

1st ANNUAL RESCUE REGATTA

Friday, August 18 – Saturday, August 19, 2023

In Support of

Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad

Hosted By

Stingray Harbour Yacht Club, Fishing Bay Yacht Club,
Safe Harbor Stingray Point

Notice of Race

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

- 1.1. The RESCUE REGATTA is a Charity event to raise money for the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad. This Fund Raising event will consist of a single pursuit, (staggered start), format race on August 19, 2023. The racing will be preceded by event registration, skippers meeting and a welcome party on Friday evening, August 18. Saturday's race will then be followed by an evening of food, music and celebration.
- 1.2. The race will be open to PHRF (A, B, C, Non-Spin & Cruising) sailboats holding a valid PHRF certificate or having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC. PHRF NON-SPIN will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.
- 1.3. The format for all boats will be one short-distance, staggered start race around government marks.
- 1.4. This Notice of Race (NOR) will constitute the complete NOR for this event unless updated on the event site on Regatta Network.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 2.2. All boats must meet US Sailing (Nearshore) Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-nearshore.pdf>
- 2.3. RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The 2023 Rescue Regatta is open to monohull sailboats holding a valid PHRF certificate or having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC, racing under PHRF (A, B, C, Non-Spin & Cruising)
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry and paying the required fees on the Regatta Network site for the Rescue Regatta . There will also be on-site registration/payment. Registration must be completed by 0900, Saturday, August 19, 2023.
- 3.3. Entries may also be completed in person at the Friday evening registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is as follows:
 - a. Early Bird Entry Fee = US \$125.00: Until Midnight, EDT, July 31, 2023
 - b. Entries After Midnight, EDT, July 31, 2023 = US \$135.00
- 4.2. The entry fee includes:
 - a. Friday evening welcome party and Skipper's dinner, Saturday's pursuit race, Saturday evening celebration and Skipper's dinner, in-water storage from the start of registration until the end of the regatta.
- 4.3. Additional dinner tickets will be available for purchase at online registration.
- 4.4. Payment of all fees associated with each entry shall be paid at the time of registration. An entry will not be considered final until all fees are paid and all required forms are submitted.
- 4.5. Checks should be made payable to "MCVRS Rescue Regatta"

5. SCHEDULE

<i>Friday, August 18, 2023</i>	<i>Saturday August 19, 2023</i>
1600 – 1800 Registration Check-in,	0700 – 0900 Registration Check-in
1700 – 1830 Happy Hour	1100 – Warning Signal for 1 st Start
1800 – 1830 Skippers' Meeting	1700 – 1830 Happy Hour
1830 – 2100 Dinner & Music	1830 – 2200 Dinner/Awards/Music

6. ON-SITE INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Boats and sails are subject to inspection.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The final sailing instructions will be available at registration and posted online at the event

Regatta Network site.

8. LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE

- 8.1. All boats must be in the water by 0900 on the day racing begins. Late launching will require RC approval.
- 8.2. All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior permission by the Principal Race Officer.

9. Course

Course and Marks will be described in event Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

A boat's score will be the actual Finish Position in her designated Class and Overall.

11. PRIZES

Class awards for first, second, and third place will be presented at the Saturday Social Event.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. All support boats are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF channel when in the racecourse area and to immediately respond to race committee requests for assistance.

12.2. Any additional support boat instructions will be stated in the SIs.

13. INSURANCE

All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authorities, The Stingray Harbor Yacht Club, Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this

event during shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on page 1 in **RED**, and, if practical, posted on the event website.

16. ON-SITE BOAT STORAGE

Send an email to Connect@RescueRegatta.life for mor information, if needed.

17. Accommodations

See "VISITOR INFO" on FBYC.net (club website) for area Lodging & Camping information.

18. CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information or assistance, please contact:

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