



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
THE 2018 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/16380>
 - 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 first scheduled race is April 11. The last scheduled race is September 12. No racing on Wednesday, July 4th. The entry fee is \$100 per boat for the entire 22 race series. For 2018, there is one series (no Round 1 and Round 2). Daily entries can be purchased for \$10 per race.
3. **HANDICAPPING:**
 - 3.1. PHRF Area A Buoy handicaps will be used.
 - 3.2. Boats in cruising configuration that do not already have a Corinthian PHRF Rating may request a handicap adjustment (for this series only) by submitting a VYC Wet Wednesday 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 two boats finishing and the last two boats finishing in each class will be adjusted for the following race as follows: -6 for first, -3 for second, +6 for last, and +3 for second to last.
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 11, 2018 through September 12, 2018 (except no racing July 4).
7. **CLASSES:**
 - 7.1. Three PHRF classes are planned. Multi-hull boats will race with Class A.

	PHRF BUOY HANDICAP	CLASS FLAG
CLASS A	114 and lower	Red
CLASS B	115-144	Green
CLASS C	145 and above	Purple

- 7.2. All classes will mix spinnaker boats (using their base PHRF Buoy handicap) and non-spinnaker boats (adding their PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset to their base PHRF Buoy handicap). Skippers can opt to race spinnaker one week and non-spinnaker the next.



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8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1. The Courses will be chosen from the 2018 Wet Wednesday Course Chart that is part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the designation of the course to be sailed for the first class. For succeeding classes, the course designation will be displayed no later than the warning signal for that class.

9. CHECK-IN: All boats are requested 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 until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boats that fail to declare Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker by their warning signal will be scored as Spinnaker. 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: NEW FOR 2018: CLASS B AND CLASS C ARE SCHEDULED TO START TOGETHER AND BEFORE CLASS A. ALSO, A ONE MINUTE DELAY IS PLANNED BETWEEN ONE START AND THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR THE NEXT START. WATCH THE FLAGS!

- 10.4. Order of Starts and Class Flags are scheduled as follows:
 - PHRF "B" Class – Green Class Flag and PHRF "C" Class – Purple Class Flag are scheduled to start together (Look for the Green Flag and Purple Flag to be raised together).
 - PHRF "A" Class – Red Class Flag—is scheduled to start after the "B and C" combined start.
- 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 heading to the first mark is listed on the 2018 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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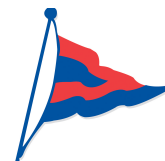


Table 1: Sunset Times

Date	Sunset	Date	Sunset	Date	Sunset
04/11	1926	06/06	2007	08/01	1958
04/18	1931	06/13	2010	08/08	1951
04/25	1937	06/20	2012	08/15	1944
05/02	1942	06/27	2013	08/22	1935
05/09	1948	07/11	2011	08/29	1926
05/16	1953	07/18	2008	09/05	1917
05/23	1958	07/25	2003	09/12	1907
05/30	2003				

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 the 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.

- 14.1. If Redress is awarded for an incident during a race in this series, only the scores in that particular race and the race before and after that race in the series may be considered for adjustment. This changes Rule 62 and A10.

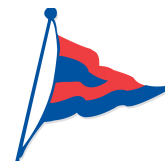
15. SCORING: The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall apply.

- 15.1. The series will consist of the 22 scheduled races. One throw-out is earned for every four races a boat finishes. The boat with the lowest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
- 15.2. 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 AND EQUIPMENT: All boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a US Sailing Nearshore Race as modified below. USSERs are available online at ussailing.org (click on *Safety*).

17.1 USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift (non GPS) magnetic compasses with mounted brackets as long as they are tethered so the device may not be lost overboard.

17.2 USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is in effect for this series and modified to require a water proof VHF or a VHF with a water proof cover even if it does not have DSC/GPS capability.

17.3 USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level. (common on 90's and earlier boats).

17.4 A minimum of 2 crew are required.

17.5 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 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. RETIREMENT: A boat that has started and subsequently retires is requested to notify the RC. The RC will monitor VHF channel 69. Cell phone number of PRO is 808-444-5933.

22. 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.

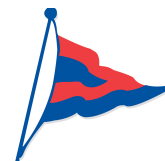
23. TROPHIES: Daily take-home trophies and other prizes (crew raffle, junior award, etc.) will be presented after each race at VYC. The number of daily trophies awarded will be per the following table 1 below. Winners must be present to receive daily trophies. Series prizes will be awarded after the final race at VYC on Sept. 12. Boats must be entered in the series to be eligible for series trophies.

24. Table 1: Daily Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class		Trophies
2	1 st Place	Wine glass
3 - 5	1 st & 2 nd Place	Wine, Pilsner
6 - 8	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd , Place	Wine, Pilsner, Shot glass
9 or more	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Place	Wine, Pilsner, Shot glasses



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2018 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	Varies	posted on RC boat	S Tp R2s F
6	8.72	257	S Ap Cp Ap F
7	2.37	252	S Cp F
8	4.37	252	S Cp R2p Cp F
9	6.37	252	S Cp R2p Cp R2p Cp F
10	7.55	257	S Ap R2p Cp F
11	6.55	161	S Ms Cs F

MARKS		APPROXIMATE LOCATION		
A	Fish Sticks spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4 N	Lo: 119° 19.9W	
C	Chips spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4 N	Lo: 119° 17.9 W	
M	Mandalay spar buoy	L: 34° 12.0N	Lo: 119° 16.5W	
R2	Vta Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4 N	Lo: 119° 16.7 W	
T	Tetrahedron	Bearing, Distance Posted on RC boat		
S	Start in vicinity of Mark R2; see Sailing Instructions			
F	Finish near Ventura Harbor Entrance; see Sailing Instructions			