

NOTICE OF RACE

Ventura Cup

*Individual & Team Buoy and Random Leg Competition
Sept. 16-17*

AND

Santa Barbara Channel Challenge

*Individual Random Leg-Only Competition
Sept. 17*

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Ventura Yacht Club is pleased to announce the 2017 Ventura Cup Regatta and Santa Barbara Channel Challenge random leg race. The Ventura Cup Regatta will be sailed in the waters off Ventura Harbor on Sept 16-17, 2017. The Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race will be sailed on Sept 17. The Ventura Cup will be comprised of up to three windward-leeward buoy races on Saturday and the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge random leg race on Sunday. The Santa Barbara Channel Challenge will be a single random leg race on Sunday, which will also serve as the climax race for the Ventura Cup. Skippers who enter the Ventura Cup will automatically be entered in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge.

The Ventura Cup Regatta will be a competition of spinnaker entrants. Each area yacht club may designate up to three 3-boat teams to compete for the Ventura Cup. Boats may enter the Ventura Cup even if not on a team and vie for individual honors. Boats entering the Ventura Cup are scheduled to race both days.

The Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race will be a competition of spinnaker boats. Boats only entering the Santa Barbara Channel challenge race sail only on Sunday.

RULES: The regatta 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 US Sailing 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 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.

ELIGIBILITY: The Regatta is open to current members of recognized SCYA yacht clubs who enter boats with current and valid PHRF certificates. However, current one-design Class certificates may be substituted for PHRF certificates for boats in well established one-design classes (e.g. J/24, J/70) that don't normally sail in races requiring PHRF certificates. This changes paragraph 6.4 of PHRF

Class Rules. Entrants in the Ventura Cup Regatta will use Area A and Area I buoy ratings on Saturday and random leg ratings on Sunday. Entrants in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race will use Area A and Area I random leg ratings. [Exception: the following one design boats, unless modified, shall rate as follows: J-22 buoy and RL 186; J-24 buoy and RL 168; Olson 30 buoy and RL 96; J-35 buoy 72, RL 75; Schock 35 buoy 72, RL 75; Melges 24 buoy 84, RL 60; J-105 buoy 90, RL 84; Moore 24 buoy 162, RL 156)].

Member clubs of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) wishing to compete in the Ventura Cup *team* competition may enter up to three 3-boat teams. ALL boats on said teams must file entries into the Ventura Cup competition and have valid PHRF or one-design Class Certificates (see above).

Team boats for a club competing for the Ventura Cup must be skippered by competitors who have been fully paid members of that club for at least three months. The helmsperson doesn't have to be a club member. The PHRF Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule is not in effect.

ENTRIES: Yachts wishing to compete in the Ventura Cup competition may enter by registering online and paying their entry fee. Simply go to venturayachtclub.org and follow the links (Water>Racing>[Regatta Network](#)) to the Regatta Network site. The entry fee for the Ventura Cup is \$50 if paid by Sept. 13, after which the entry fee will be \$75.

All individual entries for the Ventura Cup Regatta must be received by the organizing authority no later than 0830 hours on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Yacht clubs wishing to enter the Ventura Cup *team* competition must declare their 3-boat team(s) online at the same site. No additional entry fee is required for entering the team competition. However, *team* declaration and registration must be completed online by September 13, 2017.

Boats entering just the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race pay an entry fee of \$25 if paid by Sept. 13, after which the entry fee will be \$35. All entries for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race must be received by the organizing authority no later than 0830 hours on Sunday, September 17, 2017

SKIPPER'S MEETING: A skipper's meeting for the Ventura Cup will be held promptly at 0900 hours on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in the upstairs dining area of the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse. A representative from each yacht is highly recommended. A skipper's meeting for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge race will be held promptly at 0900 hours on Sunday, Sept. 17 in the downstairs patio area of the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse.

CLASSES: For the Ventura Cup and the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge, two spinnaker classes, A and B are planned. The two classes will be equally divided for the buoy races at the Saturday skippers meeting. In the event of an unequal number of boats, the race committee will determine which class the odd boat will be assigned to. With the possibility of additional boats entering just the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge on Sunday, the two classes for that race may not be equal in numbers.

RACE VENUE AND COURSES: The starting area will be in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. Three Windward-Leeward Buoy races are planned for Saturday. One Random Leg race is planned for all entries on Sunday. The courses to be sailed will be chosen from the Course Charts included in the Ventura Cup Regatta/Santa Barbara Channel Challenge Sailing Instructions. Different Classes may be given different courses for the buoy races. In Sunday's Santa Barbara Channel Challenge random leg race, all boats in classes A and B will start together and sail the same course.

SCHEDULE OF DATES AND EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 13

Early registration ends for reduced entry fees.

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Team Declaration and Registration Ends

Friday, September 15

1800 Dinner and bar service in the VYC dining room. Race packets available.

Saturday, September 16

0800 Continental breakfast in the VYC dining room

0830 **Registration and Late Entry closes**

0900 Skipper's meeting (VYC dining room)

1155 First warning, racing begins

1730 Attitude adjustment, dining, live entertainment and dancing (VYC dining room)

Sunday, September, 17

0800 Breakfast buffet available in the VYC dining room

0830 Registration and Late Entry Closes for SBCC

0900 Skippers meeting for SBCC (VYC patio)

1125 Warning signal

1500 Patio bar opens

1630 Complimentary Buffet, attitude adjustment

1730 Trophy presentations

TROPHY PRESENTATION: The winning yachts from each class in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge Regatta shall have their names inscribed on the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge perpetual trophy which shall remain at the Ventura Yacht Club. Individual trophies for first, second, and third place finishers in each class are possible depending on the number of entries in each class. The Ventura Cup team trophy will be presented to the winner of the team competition and shall remain in the possession of the winning yacht club for one year, until one month prior to the next Ventura Cup Regatta. There will be

trophies for skippers of the boats of the first, second and third place teams in the Ventura Cup competition and trophies for the top three boats in each class.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt (805) 919-0555 or Swhisenhun@aol.com , or the VYC office (805) 642-0426 or venturayachtclub.org