



2017 Wednesday Evening Race Instructions

Rules: Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the United States Sailing Association's current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

Eligibility: Any skipper who has submitted a YBYC 2017 Wednesday Evening Racing Entry Form and Waiver (posted at www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org) to the YBYC Race Chair is eligible for racing. There is no entry fee for skippers who are YBYC Individual, Household, Student or Military members. Skippers who are not qualifying YBYC club members are required to pay an entry fee of \$80 for each series. All skippers should be members of US Sailing. The PHRF rating system for time-on-time handicapping will be used ($a = 750$, $b = 550$) for handicapping keelboats. Valid PHRF NW certificates will be honored. Boats that are not certified by PHRF NW will be assigned one by Race chair (based on the US Sailing PHRF Handbook reported values, the NW value will be used when available). Centerboards will be handicapped using the Portsmouth Yardstick system, when a one-design class is not established. Non-qualifying members new to racing at YBYC may race on two Wednesdays before being subject to entry fees.

Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside of the YBYC clubhouse.

Schedule of Races: One or more races will be held each Wednesday evening per the schedule below.

Spring Series (April 26 – June 14). Warning signal 6:15 PM. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of the series will occur on May 31.

Summer Series (June 21 – Aug 9). Warning signal 6:15 PM. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of the series will occur on July 5.

Fall Series (Aug 16 – Oct 5). Warning signal 6:15 PM in August, moved 15 minutes earlier to 6 PM in September and October because of shorter daylight hours. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of any series will occur on Sept 6.

Classes: Classes will be scored separately as follows: Spinnaker keelboats, non-spinnaker keelboats and centerboard boats. Boats may be scored as one-design fleets if 5 or more one design boats are racing in the series. Classes may be combined for race starts.

Courses: Courses will be displayed onboard the Committee Boat no later than 5 minutes before the start of each Race. Marks will consist of existing navigational aids (channel markers) found on NOAA Chart #18581 or marks set by the race committee. Marks are to be left to Port unless specified. The start/finish line is unrestricted.

Starting: The starting line will be as follows: The starting line may be temporary buoy marks set by the race committee if the committee boat is not anchored or between one of these three channel markers found on NOAA Chart #18581: CG, 12, or 12A and the committee boat. The committee boat end of the starting line will be either:

A life jacket, red flag or YBYC burgee onboard the race committee boat. Races will be started per RRS 26. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

5 Minute Warning Class Flag Up; 1 sound

4 Minute Preparatory P Flag Up; 1 sound

1 Minute P Flag Down; 1 long sound

Start Class Flag Down; 1 sound

Optionally centerboard boat races may be started per RRS Appendix S: S3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal Sound Time before start

Warning 3 long 3 minutes

Preparatory 2 long 2 minutes

1 long, 3 short 1 minute 30 seconds

3 short 30 seconds 2 short 20 seconds

1 short 10 seconds

1 short 5 seconds 1 short 4 seconds

1 short 3 seconds 1 short 2 seconds

1 short 1 second

Start 1 long

Class Flags – display all appropriate flags at the start including multiple class flags if starts are combined for multiple fleets:

Time Limit: The time limit for each race will be 1.75 hours for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

Protests: Protest is discouraged; if infractions occur, please attempt to settle them on the water. Protests shall be sent to the YBYC Race Chair either by placing it in the YBYC mailbox at the clubhouse or by mail with a postmark date no later than the day following the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS rule 61.3. The RRS protest form available at www.ussailing.org shall be used. Parties to a hearing will be notified of the date, location and time of their hearing.

Committee Boat: Each competing boat/crew should serve as the race committee boat for at least one race per series or as needed. A boat serving as committee will receive a number of points for the race in which they serve as committee equal to their average score for all races in the series including DNF and DNS.

Prior to the first race of the series, all skippers will have the opportunity to sign up for the night they wish to be committee boat. Committee boat duty may be assigned by the

Finishing: The finish line will be the same as the starting line.

Scoring: The PHRF time-on-time and Portsmouth Yardstick time-on-time handicapping method will be used to calculate corrected times for keelboats and centerboards, respectively. Each series will be scored separately. Each skipper's two worst scores will be excluded from her series score, if enough races are sailed. Each skipper's season score will be the sum of their series scores. Keelboats without a current Portsmouth Yardstick rating available on the US Sailing website will be assigned ratings by the YBYC Race Chair based on the information posted on the Portsmouth Yardstick page of the US Sailing website. Non-YBYC members are not eligible to win season or perpetual trophies.

"Spinnaker" Indicates Offshore Class boats sailing with spinnakers

"Sailboat" Indicates Offshore Class boat sailing without spinnakers

"PS" Indicates Centerboard Portsmouth Class boats such as 420s

Sportsmanship: The purpose of Wednesday night racing is to have fun, learn to be better sailors and build camaraderie with fellow sailors. Race chair reserves the right to make sure that you are having fun and that you are not infringing on your fellow sailors' rights to have fun too (ie. you don't want the Bumpers of Shame). As necessary, unsportsmanlike conduct will be enforced according to the US Sailing RRS.

YBYC Race Chair may assign boats to committee if skippers do not sign up in a timely manner.

Check YBYC website for updates to these Sailing Instructions at www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org

The committee bag is stored in the club's office and should contain the following items:

Instructions on being committee boat

Clipboards with finish sheets

Dry Erase Board

Bag of Pens, Dry Erase Markers

Course Chart

Flags (3 class flags, 1 'P' flag, 2 recall flags, 1 postpone flag, 1 abandonment flag)

Air Horns

A machine that will provide starting sound signals at specified intervals automatically (not stored in the committee bag, but near it).

2 Stopwatch/Timers

Instructions for use of Joe's magic sound signal starting box are inside the box.