



2017 Wet Wednesday Series Notice Of Race



Hosted By:
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This popular mid-week series is scheduled for 22 Wednesdays between April 19 and September 13 and will consist of two separate 11-race rounds and a 22-race overall series. After each race, there will be an attitude adjustment period, dinner, and trophy presentation at the Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, and guests are welcome. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

ENTRIES: Racing is open to all boats (LOA 20 feet or more) that are eligible to be rated under PHRF or ORCA. The PHRF MIR Rule does not apply. PHRF Area A buoy handicaps will be used. The minimum number of crew onboard shall be two. Yacht club membership is not required. Boats without a valid PHRF or ORCA handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap by the Race Committee. **Registration should be made online before the races – go to www.venturayachtclub.org and follow the link (Water>Racing>Regatta Networks) for entry and payment options.** Skippers can enter the entire series, enter individual rounds (one or two), or groups of 3 or more races. The entry fee for the entire 22-race series is \$100. Entry fee for each 11-race round is \$60. Daily entries can be purchased in groups of 3 or more races for \$10 per race.

CLASSES: Two PHRF classes are planned. Class A is for boats with PHRF ratings of 138 and below. Class B is for boats with PHRF ratings of 139 and above. Each class will mix Spinnaker boats and Non-Spinnaker boats, with Non-Spinnaker boats adding their PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. Skippers will report to the RC boat when checking in each week and declare whether they are racing Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker. Multi-hulls will race with Class A.

SCORING: The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the Racing Rules) applies, except there will be no throw-outs. The following handicap adjustments will be used for PHRF boats — After each race, the handicaps for the top three boats and the last three boats (for those boats finishing the race) will be readjusted for the following race as follows: -9 for first, -6 for second, -3 for third, +9 for last, +6 for second to last, and +3 for third to last. These handicaps adjustments will be re-set to zero at the start of the second round. Also, some Corinthian Racer Adjustments to Area A buoy handicaps may be allowed for certain boats that are not optimized for racing (See Sailing Instructions).

ANTICIPATED START TIMES:

1800	START	Class A	Class Flag (Red)
1806	START	Class B	Class Flag (Green)

NOTE: THIS YEAR A ONE MINUTE DELAY IS PLANNED BETWEEN THE START OF ONE CLASS AND THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR THE NEXT CLASS. WATCH THE FLAGS!

THE COURSES: The Courses will be chosen from the 2017 Wet Wednesday Course Chart that is part of the Sailing Instructions. The Start is at the Ventura Harbor Whistle Buoy and the Finish is near the Ventura Harbor entrance.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: All boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a US Sailing Nearshore Race as modified to require a VHF radio (even if it does not have interfacing DSC/GPS capability with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel). See http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf.

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

MORE INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be posted and be available online (www.venturayachtclub.org) by April 1, 2017.

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