



Ventura Yacht Club
1755 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura CA 93001



NOTICE of RACE

2021 WET WEDNESDAY SERIES

1. Description

- 1.1. This popular mid-week rite of summer is scheduled for 23 Wednesdays between April 14 and September 15.
- 1.2. **In light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, until approved by the Ventura Yacht Club Board of Directors (VYCBOD) there will be no post-race gathering, dinner or trophy presentation. Results will be posted on Regatta Network and distributed via email to competing skippers. If and when approved by the VYCBOD,** after each race there will be a dinner and trophy presentation at Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, and guests are welcome.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. **In light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the County of Ventura has mandated that boats participating in this series must be slipped/docked/stored within Ventura County.**
- 2.2. Racing is open to all monohulls with a LOA of 20 feet or more that are eligible to be rated under PHRF and/or multihulls with a LOA of 18 feet or more that are eligible to be rated under ORCA.
- 2.3. Boats intending to participate in racing must be seaworthy and capable of returning to their berth without the assistance of other competitors or Harbor Patrol/USCG. This requirement is specifically applicable to periods of reduced visibility, lack of wind, or any other weather event.
- 2.4. PHRF Area A windward/leeward (W/L) handicaps will be used for rating monohulls. ORCA handicaps will be used for rating multihulls. PHRF membership, ORCA membership, and/or yacht club membership is not required.
- 2.5. Boats without a valid rating will be assigned a rating for this series.
- 2.6. Entry online is preferable. Go to <https://venturayachtclub.org/racing/>, click Regatta Network and select this event.
- 2.7. Entry fee is \$100 for the entire series or \$20 per race.
- 2.8. Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Minimum coverage: \$300,000 per incident.

3. Schedule

- 3.1. Races are scheduled for each Wednesday, April 14 -September 15. The start for the first class is scheduled for 1800.

4. Racing Area

- 4.1. The start will be in the vicinity of the Whistle buoy (R2) outside the Ventura Harbor entrance.
- 4.2. Mark and Course Chart information will be in the Sailing Instructions.

5. Scoring and Classes

- 5.1. Four (4) classes are planned. Classes A and B are Spinnaker classes. Class C (Cruising class) is Non-Spinnaker. Class D is for all multihulls. Boats may enter only one (1) class for the series and must race in that class for each event in the series.
 - 5.1.1 Class A includes handicaps 114 and lower. Spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.2 Class B includes handicaps 115 and greater. Spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.3 Class C includes all handicaps. No spinnakers allowed.
 - 5.1.4 Class D includes Multihull boats racing under ORC that have complied with the eligibility and safety requirements
- 5.2. No Non-Spinnaker offsets will be allowed in any PHRF classes (A, B, or C).
- 5.3. Low-Point Scoring (Appendix A, RRS) applies, and throw-outs will be allowed for series scoring. Handicap adjustments will be made after each race, making it easier for boats finishing poorly to be more competitive in the next race (See Sailing Instructions).
- 5.4. Corinthian Racer Adjustments to handicaps may be allowed for certain boats in Class C that are not optimized for racing (See Sailing Instructions).

