



CHASE THE MOON RACE 2025

Organizing Authority:

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

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

- 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Benicia Yacht Club "Chase the Moon" aka "Moonlight Madness" race will be held Saturday August 9, 2025, as described in the Sailing Instructions. For event details, downloads, and forms, please refer to the club's racing website: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> Jiberset
<https://www.jiberset.net/BENYC000.php?RG=T004719024>
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 2025-2028.
- 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:** The start time will be at 17:00 hours. Boats will start in reverse order to their PHRF ratings as listed on a separate course sheet in the SI's.
- 4.0 **FLEETS:** All boats will compete in a single fleet
- 5.0 **REGISTRATION:** All boats must register with the Race Chair before the event. Please refer to the club website for instructions and forms <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and the Racing Board at Benicia Yacht Club. Boats registered for the 2025 Thursday Night Beer Can Races need not complete these form and just text Steve Corwin at 415 238 3977 to inform him that you will be racing, all Crew who have not completed Release forms will need to have these submitted prior to racing.
- 6.0 **COURSES:** The course will be as follows
- 6.1 **Start** - Southernmost pile of the fuel dock aligned 90 degrees to an imaginary line down the center of the entrance to the harbor from the strait.
- The Windward Mark** is located off the Point Pinole Fishing Pier (Point Pinole Light P) F(1)W 2.5s 4.5m Approximately N38° 00' 59.30" W122° 22' 02.76"
- Finish Line** is an extension due south true from the marina green light. Crossing Longitude 122°09.4611' W is the finish keeping buoy 25 to the south.
- 7.0 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Entry is open to all boats. Boats registered for the BYC Thursday Night Beer Can Races are automatically entered into this regatta and there is no entry fee. Please inform Steve Corwin by text 415 238 3977 if you will be racing. Others, please refer to the club website for instructions <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing>
- 8.0 **FEES:** For competitive boats not part of the Thursday Night Beer Can Races, the fee is \$15. Please refer to the club website for instructions <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing>.

- 9.0 **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> Jiberset <https://www.jiberset.net/BENYC000.php?RG=T004719024> and the Racing Bulletin Board located at BYC in the Norton Lounge.
- 10.0 **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.
- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 [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.
- 11.0 **SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring system will be used however this regatta is not included in the Thursday Night Beer Can Races series.
- 11.1 **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.
- 11.1.1 If no certificate is presented, each boat will be deemed racing with 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.
- 11.1.2 Boats are allowed to motor out of the marina however; they must stop their engine within 100 feet outside the marina entrance. Deep keel yachts may start outside the marina by adding 60 sec to their published start time.
- 12.0 **AWARDS:** The Julie Thomas Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first-place finisher of the boats that are also registered in the BYC Thursday Night Series. First place in each Thursday Night fleet will be awarded a bottle of champagne.
- 13.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate at their own risk. See RRS 2025-2028 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.
- 14.0 **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. Each skipper from entered boats shall ensure that all crew have signed Release of Liability Forms located at <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and submitted to the race chair 24 hours prior to the first start of the race.
- 15.0 **RISK STATEMENT**
- 15.1 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.

- 16.0 In case of conflict of information between NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedent.
- 17.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Steve Corwin, 415-238-3977, race@mail.beniciayachtclub.org.