



## THURSDAY NIGHT SAILING 2024 REGULAR SEASON

Organizing Authority:  
Benicia Yacht Club  
400 East Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94540-3305

### NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

- 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Starting Thursday, 4 April 2024, the Benicia Yacht Club will host a sailing regatta approximately every Thursday evening in the waters off the City of Benicia. This schedule will continue through the end of September 2024 as described in the Sailing Instructions.

For event details, downloads, and forms, please refer to the club's racing website: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and the Racing Bulletin Board located at BYC in the Norton Lounge.

2.0 **RULES:**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

2.2 Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times; the Y flag will not need to be displayed for this rule to remain in effect.

- 3.0 **SCHEDULE:** Each Thursday, the first Warning signal will be at 18:00 hours. Most races will conclude at approximately sunset, as the last boat finishes. The full list of scheduled dates is part of the Sailing Instructions. There are two fleet categories.

3.1 **FLEETS:**

"A Fleet" (Competitive, PHRF 170 or less, usually)

"B Fleet" (Competitive, PHRF greater than 170, usually)

- 4.0 **REGISTRATION:** All boats must register with the Race Chair before their first event to be scored for the full season. Please refer to the club website for instructions and forms <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing>

- 5.0 **COURSES:** All courses are published in the Course Sheet which is part of the sailing instructions.

- 6.0 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Entry is open to all boats. Boats belonging to a BYC member or belonging to a reciprocal PICYA yacht club member, or an organization recognized by YRA which have a completed entry form on file will be eligible for series recognition. All skippers must complete an entry form and submit it, along with payment of fees to the Race Chair prior to their first race. Please refer to the club website for instructions <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing>

- 7.0 **FEES:** For competitive boats, the fee for the season is \$250. The following discounts apply: BYC member \$70 and US sailing membership \$20. New race/first time skipper total fee is \$75. The competitive single-race fee is \$15. Each skipper must provide evidence that he is a member of BYC, or a member of a reciprocal PICYA yacht club, or an organization recognized by YRA and appropriate documentation of insurance.

7.1 **GUEST RACERS:** For their first race, a guest shall sail without a fee. If they continue to race, subsequently, guest racers must complete an entry form and include an entry fee of \$15.00 per race and be submitted to the race committee 24 hours before race start. Guest racer fees paid will be

applied to the season entry fee should the guest wish to enter for the whole season.

- 8.0 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing website <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and the Racing Bulletin Board located at BYC in the Norton Lounge.
- 9.0 **COMMUNICATION:** The official notice board is located on the club's website: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and the Racing Bulletin Board located at BYC in the Norton Lounge.
- 9.1 All other communication and VHF channels used by the race committee will be stated in the sailing instructions. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio via Channel 71.
- 9.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all channels used by the race committee as stated in the SI'S.
- 10.0 **SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring system will be used for the monthly series results: The Low Point Scoring System: The winner of each race will be scored 1.0 points, the second boat 2.0, the third boat 3.0, etc. RRS 2021-2024 *Appendix A is amended* to state that a boat not finishing (DNF) or withdrawing due to protest mediation will be scored 1.0 more than the number of boats starting. A boat not starting (DNS) will be scored 2.0 more than the number of boats starting, and a boat that is disqualified (DSQ) will be scored 3.0 points more than the number of boats starting. DSQs cannot be used as throw-outs. The monthly winner will be the boat with lowest score of the four weekly (per month) races. Ties will be broken first by the number of first place finishes, then by the number of second place finishes, etc. A month is defined as the first four races in April, then the next four races will be May, etc. The final tiebreaker shall be the finish in the final race of the month or the series. The season will be divided into two halves each consisting of 12 races with scored positions awarded as indicated above for each half. A Championship race will be held on the last Thursday Night of the season to determine the overall 2024 season winners.
- 10.1 **THE 24-RACE SERIES AND CHAMPIONSHIP RACE** - will be calculated using the Low Point Scoring System. Four throw-outs will be used-limited to two for each half of the season. Ties will be broken as above. A separate perpetual trophy, the Shawn Proctor Trophy, shall be awarded to the monohull boat with the lowest point score for the series.
- 10.2 **Guest racers:** The guest shall be scored for that night, but their placement shall not affect the placement of the officially entered racers. If they choose to continue, their times and placements shall be announced but will not be included in the series scoring unless they enter for the entire year.
- 10.3 **RATINGS:** YRA PHRF ratings will be used. Certificates stating the PHRF rating will be provided by each competitor to the Technical Committee. Current NCYRA issued PHRF rating ratings will be applied to boats entering the race series or individual races.
- 10.3.1 If no certificate is presented, each boat will be deemed racing with a spinnaker and a 155% maximum genoa unless declared otherwise. Ratings will be based on established San Francisco Bay ratings but subject to adjustment by the BYC Technical Committee. The following allowances will be applicable: +18 sec/mile for non-spinnaker, +3 sec/mile for a 2-blade fixed prop, +6 sec/mile for a 3-blade fixed prop, +3 sec/mile for boat with <125% head sail rated for a 155% head sail, -3 sec/mile for each previous year's division champion sailing the same boat. Competitors who hail the committee boat

before the first warning to sail singlehanded will receive an additional +12 sec/mile for that race and/or 12 seconds per mile for NON-SPINNAKER FOR THAT RACE.

10.4 Requests for rating change shall be submitted in writing to the Racing Chairman and Technical Committee along with evidence to support the request. Rating changes must be posted prior to the first race in a monthly series. No ratings will become effective mid-month. Request for fleet change can be made at any time during the first half of the season but will not be made until the first race of the second half.

11.0 **AWARDS:** The number of awards will be in accordance with the number of boats in a fleet as noted:

Number of Boats	Number of Awards
9+	4
5 - 8	3
4	2
3 or less	1

12.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate at their own risk. See RRS 2021-2024 3 and 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 race.

13.0 **Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance and proof provided as indicated above in 6.0. This shall also apply to all Guest Racers noted in 7.1.

14.0 **RISK STATEMENT**

14.1 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15.0 In case of conflict of information between NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedent.

16.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Steve Corwin, 415-238-3977, [race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org](mailto:race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org).