



SOUTH TOWER RACE
Stockton Sailing Club, Stockton, CA
June 23-25, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The 45th annual South Tower Race will be governed by the 2017-2020 International Yacht Racing rules as adopted by the United States Sailing Association except as altered by the event Sailing Instructions. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (see Appendix 9) shall apply.
- 1.2 All yachts must comply with the U.S.C.G. requirements for recreational vessels and have the following additional equipment (at minimum):
- Life ring, man overboard light and whistle, all attached as one unit.
 - A working VHF radio with channels 16 and 72.
 - Life lines or safety lines leading from both sides of the cockpit forward, well secured at each end.
 - Manual bilge pump with minimum capacity of 10 gallons per minute.
 - Up-to-date charts of the race course.
 - A motor and sufficient fuel to propel the yacht for 3 hours at 70% of her hull speed in smooth water.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Skippers of monohulled yachts with self-bailing cockpits who are members of recognized yacht clubs or sailing associations are eligible to participate, provided the yacht meets the following specifications:
- Minimum LOA 22' 0"
 - Maximum PHRF 275
 - Minimum Crew 3 (skipper plus 2 crew)
- 2.2 Additionally, certain multi-hulled yachts may be invited to race. These yachts will compete solely within their own division.
- 2.3 Each yacht shall submit either a current PHRF handicap certificate or SSC PHRF certificate or a completed SSC PHRF application.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee will be \$80.00

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Entries will be accepted until the skipper's meeting on Friday, June 23, 2017.

4.2 Friday, June 23, 2017

- 1000 Skipper's Meeting
- 1055 First Warning Signal
- 1100 Start

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on www.stocktonsc.org, on the Regatta Network web site for the electronic entry application and/or at the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse no later than 1900 hours on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

6 RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 6.1 The racing area will be the Stockton Deep Water Channel/San Joaquin River, New York Slough, Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Straight and San Francisco Bay.
- 6.2 The course is from the starting line adjacent to the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse to Y.R.A. Mark 16 (Blackaller Buoy) and back to the finish line adjacent to the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse. Course details will be specified in the South Tower Race Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 Corrected times will be computed in accordance with the PHRF time allowances as assigned by the Stockton Sailing Club Handicap Committee. The distance for handicap purposes will be 140 nautical miles. The race will be scored time on distance.
- 7.2 For the purposes of assigning handicaps, yachts choosing to race using head sails with LP's of 110% or less (that would normally use head sails up to 155%), or without spinnakers (that would normally use spinnakers), will be accorded the following rating adjustments:
- Head sails of 110% or less + 9 seconds/mile
 - No spinnaker +15 seconds/mile
- 7.3 All yachts will be assumed to use head sails from 111% to 155% or to class limit, and spinnaker, unless the race chair is notified in writing by the close of registration that there will be a change.

8 STARTING DIVISIONS

- 8.1 Final division assignments will be announced no later than the Skipper's Meeting.

9 AWARDS

- 9.1 Awards will be presented on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 9.2 There will be awards to the top finishers in each division with the number of awards depending on the number of entries per division.
- 9.3 Additional trophies will be awarded as follows:
- First to Finish (elapsed time)
 - First to the Weather Mark (elapsed time)
 - First Stockton Sailing Club Yacht (corrected time)

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 2017-2020 International Yacht Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. Prior to the start, the skipper of each entrant shall electronically accept, as part of the entry process, the Stockton Sailing Club liability release form, which is found on the electronic entry application for this event.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1 For further information, please contact: **SSC Harbor Master (209) 951-5600** or visit <http://www.stocktonsc.org/>.