



2023 SOUTH TOWER RACE

Stockton Sailing Club, Stockton, CA

Event Date: June 16-18, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall apply.

2 SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS EVENT

- 2.1 All yachts must comply with the U.S.C.G. requirements for recreational vessels and have the following additional equipment (at minimum):
 - Life preserver, man overboard light and whistle, all attached as one unit.
 - Operating VHF radio. Radios must be monitored on channel 72 during the entire race for safety.
 - Life lines or safety lines leading from both sides of the cockpit forward, well secured at each end.
 - Manual bilge pump with minimum capacity of 10 gallons per minute.
 - Up-to-date charts of the race course.
 - A motor and sufficient fuel to propel the yacht for 3 hours at 70% of her hull speed in smooth water.
- 2.2 RRS 40.1, required use of personal flotation devices, applies while racing.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to monohulled yachts with self-bailing cockpits entered by members of recognized yacht clubs or sailing associations, provided the yacht meets the following specifications:
 - Minimum LOA 22' 0"
 - Maximum PHRF 275
 - Minimum Crew 3 (skipper plus 2 crew)
- 3.2 Additionally, certain multi-hulled yachts may be invited to race. These yachts will compete solely within their own division.
- 3.3 Each yacht shall submit either a current NorCal PHRF handicap certificate, an SSC PHRF rating certificate, or a completed SSC PHRF rating application.

4 ENTRIES

- 4.1 The entry fee for this event is \$50. US Sailing Association members may deduct \$5.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, with the required fees, via the Regatta Network (RN) event site, <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26635>.
- 4.3 Entries will be accepted until the skipper's meeting on Friday, June 16, 2023

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Friday, June 16, 2023
 - 1000 Skipper's Meeting
 - 1055 Scheduled First Warning Signal

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 1800 hours on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, on the Regatta Network (RN) event site <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26635>.

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7 RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 7.1 The racing area will be the Stockton Deep Water Channel/San Joaquin River, New York Slough, Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Straight, and San Francisco Bay.
- 7.2 The course is from the starting line adjacent to the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse to Y.R.A. Mark 16 (Blackaller Buoy) and back to the finish line adjacent to the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse. Course details will be specified in the South Tower Race Sailing Instructions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Corrected times will be computed in accordance with the PHRF time allowances as assigned by the Stockton Sailing Club Handicap Committee. The distance for handicap purposes will be 140 nautical miles. The race will be scored time on distance.
- 8.2 For the purposes of assigning handicaps, yachts choosing to race using head sails with LP's of 110% or less (that would normally use head sails up to 155%), or without spinnakers (that would normally use spinnakers), will be accorded the following rating adjustments:
 - Head sails of 110% or less + 9 seconds/mile
 - No spinnaker +15 seconds/mile
- 8.3 All yachts will be assumed to use head sails from 111% to 155% or to class limit, and spinnaker, unless the race chair is notified in writing by the close of registration that there will be a change.

9 ASSIGNMENT TO DIVISION

- 9.1 Final division assignments will be announced no later than the Skipper's Meeting.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Awards will be presented at the SSC annual awards dinner.
- 10.2 There will be awards to the top finishers in each division with the number of awards depending on the number of entries per division.
- 10.3 Additional awards will be awarded as follows:
 - First to Finish (elapsed time)
 - First to the Weather Mark (elapsed time)
 - First Stockton Sailing Club Yacht (corrected time)

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this event. Prior to the start, the skipper of each entrant shall electronically accept, as part of the entry process, the Stockton Sailing Club liability release form found on the RN event site: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26635>.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the RN event site, or email: stower@stocktonsc.org