

High Sierra Regatta
July 11-12 & July 18-19, 2024
Fresno Yacht Club
Huntington Lake, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028.
- 1.2. RRS 26 is changed by adding "group class flag" to "class flag". A group class flag is used for classes starting as a group. Numeric signal flags will designate group classes.
- 1.3. Appendix A2 SERIES, SCORES is changed to:
 - 1.3.1. Five (5) races are scheduled for each class and group class.
 - 1.3.2. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.
 - 1.3.3. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No race score will be excluded.
 - 1.3.4. The boat with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly.
- 1.4. RRS 40 is changed to: All competitors must wear USCG approved personal flotation devices while racing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.5. Windsurfing races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by Appendix B and by the Windsurfer Class Rules. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the rules means 'board' or 'boat' as appropriate.
- 1.6. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The High Sierra Regatta is an invitational regatta. All FYC established/qualified classes are invited to participate. Classes outside FYC may participate by invitation only.
 - 2.1.1. Classes currently invited for July 11-12 are: *Moth, Snipe, Day Sailer A and B, Lido 14 A and B, Laser, Laser Radial, Banshee, RS Aero, Optimist A and B, Vanguard 15, San Juan 21 Spinnaker Fleet and Working Sails Fleet, International 14, Melges 14, Open Centerboard (Portsmouth Rating)*
 - 2.1.2. Classes currently invited for July 18-19 are: *Windsurfer LT, Thistle, Melges 15, Moore 24, Coronado 15, Ultimate 20, Wyle Wabbit, Victory 21, Santana 20, Sport Boats (J70, VXOne, Viper 640, Open 5.70, Melges 20), Catalina 22, PHRF*
- 2.2. Register on Regatta Network at:
 - 2.2.1. Weekend 1:
(https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30779)

2.2.2. Weekend 2:

(https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30780)

- 2.3. The registration deadline is 1700 hours on the Friday prior to the first race.
- 2.4. A minimum of five (5) entries from an invited class must have registered by 1800 the Friday prior to the start of racing to qualify as a one-design class.
- 2.5. For July 18-19, any keelboat or sport boat with a valid PHRF certificate and no one-design class may enter the PHRF Fleet. PHRF ratings from regions other than NCPHRF will be converted to NCPHRF ratings. If invited classes fail to meet the 5-boat class start minimum, FYC can assign a Northern California PHRF rating and place them in Sport Boat or PHRF fleets. Trapezes are not allowed in either fleet. If a yacht fails to upload or bring a PHRF certificate, they can race but will not be scored.
- 2.6. The Forest Service limits the number of boats to 150 per weekend. **Early registration is strongly recommended!**

3. **FEES**

3.1. Required fees are as follows:

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| 3.1.1. | Boat Registration | \$175 |
| 3.1.2. | U.S. Sailing member discount | \$10 |
| 3.1.3. | Junior Registration | \$60 |

3.2. Other fees:

- 3.2.1. A late fee of \$25 applies to entries received after July 4th and July 11th for each respective weekend.

4. **SCHEDULE (for both weekends)**

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| 4.1. | Friday | 1500-1700 | Late registration & skipper check-in
at registration tent near launch ramp |
| | Saturday | 0930 | Skippers meeting |
| | | 1055 | Race 1 warning signal |
| | | | Race 2 and 3 warning signal approximately
15 minutes after last boat to finish in each fleet |
| | | 1630-1830 | Happy Hour @Lakeshore Party Dock |

New for 2026! Your registration fee now includes an invitation for skippers, crew, and family to attend a happy hour at the new Lakeshore dock. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, along with a limited-host bar and the option to purchase additional drinks. Please note that there will not be a formal regatta dinner this year due to ongoing construction at Lakeshore.

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| | Sunday | 1055 | Race 4 warning signal |
| | | | Race 5 warning signal approximately 15 minutes after last
boat to finish in each fleet |
| | | ~1500 | Trophy presentation near registration tent |

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & VHF RADIOS

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network and the FYC website.
- 5.2. All competitors are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio as the Race Committee will make courtesy announcements of impending starts. The Sailing Instructions exempt boats from one-design rules that prohibit electronics.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. See the High Sierra Regatta portion of the Fresno Yacht Club website at <https://www.fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta> for helpful information.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. Marks and courses will be described in the sailing instructions along with a course chart

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Five (5) races are scheduled. One (1) is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No race score will be excluded.

9. BERTHING

- 9.1. A launch ramp is available.
- 9.2. Courtesy berthing is not available. Trespassers may be cited. See <http://fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta/> for slip and mooring options.
- 9.3. Overnight dry storage is available in the parking area for a fee. Please obey parking control. No trailers may be parked in the beach area.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be given by class/group class based on the number of boats pre-registered by Sunday prior to the race weekend as follows:

Number of entries	Number of Prizes
5	2
8	3
10	4
12+	5

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. For further information please see <https://www.fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta> or email: miketrelasail@gmail.com.