



Ventura Yacht Club
1755 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura CA 93001



NOTICE of RACE

2022 WET WEDNESDAY SERIES

1. Description

- 1.1. This popular, mid-week rite of summer is scheduled for up to 22 Wednesdays between April 13 and September 14. **NOTE: On Wednesday, April 6th, there will be a pre-series social “get-together” for Skippers, Crew Members, Race Committee Members to go over the Sailing Instructions, and to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. PIZZA will be served and the BAR will be open for the purchase of libations!**
- 1.2. 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. Racing is open to all monohulls with a LOA of 20 feet or more that are eligible to be rated under PHRF.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. PHRF Area A windward/leeward (W/L) handicaps will be used.
- 2.4. Neither PHRF membership nor yacht club membership is 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 \$140 for the entire series or \$20 per race.
- 2.8. Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance that provides for a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

3. Schedule

- 3.1. Races are intended for each Wednesday, April 13 - September 14. 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. Three (3) classes are planned. Classes A and B are Spinnaker classes. Class C (Cruising class) is Non-Spinnaker. **There is no multi-hull class.** 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.
- 5.2 Non-Spinnaker offsets will NOT be allowed.
- 5.3 RRS A.4 Low Point scoring will apply. RRS A.5.3 applies to this Series. RRS A.2.1 is modified to allow one discard/throw-out for every 5th race completed. 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).
- 5.5 A boat must race in a total of at least seven (7) races to in any way impact the calculation of overall series standings.

6. Rules & Safety

- 6.1. The series will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, this Notice of Race, and the 2022 Wet Wednesday Series Sailing Instructions (the last of which shall prevail in the event of any conflict with the previously-noted documents).
- 6.2. All boat owners, competitors, and support persons agree to accept and be bound by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the provisions of this Notice of Race, and the provisions of this event's Sailing Instructions. See **RR 4**.
- 6.3. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. See **RRS 3**.
- 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.

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