



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
THE 2017 VENTURA HARBOR
WET WEDNESDAY RACES**



**HOSTED BY:
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1. **Rules:** These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The PHRF MIR Rule is not in effect. This modifies PHRF Class Rule 8
2. **Entries:**
 - 2.1. Online entry is available at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14261>
 - 2.2. Boats that are eligible to be rated under PHRF (single-hulled, self-righting, LOA 20 feet or more) or ORCA (LOA 20 feet or more) may enter by completing registration online with VYC before the race.
 - 2.3. PHRF/ORCA membership, yacht club membership, and sail numbers are not required. This modifies RRS 75 as permitted by RRS 86.
 - 2.4. The entry fee is \$100 for the race series, Entry fee for individual 11-race rounds is \$60. Daily entries can be purchased in packages of 3 or more races for \$10 per race.
3. **HANDICAPPING:**
 - 3.1. PHRF Area A buoy handicaps will be used
 - 3.2. Boats in cruising configuration may request a handicap adjustment for this series only by submitting a VYC Wet Wednesday Standard Corinthian Adjustment form (downloadable from Event Website>Race Documents on Regatta Network).
 - 3.3. The RC will assign a temporary (for this event only) handicap to boats without a valid handicap. Owner/Skippers must provide data (Length, Disp, SA, Draft.....) in order for the RC to match the boat to similar ones.
 - 3.4. The following handicap adjustments will be used for the PHRF entries. — 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.
 - 3.5. Handicap adjustments described in Par 3.4 above shall be re-set to zero for the start of the second round.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on VYC's bulletin board located inside the downstairs patio.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day it will take effect. Any oral instructions from the RC on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the Committee Boat.
6. **SCHEDULE:** The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1800 hours on each race day. Races are scheduled every Wednesday from April 19, 2017 through September 13, 2017. Round 1 starts on April 19. Round 2 starts on July 5.
7. **CLASSES:**
 - 7.1. Two PHRF classes are planned. Class A consists of boats with a base PHRF rating of 138 and lower. Boats with a base PHRF Buoy rating greater than 138 shall be in Class B. Multi-hull boats will race with Class A.
 - 7.2. Both classes will mix spinnaker boats with base PHRF Buoyby handicaps and non-spinnaker boats using their PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. Skippers can opt to race spinnaker one week and non-spinnaker the next, using non-spinnaker offsets.



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8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1. The Courses will be chosen from the 2017 Wet Wednesday Course Chart that is part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled from the race committee boat before or with the warning signal for the first starting class. For succeeding classes, the course signal will be displayed with or soon after the warning signal for that class. This changes Rule 27.1.

9. **CHECK-IN:** All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee either on VHF channel 69 or by sailing by the Race Committee boat before each race and declaring Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker. Boats that fail to check-in by their warning signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5. Boats may not change their status (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker) after the course placard for their class has been displayed.

10. THE START:

- 10.1. Anticipated start time for the first class is 1800 hours.
- 10.2. There will be a courtesy sound signal (multiple horn blasts) approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence.
- 10.3. The races will be started for each class in accordance with RRS 26 as follows:
 - Warning 5 minutes before start Class Flag raised with 1 sound signal
 - Preparatory 4 minutes before start Code Flag "P" raised with 1 sound signal
 - One Minute 1 minute before start Code Flag "P" lowered with 1 long sound signal
 - START 0 minutes before start Class Flag lowered with 1 sound signal

ALERT: FOR 2017 A ONE MINUTE DELAY IS PLANNED BETWEEN THE START OF ONE CLASS AND THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR THE NEXT CLASS. WATCH THE FLAGS!

- 10.4. Order of Starts and Class Flags are as follows:
 - PHRF "A" Class – Red Class Flag
 - PHRF "B" Class – Green Class Flag
- 10.5. The starting line will be located between the "Whistle Buoy" as the portside mark, and an orange flag or shape mounted on the Committee Boat that is the starboard-side mark. There may be a buoy trailing behind the Committee Boat. The buoy and its attachment line are parts of the mark. Do not sail between this buoy and the committee boat.
- 10.6. For all courses, except course 5, the magnetic course to the first mark is listed on the 2017 Wet Wednesday Course Chart. For course 5, the magnetic course to the first mark (an inflatable tetrahedron) will be posted on the RC boat.

11. RECALLS:

- 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1 (code flag "X" and 1 sound signal).
- 11.2. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2 (code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals). A new warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the "first substitute" is lowered.
- 11.3. When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for the succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.
- 11.4. After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF Channel 69. The following shall not be grounds for granting redress:
 - a. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 - b. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 - c. Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.

12. **TIME LIMIT:** If any boat in a class finishes before sunset (see Table 1 below), the race is valid for that class. If no boat in a class finishes before sunset, the race is abandoned for that class. Boats that finish a valid race after 2015 hours shall take their own time and report it to the RC immediately after docking.



