



Ventura Yacht Club
1755 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura CA 93001



NOTICE of RACE

2020 WET WEDNESDAY SERIES

THE VYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS CANCELLED ALL RACES UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 1st AT WHICH TIME THE COVID-19 RISKS WILL BE REVIEWED. LOOK FOR AN UPDATED NOTICE OF RACE WITH A NEW SCHEDULE AT THAT TIME.

1. Description

- 1.1. This popular mid-week rite of summer is scheduled for 23 Wednesdays between April 8 and September 9.
- 1.2. After each race, there will be a dinner and trophy presentation at Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, and guests are welcome.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Racing is open to all boats LOA 20 feet or more that are eligible to be rated under PHRF (or ORCA).
- 2.2. Boats intending to participate in racing must be seaworthy and capable of returning to their berth without the assistance of other competitors or Harbor Patrol/USCG. This requirement is specifically applicable to periods of reduced visibility, lack of wind, or any other weather event.
- 2.3. PHRF Area A Buoy handicaps will be used. Neither PHRF membership nor yacht club membership is required.
- 2.4. Boats without a valid rating will be assigned a rating for this series.
- 2.5. Entry online is preferable. Go to <https://venturayachtclub.org/racing/>, click Regatta Network and select this event.
- 2.6. Entry fee is \$100 for the entire series or \$20 per race.
- 2.7. Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Minimum coverage: \$300,000 per incident.

3. Schedule

- 3.1. Races are scheduled for each Wednesday, April 8-September 9. The start for the first class is scheduled for 1800.

4. Racing Area

- 4.1. The start will be in the vicinity of the Whistle buoy (R2) outside the Ventura Harbor entrance.
- 4.2. Mark and Course Chart information will be in the Sailing Instructions.

5. Scoring and Classes

- 5.1. Three classes are planned. Classes A and B are Spinnaker classes. Class C (Cruising class) is Non-Spinnaker.
 - 5.1.1 Class A includes handicaps 114 and lower. Spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.2 Class B includes handicaps 115 and greater. Spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.3 Class C includes all handicaps. No spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.4 Class D includes Multihull boats racing under ORC that have complied with the eligibility and safety requirements
- 5.2 No Non-Spinnaker offsets will be allowed in any PHRF classes (A, B, or C).
- 5.3 Low-Point Scoring (Appendix A, RRS) applies, and throw-outs will be allowed for series scoring. Handicap adjustments will be made after each race, making it easier for boats finishing poorly to be more competitive in the next race (See Sailing Instructions).
- 5.4 Corinthian Racer Adjustments to handicaps may be allowed for certain boats in Class C that are not optimized for racing (See Sailing Instructions).

6. Rules & Safety

- 6.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 6.2. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. See **RRS 4**.
- 6.3. Entrants shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for a Nearshore Race, except as modified below for this event. Complete USSER are available online at ussailing.org (click on *Safety*):
 - 6.3.1.1. Aboard all boats without lifelines, all crew must wear PFDs and only hike with feet inboard of the torso.

6.3.1.2. USS SER 3.19.1 is in effect, but the compass need not be permanently mounted.

6.4. Boats using a “One Design” PHRF configuration may use that One Design Classes’ published safety standards instead of the US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements.

6.5. Boats shall comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard and adhere to US Coast Guard Regulations. Failure to comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard, Ventura Harbor Patrol or any other recognized authority is grounds for disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1.

7. Questions? - VYC Race Chairperson Pam Phillips at (805) 985-3005 or email phillips2280@roadrunner.com