

VENTURA YACHT CLUB

1755 SPINNAKER DR., VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93001

2017 Sail Fest Ventura

July 29 & 30, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

J/24, PHRF spinnaker, and non-spinnaker boats are invited to participate in the Sail Fest Ventura 2017 regatta, hosted by the Ventura Yacht Club. This regatta will serve as the 2017 J/24 Western Regionals. Up to (but not limited to) eight windward/leeward races are planned for the J/24 class. One random leg race on Saturday is planned for PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the PHRF and J/24 classes, and this Notice of Race (except as any of these are changed by the Sail Fest Ventura Sailing Instructions). PHRF boats will use their Area A RLC ratings. PHRF boats must conform with current United States Coast Guard Regulations 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 with channels 16 and 69 (even if the radio 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*). Racers are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.

ELIGIBILITY: This regatta is invitational to owners who are members of recognized yacht clubs, and one-design boats or boats with valid PHRF certificates. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

MANDATORY WEIGH-IN: There will be a mandatory weigh-in for J/24 skippers and crews. Weigh-in will be on the VYC downstairs patio between 0800 and 1000 on Saturday. If skippers plan crew changes for Sunday, they must arrange Sunday weigh-ins.

SKIPPER'S MEETING: A skipper's meeting will be held in the clubhouse of the Ventura Yacht Club at 0900 hours on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

ENTRIES: Registration should be completed and received by the Ventura Yacht Club Race Committee by 0900 hours on Saturday, July 29. **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 will also be available there.

ENTRY FEES: J/24s: \$40. Received before July 25: \$30. PHRF boats: \$30. Received before July 25: \$25.

BERTHING & LAUNCHING: Five (5) days free at VYC guest dock! Free hoist at VYC (8-10 AM Saturday or earlier by appointment) and storage for trailers.

HAULOUT RESTRICTION: J/24s shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the jury or PRO.

CLASSES: There will be a J/24 class. PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be established based on the number of entries and class breaks will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

RACE VENUE: The racing will commence from a starting line approximately one-half mile south of the Ventura whistle buoy (R2).

STARTING TIMES: The starting time for the first race is planned for 1200 hours on Saturday and Sunday. The order of starts for Saturday will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be presented to winners at the party and complimentary buffet following the conclusion of racing on Sunday.

HOSPITALITY: Friday - Bar and dining room open. Saturday - Grill night menu starting at 1730. Sunday - Breakfast available in VYC dining room from 0800. Complimentary buffet and trophy presentations following racing on Sunday.