



CAT FIGHT I Regatta

October 17-18, 2020

Hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club

1215 El Carmel Place, San Diego, CA 92109

NOTICE OF RACE

CLASSES: All catamarans between 15 and 20 feet in length are eligible. Boat classes including Nacra-20, Nacra-20Carbon, F18, F16, Nacra-15 and A-cat are welcome. Other catamaran or trimaran classes are welcome. Each boat is required to meet the internationally recognized criteria for their particular class. The Nacra Inter 20 class will also allow upgrades consistent with those allowed within the F18 class, including alternate brand sails, mid-pole spinnaker set-ups, etc. This regatta will be sailed in conjunction with the MBYC Ocean Regatta on the same race course with other classes of boats. Minimum of five boats required for a separate fleet start.

ENTRIES: Entry must be completed prior to 8:00 am October 17, 2020 through Regatta Network. Due to COVID-19 social distancing there is no in person regatta registration. There is no entry fee but there is a voluntary contribution to the MBYC Multihull fleet option on regatta network. The Cat Fights are the MBYC multihull fleet's only source of funding which is used to support junior sailing, MBYC facility improvements and major local regattas (e.g. 2021 F18 Americas Championship).

Voluntary contributions are made through [RegattaNetwork.com](https://www.RegattaNetwork.com) by credit or debit card, or PayPal.

SCHEDULE: A competitor's meeting observing social distancing will be held Saturday 10:00 am at the flag pole. To reduce the size of the competitor's meeting only one representative from each boat is to attend and all attendees are to wear face masks.

Target number of races is four on Saturday and three on Sunday. The first warning will be at noon both days. Sailing time from MBYC to the race course is approximately 45-60 minutes. On Sunday, no race will start after 3:30 pm. The start of the second race will be as soon as possible after the completion of the first race and so forth. A minimum of two races shall constitute a regatta.

RULES: The organizing authority for this regatta is Mission Bay Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing as amended and adopted by USSA, except as amended by the MBYC Sailing Instructions. Changes in sailing instructions shall be made in writing before a race by posting in proper time on the official notice board. The official notice board is on the south side of the MBYC clubhouse. For classes (e.g. F18) which have a minimum crew weight requirement to maintain COVID-19 social distancing there will be no crew weight measured at registration but it is expected for teams to comply with the minimum weight requirements. This is a category A event for advertising.

COURSES & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The racing will be in the ocean off Mission Bay (weather permitting). The courses for these races will be prescribed in the sailing instructions but will likely include windward-leeward courses with options for multiple laps with either windward or downwind finishes. A windward mark off-set mark and a leeward gate may be used. If a class with a minimum of five boats desires a separate start it will be provided. Otherwise boats will be divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. Scoring will be time handicapped using the current ISAF SCHRS handicaps across all the classes of boats. The Sailing Instructions for this regatta will be available on-line.

LAUNCHING: Most boats will rig on the lawn to the north of the club house and launch on the adjoining beach. In addition, two hoists exist at MBYC and are also available for launching. Overnight trailer parking is provided at the club. Check in at the front desk at MBYC for any questions and trailer parking location.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: A towing line is required. Also it is recommended (but not required) that all boats have a hand-held VHF radio on board to communicate with the RC in emergency situations. There will be communications from the RC to the fleets over the VHF radio including calling boats over the line at the start, if possible. The channel to be used will be announced at the competitors meeting.

RECOGNITION & SCORING: Due to COVID restrictions, no trophy presentation will be held and no physical trophies will be provided for this event. Results will be posted on the MBYC web site and RegattaNetwork. Competitor recognition will depend on the number and type of entrants. Recognition will be awarded between all classes based on handicap scoring and the determination of the Regatta Chair based on entries:

- Overall Cat Fight 1 Champion
- Mix Team Champion (one woman, one man team)
- All Women's Team Champion
- Young Team Champion (both helm and crew under 30)
- Classic Boat Team (based on which boats enter)
- Family Team (mixed generation team – not spouses)

When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all its race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

There will be a perpetual trophy awarded to the top finisher between the combined Cat Fight 1 and Cat Fight 2 regattas at the conclusion of Cat Fight 2. Scoring for this trophy will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. The perpetual trophy will remain in the MBYC Trophy Case.

MEAL INFORMATION: Breakfast and box lunches are available at the MBYC galley for a reasonable cost. Saturday evening the galley is also open to order food. All seating is outside and social distancing is to be maintained. Tables are not to be moved and there are to be no more than six people at a table.

REGATTA DINNER: Due to COVID restrictions there will be no regatta dinner or social event after the regatta. The MBYC bar will be open and the MBYC COVID mask wearing and social distancing rules are to be followed.

MBYC RESTRICTIONS: Motor homes or recreational vehicles are allowed inside the MBYC gate but no camping or overnight lodging is allowed within the club. No pets are allowed on the MBYC grounds. Empty boat trailers are to be parked along the west fence. Boats are welcome to arrive on Friday to set-up for the regatta.

BOAT STORAGE: Non-MBYC members may store their boats in the MBYC parking lot free of charge either one week prior to the event or one week after the event to facilitate travel, practice or competition the weekend before or after Cat Fight. The boat trailer must be registered at the MBYC office (hours 8:00 – 5:00) and hang the green registration tag from the trailer or boat.

REGATTA CHAIR: Steve Stroebel

INQUIRIES: Competitors and/or guests who have questions or requests should contact: Steve at steve.stroebel@cox.net or 619-987-4630