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Table 1: Sunset Times

Date	Sunset	Date	Sunset	Date	Sunset
04/19	1932	06/07	2007	07/26	2003
04/26	1938	06/14	2010	08/02	1957
05/03	1943	06/21	2012	08/09	1950
05/10	1949	06/28	2013	08/16	1943
05/17	1954	07/05	2012	08/23	1934
05/24	1959	07/12	2010	08/30	1925
05/31	2003	07/19	2007	09/06	1916
				09/13	1906

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1. The finish line shall be on a line from the VYC clubhouse balcony to the green light standard (#3) near the southern end of the detached breakwater.
- 13.2. As an aid to help the RC identify the boats that are finishing the race, skippers are requested to call the RC on VHF 69 as they approach the finish line.
- 13.3. If the RC is not on station, boats shall record their own finish times. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race.
- 13.4. Shortly after finishing, it is requested that spinnakers be struck in order to maintain safe maneuverability and legal speed in the harbor.
- 13.5. In foggy conditions, each boat shall alert race committee over Channel 69 as approaching the finish line and signal "mark" as it crosses finish line.
- 13.6. If you are the last boat on the course and it is determined your potential finish time will put you in last position, the RC may be contacted to consider allowing you to return under power and be recorded for a last place finish instead of DNF.

14. PROTESTS: Written protests in accordance with RRS Rule 61 shall be filed with the Race Committee at the host club within 1 hour of the finish of the protesting boat or within 1 hour after she returns to port if she retires. Protest forms will be available at the scorer's table upstairs. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable, which may not be the same night that the protest was filed.

15. SCORING: The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall apply.

- 15.1. The series will consist of the 22 scheduled races. To qualify for inclusion in the entire series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., start the race) in at least 14 of the races. Each round consists of 11 races. To qualify for inclusion in each round results, a boat shall compete in (i.e., start the race) in at least 7 of the races.
- 15.2. **SERIES SCORES:** The series score for each boat will be the total points it accumulates for its best 14 race results. The qualified boat with the lowest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
- 15.3. **ROUND SCORES:** The round score for each boat will be the total points it accumulates for its best 7 race results. The qualified boat with the lowest round score is the winner, and other are ranked accordingly.
- 15.4. **TIES AND OTHER RULES:** Race ties will be broken using rule A 7. Series ties will be broken using rule A 8.

16. PENALTIES: Reminder: The Two Turns penalty, RRS Rule 44.2, applies.



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17. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- 17.1. 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). USSERs are available online at ussailing.org (click on Safety).
- 17.2. If the race committee feels conditions warrant, it shall fly a Y flag, requiring all skippers and crews of racing boats to wear PFDs.

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

19. RADIO ADVISORIES: The race committee will attempt to announce race courses and count downs over the radio as an informational courtesy for racers. Failure to do so or failure to hear announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

20. NON-SPINNAKER DEFINITIONS:

- 20.1. No spinnaker or spinnaker-like sails are allowed. All headsails must meet the measurements of RRS Rule 50.4.
- 20.2. Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be used at a time and, when in use, shall be attached to the foremost mast.
- 20.3. Use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a 6 second per mile penalty unless the yacht is already handicapped for such larger sail.
- 20.4. More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.

21. CREW LIMITS: The minimum number of persons aboard for all entries shall be two.

22. RETIREMENT: A boat that has started and subsequently retires is requested to notify the RC. The RC will monitor VHF channel 69. VYC phone number is 805-642-0426.

23. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES: There will be a post race party and a reasonably priced dinner at Ventura Yacht Club after each race. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.

24. TROPHIES: Daily take-home trophies and other prizes (crew raffle, junior award, etc.) will be presented after each race at VYC. The number of daily trophies awarded will be per the following table 1 below. Winners must be present to receive daily trophies. Special prizes will be awarded after the conclusion of Round 1 and after the final race at VYC on Sept. 13. Skippers must be entered in the series to be eligible for series or rounds trophies. Skippers entered in a round, are eligible for trophies in that round.

25. Table 1: Daily Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class		Trophies
2	1 st Place	Hat
3 - 5	1 st & 2 nd Place	Hat, Mug
6 - 8	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd , Place	Hat, Mug, Cozzie
9 or more	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Place	Hat, Mug, Cozzies



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2017 VYC Wet Wednesday Course Chart

#	Approximate Course Length	Approximate Heading To First Mark	Course
1	5.51	257	S Ap F
2	5.38	161	S Mp R2s F
3	9.23	257	S Ap Mp R2s F
4	9.12	161	S Ms As F
5	1.42	posted on RC boat	S Tp R2s F
6	8.17	257	S Ap Cp Ap F
7	2.76	255	S Cp F
8	5.24	255	S Cp R2p Cp F
9	7.72	255	S Cp R2p Cp R2p Cp F
10	6.92	255	S Cp Mp R2s F
11	6.78	161	S Ms Cs F

MARKS		APPROXIMATE LOCATION	
A	Fish Sticks spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 19.9'W
C	Chips spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 18.2'W
M	Mandalay spar buoy	L: 34° 12.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.5'W
R2	Vta Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 16.7'W
T	Tetrahedron	0.5 nm from the Start Line	
S	Start in vicinity of Mark R2; see Sailing Instructions		
F	Finish near Ventura Harbor Entrance; see Sailing Instructions		