

SCHEDULE OF DATES AND EVENTS:

Friday, September 9

Early Registration Ends

Thursday, September 15

Team Declaration and Registration Ends

Friday, September 16

1800 Dinner and bar service in the VYC dining room. Race packets available.

Saturday, September 17

0800 Continental breakfast in the VYC dining room

0830 **Registration and Late Entry closes**

0900 Skipper's meeting (VYC dining room)

1155 First warning, racing begins

1730 Attitude adjustment, dining, live entertainment and dancing (VYC patio)

Sunday, September, 18

0800 Breakfast buffet available in the VYC dining room

1155 Warning signal, racing continues

1500 Patio bar opens

1630 Complimentary Buffet, attitude adjustment, awards

TROPHY PRESENTATION: The winning yachts from each class in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge Regatta shall have their names inscribed on the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge perpetual trophy which shall remain at the Ventura Yacht Club. Individual trophies for first, second, and third place finishers are possible depending on the number of entrees in each class. The Ventura Cup team trophy will be presented to the winner of the team competition and shall remain in the possession of the winning yacht club for one year, until one month prior to the next Ventura Cup Regatta. There will be trophies for skippers of the boats of the first, second and third place teams in the Ventura Cup competition.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact Race Chair Denny Dwire (805) 390-1499 or dmdwire@icloud.com, or the VYC office (805) 642-0426 or venturayachtclub.org