



# 2016 Wet Wednesday Series Notice Of Race



Hosted By:  
**VENTURA YACHT CLUB**  
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This popular mid-week series is scheduled for 22 Wednesdays between April 27 and September 21 and will consist of two separate 11-race rounds and an overall race 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*. The Sailing Instructions and Entry instructions are available at the VYC office **and on the VYC website**.

**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 is encouraged online before the races – go to [www.venturayachtclub.org](http://www.venturayachtclub.org) and follow the link for entry and payment options.** Skippers can enter the entire series, enter individual rounds, or groups of 3 or more races. The entry fee for the 22-race series is \$100. Entry fee for individual rounds 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 135 and below. Class B is for boats with PHRF ratings of 136 and above. Each class will mix spinnaker boats with base PHRF handicaps and non-spinnaker boats using the PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. The intent is that non-spinnaker racers should be encouraged to give spinnaker racing a try at some point during the series. Skippers must 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:** High-Point scoring will be used for each race and High-Point scoring will be used for the series and for each round. 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. Handicaps will be re-set to base at the start of the second round.

#### **ANTICIPATED WARNING AND START TIMES:**

1755	Warning	PHRF Class A	Class Flag (Red) raised with 1 sound signal
1800	START	PHRF Class A	Class Flag (Red) lowered with 1 sound signal
1801	Warning	PHRF Class B	Class Flag (White) raised with 1 sound signal
1806	START	PHRF Class B	Class Flag (White) lowered with 1 sound signal

**THE COURSES:** The Courses will be chosen from the 2016 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 by the Sailing Instructions.

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

**MORE INFORMATION:** Sailing Instructions will be posted ([www.venturayachtclub.org](http://www.venturayachtclub.org)) by April 15, 2016.

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