

2015 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).

- ⑤ Eligibility: Any skipper who has submitted a YBYC 2015 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 \$75 for each series and submit an Entry and Waiver form. All skippers should be members of US Sailing. The Portsmouth Yardstick rating system for time on time handicapping will be used. We may use a personal handicap system as an alternative scoring experiment this year. Non-qualifying members new to racing at YBYC may race on two Wednesdays before being subject to entry fees.
- ⑤ Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside of the YBYC clubhouse.
- ⑤ Schedule of Races: One race will be held each Wednesday evening per the schedule below.
 - ⑤ Spring Series (April 29 – June 17). Warning signal 6:15 PM. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of the series will occur on May 27.
 - ⑤ Summer Series (June 24 – Aug 12). Warning signal 6:15 PM. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of the series will occur on July 1.
 - ⑤ Fall Series (Aug 19 – Oct 7). Warning signal 6:15 PM in August, moved 15 minutes earlier to 6 PM starting September 2 because of shorter daylight hours. Note that a Fun Race not scored as part of any series will occur on Sept 9.
- ⑤ Classes: Keelboats and centerboard boats will be scored as separate classes. Keelboats may be scored separately as follows if the number of boats in each class is deemed adequate: Spinnaker keelboats, non-spinnaker keelboats. 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.
- ⑤ 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.
- ⑤ Starting: The starting line will be as follows: One end of the starting line may be a mark set by the race committee or one of these three channel markers found on NOAA Chart #18581: CG, 12, or 12A. The other end of the starting line will be either:
 - ⑤ A life jacket, red flag or YBYC burgee onboard the race committee boat, or
 - ⑤ An anchored, temporary buoy near the race committee boat (if boat not anchored)Races will be started per RRS 26. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
 - ⑤ 5 Minute Warning Class Flag Up; 1 sound
 - ⑤ 4 Minute Preparatory P Flag Up; 1 sound
 - ⑤ 1 Minute P Flag Down; 1 long sound
 - ⑤ 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	

⑤ Class Flags:

- ⑤ “Spinnaker” Indicates Offshore Class boats sailing with spinnakers
- ⑤ “Sailboat” Indicates Offshore Class boat sailing without spinnakers
- ⑤ “PHRF” Indicates combined spinnaker/nonspinnaker Offshore Class boat starts
- ⑤ “PS” Indicates Centerboard Portsmouth Class boats such as 420s

⑤ Finishing: The finish line will be the same as the starting line.

⑤ Time Limit: The time limit for each race will be 1.75 hours for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 30 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.

⑤ Protests: Protest is discouraged; if infractions occur, please attempt to settle them on the water. Protests shall be sent to the YBYC Race Chair 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.

⑤ Scoring: The Portsmouth Yardstick time on time handicapping method will be used to calculate corrected times. Each series will be scored separately. If five or fewer races are sailed all races will count for the series score. One or two races will be excluded from each boat's series score if six or seven races are sailed, respectively. 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 and specifications of the boat. Non-YBYC members are not eligible to win season or perpetual trophies.

⑤ 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. The race committee aboard the boat is responsible for setting start/finish lines, setting the course(s), starting races and recording finish times for all vessels.

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 YBYC Race Chair if skippers do not sign up in a timely manner.

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A machine (orange box) that provides sound signals at proscribed intervals automatically and a race committee bag is stored in the club's office. The race committee bag should contain the following items:

- ⑤ Instructions on being committee boat
- ⑤ Clipboards with finish sheets
- ⑤ Dry Erase Board
- ⑤ Bag of Pens, Dry Erase Markers
- ⑤ Course Chart
- ⑤ Flags (3 fleet flags, 1 'P' flag, 2 recall flags, 1 postpone flag, 1 abandonment flag)
- ⑤ Air Horns
- ⑤ Stopwatch/Timer