

# 2025 Winter Series Notice of Race (NOR)

## 1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 This 2025 Winter Series will consist of a single pursuit format race on three days:

Winter 1 (Closing Day / Oyster Roast) - Saturday, Oct 25

Winter 2 - Saturday, Nov 1

Winter 3 - Saturday, Nov 8

as further detailed by individual Event Notices found at the respective Regatta Network event page.

1.2 Each race will be open to PHRF (A, B, C, CC-Spin, CC-NS) sailboats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, one-design classes, and cruising class sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC.

1.3 The format for all boats will be one short-distance, staggered start race around government and drop marks. CC-NS will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.

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 Organizing Authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club

2.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28*.

2.3 All boats must meet U S Sailing (Nearshore) Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) found at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Nearshore.pdf>

2.4 Alterations, deletion, and addition of the rules may be made by the following documents; any conflict will be resolved in favor of the later document in the list. This changes Rule 63.5(c)(2)

Event Specific Notice of Race

Event Sailing Instructions

## 3. ENTRIES AND QUALIFICATION

3.1 In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

3.2 **Qualification.** Races are open to PHRF Handicap (A, B, C), One Design class boats with at least three participants, as well as any Cruising Class (Spin & NS) boats.

3.3 A competitor who will not have reached his/her 19th birthday by December 31 of the current year may race as a Junior.

**3.4 Registration.** A completed entry on the corresponding Regatta Network event site, prior to the start of the first race of the event, is required for each event. If the event is part of a larger series, the yacht will be entered and scored for the entire series. A boat may not enter in more than one class in a start sequence. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to see that the completed online registration is submitted no later than the start of the event's first race, or by the deadline specified in the Event Notice.

**3.5 Ratings:** A boat entered in a CBYRA sanctioned Handicap Division class shall have a valid rating or measurement certificate on file with the appropriate CBYRA organization. PHRF entries shall also conform fully to the requirements described on the Entry Form under Class Information, unless otherwise stipulated in the Event Notice for a particular race or series. The Event Sailing Instructions may have additional requirements. The Race Committee may assign ratings to boats not holding valid certificates only for the purpose of club scoring in non-CBYRA sanctioned events (i.e. FBYC Cruising and Classic Divisions) or non-sanctioned classes. Such ratings are at the discretion of the Race Committee and not subject to appeal.

**3.6 Sail Numbers:** For any sanctioned event, a boat shall display either US SAILING sail numbers, or the numbers listed by CBYRA, or the sail numbers listed in the roster of sail numbers as maintained by her class. It is the responsibility of the entrant to clearly identify the boat and its class. It is acceptable for a boat to race using sails that differ from that boat's proper sail number, so long as the skipper informs the Race Committee of the change prior to the first start of the day, and receives its acknowledgment.

#### **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be posted online at the event Regatta Network site no later than 0800 the day of the event.

#### **5. SKIPPERS' MEETING**

**5.1** A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Closing Day, Sat, 10/25, at the Flagpole on the Jackson Creek side at 0930. The Race Committee will provide each boat with its starting time at the Skippers' Meeting and review the course to be sailed.

**5.2** For subsequent race dates, the skippers meeting will be optional. If held, the PRO will fly code flag "L" and sound multiple sound signals at Mr Roberts while at the dock.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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**0930:** Skippers Meeting, if held

**1100:** Warning for the first start for one staggered start, short-distance race around government and drop marks.

#### **7. RACING AREAS**

**7.1** For the starting and racing areas, the Committee Boat will be in the vicinity of FBYC "B"

## **8. COURSE**

**8.1** The course set in the skippers meeting for the Closing Day/Winter Series #1 race may apply to all races.

## **9. TIME LIMITS**

**9.1** The time limit for any race in the series shall be four hours calculated from the actual start time of the highest handicapped yacht participating on any race day. If one boat in a class or subclass finishes within the time limit, boats still racing that do not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing in her class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

**9.2** For the Closing Day Regatta, boats that do not finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), which will be equal to the number of competitors plus one.

**9.3** For the remaining Winter Series events, boats that do not finish within the time limit will be scored TLE, which will be the number of competitors in their class plus one.

**10. SCORING** For yachts choosing to participate in the Winter Series races on November 1st and November 8th, the score for Closing Day Regatta race will be combined with those races to determine the Winter Series Winner. Races are sanctioned for CBYRA High Point awards but will not be used in scoring for FBYC annual perpetual trophies.

**11. AWARDS** Awards will be presented for each day's races and refreshments will be provided by FBYC after each day's races except for Closing Day. Overall awards for the series will be presented during the social program following the last Winter Series Race on November 8, 2025.

## **12. INSURANCE**

**12.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**13.1** Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **14. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS**

**14.1** Fishing Bay Yacht Club extends club privileges to visiting boats and crews participating in the events listed in the Sailing Events book. Boats desiring to layover should please contact the General Manager upon arrival – [804-334-7575](tel:804-334-7575). For those arriving via car, please observe all posted speed limits on Fishing Bay Road.