

2017 Commodore Classic

Ventura Yacht Club

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NOTICE of RACE

Ventura Yacht Club invites you to join us for the 2017 Commodore Classic Race. As before, this race is designed to promote relaxed fun and good sportsmanship. The race will consist of one coastal race. Complimentary guest docking will be available at VYC before and after the race. Please contact the club manager about this at the above phone number.

DATE: Sunday, June 4, 2017. The warning signal for the race is scheduled for 1155 hours. The start will be at the Ventura Harbor Whistle Buoy "R2" and the finish will be in the Ventura Harbor entrance. Both classes will start together and sail the same course.

CLASSES: Each entry shall have one Staff or present Rear, Vice, or Commodore as the helmsperson. There will be two classes -- a Spinnaker class and a Non-spinnaker cruising class. A yacht must declare "Spinnaker" or "Non-spinnaker" at the Skippers' Meeting. Boats with a PHRF performance factor of 1.66 or above MUST compete in the Spinnaker class. Skippers are encouraged to fly their club burgee and appropriate commodore flag.

HANDICAPS: PHRF Area A random leg base handicaps will be used. For boats without a valid handicap, the Race Committee will provide a temporary handicap for this race. An adjustment will be made to each Spinnaker class boat's handicap equal to their PHRF PERFORMANCE FACTOR times 12. An adjustment will be made to each Non-spinnaker class boat's handicap based on their VYC CRUISING OFFSETS (see Sailing Instructions).

RULES: The race 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:** All boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a USSailing Nearshore Race as modified to require life lines (even if they are not uncoated stainless steel) and a VHF radio (even if it does not have interfacing DSC/GPS capability with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel). USSERs are available online at ussailing.org (click on Safety). Minimum crew requirement is 2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69.

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance.

ENTRY: **Competitors are urged to register online anytime prior to the race.** Go to www.venturayachtclub.org and follow the link (Water>Racing>Regatta Network). It's easy! Additional information, including Sailing Instructions are also available there. PHRF membership is not required. And, as a way to say thank you for all your hard work as Commodores, the entry fee is waived for this event.

SKIPPER'S MEETING: A Skipper's Meeting will be held at the Ventura Yacht Club promptly at 0900 hours on race day. (Note: VYC's famous Sunday breakfast is available upstairs for a reasonable charge starting at 8am...come join us!). **Entries will close at 8:45am** to provide time for the race committee to calculate handicaps prior to the skippers meeting. Skippers entering Spinnaker Class will be asked for their PHRF PERFORMANCE FACTOR (look on your PHRF certificate). Skippers entering Non-spinnaker Class will be asked to add up their VYC CRUISING OFFSETS (see Sailing Instructions).

COURSE: Selected from the 2017 Commodore Classic Race Course Chart in the Sailing Instructions.

TROPHIES: Awards will be presented at the party for competitors and guests following the race at the Ventura Yacht Club. A complimentary buffet will be served.

Questions? Contact: VYC office or Race Chairman Denny Dwire, 805-390-1499, dmdwire@icloud.com