6. Rules & Safety

- 6.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, this event's Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 6.2. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. See **RRS 3**.
- 6.3. All boat owners, competitors, and support persons agree to accept and be bound by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, this event's Sailing Instructions, and the provisions of this Notice of Race. See **RR 4**.
- 6.4. Entrants shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for a Nearshore Race, except as modified below for this event. Complete USSER are available online at ussailing.org (click on *Safety*):
 - 6.4.1. USS SER 2.4.4 is in effect and modified to require lifelines even if they are not uncoated Stainless Steel (see also 6.5 below)
 - 6.4.2. USS SER 3.19.1 is in effect, but the compass need not be permanently mounted.
 - 6.4.3. USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is modified to allow a handheld waterproof VHF or a handheld VHF with a waterproof cover. DSC/GPS capability is not required.
 - 6.4.4. USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level (90's and earlier boats).
- 6.5. Boats using a "One Design" PHRF configuration may use that One Design Classes' published safety standards instead of the US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements. On One Design Class Boats designed to race without lifelines, all crew must wear PFDs and only hike with feet inboard of the torso.
- 6.6. Boats shall comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard and adhere to US Coast Guard Regulations. Failure to comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard, Ventura Harbor Patrol or any other recognized authority is grounds for disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1.
- 6.7. **Until otherwise allowed by the VYCBOD, and as a condition of competition, all competitors must properly wear a facial covering (such as a face mask, buff, or neck gaiter) that completely covers both the nose and mouth while in/on the VYC's premises (including docks).**
- 6.8. **Until otherwise allowed by the VYCBOD, and as a condition of competition, VYC Skippers/Masters with boats docked at VYC must ensure each *non*-VYC crew member and/or support persons sign a VYC "Guest Waiver" (below) before or upon the entering of VYC's premises (including docks). If the *non*-VYC crew member or support person is less than 18 years old, the Skipper/Master shall ensure the waiver is signed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor. Each Skipper/Master will retain the requisite waivers and shall promptly produce a copy of that waiver upon demand of the Race Officials or member of the VYC Bridge.**

7. Questions? – Contact VYC Race Chairperson Jim Dembowski at (805) 256-0770 or dembowje@pacbell.net

VENTURA YACHT CLUB ***GUEST WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY***

PREFACE: The reason for this agreement is to recognize the additional responsibility and liability which can be incurred by VYC in reopening the Club facilities during the COVID-19 crisis. While every reasonable precaution is being taken by the Staff and Employees of VYC in these uncertain times there can be no guarantees. The restrictions contained herein are consistent with the recommendations of the Federal, State, County and City governments and are not intended to be an unnecessary restriction upon personal liberty. What we seek herein is for consideration of the rights and the health of others and yourself.

PURPOSE: This agreement is intended to apply only when a member of VYC wishes to bring a guest onto the Club's property, including but not limited to the restaurant and the boat docks.

DURATION: This Agreement will only extend until the COVID-19 crisis no longer constitutes a danger to the general public. As soon as there is the appropriate determination that Social Distancing is no longer required, the VYC Board of Directors will terminate this agreement.

GENERAL USE OF CLUB FACILITIES

All use of the Ventura Yacht Club's (VYC) facilities, including but not limited to the upstairs restaurant, lower level patio, restrooms, and docks, shall be at the guest's sole risk. The guest understands that the decision to use these facilities and any equipment thereon, shall be solely the guest's responsibility, and the injury to guest's person or property arising out of or in connection with the use by guest of the services, facilities and/or premises of the Club, regardless of whether the injury or damages were caused by the negligence of the Club, its employees or its agents.

This waiver and release specifically applies to claims of negligent instruction and/or supervision that may arise as a result of injuries, of any kind, sustained during the use of the facilities or the resources of VYC, regardless of whether the claimed injury was incurred on the premises or during an off-site class, program or event sponsored, promoted, organized or operated by VYC.

The guest or the guest's legal parent or guardian executing this waiver and release hereby agrees to indemnify and hold VYC harmless from all claims which may be brought against VYC by any member, any minor (under 18) using VYC's facilities and/or equipment or participating in any activities sponsored by VYC, any of the member's or participant's guests on their behalf for any claims arising from injuries occurring at VYC's facilities or events. The member/guest also expressly agrees to be responsible for and reimburse any and all attorneys' fees and legal costs incurred by VYC as a result of such action.

EXECUTION

The member/guest also expressly acknowledges that by signing below he or she is relinquishing all rights he or she may have to sue VYC for injuries arising out of the use of VYC facilities or participation in any of VYC events, programs or services. This release is intended to be interpreted as broadly as allowed under California law.

Member understands and agrees that by executing this agreement on behalf of any guest(s) they assume all liability and responsibility for such guest(s) as set forth herein.

Dated: _____ By: _____
(Member)

Dated: _____ By: _____
(Guest or Member on behalf of Guest)