



## BENICIA YACHT CLUB 2026 THURSDAY NIGHT BEER CAN RACING SERIES

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

### NOTICE OF RACES (NoR)

#### 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Starting Thursday April 3, 2026, the Benicia Yacht Club will host a sailing regatta approximately every Thursday evening in the waters off the City of Benicia. The 24-race season will be divided in two, 12 races in each session, with each session being scored and awarded separately as **BYC Beer Can Races 2026 Session 1** and **BYC Beer Can Races 2026 Session 2**. The first session will run from April 2 to June 18, and the second session running June 25 to September 17, and conducted according to the RRS 2025-2028. Each sessions races will be scored separately and independently and awards delivered to winners as described below.

For event details, downloads, and forms, please refer to the club's racing website: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and/or <https://www.jibeset.net/ourregatta.php?A00=yes&A11=yes&CLUB=BENYC> 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:**

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.

##### 3.1 **FLEETS:**

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

Boats may sail with or without spinnakers, boats must declare for each session in the registration form if they will be sailing without a spinnaker to receive a PHRF adjustment (see below). Boats who have declared non spinnaker will not be permitted to change their selection once registered however can adjust for the second session if they desire (Note: there will no longer be an adjustment for non- spinnaker boats on the day of the race)

#### 4.0 **REGISTRATION:**

All boats must register with the Race Chair before their first race to be eligible for series recognition. Please refer to the club's website racing page: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and/or <https://www.jibeset.net/ourregatta.php?A00=yes&A11=yes&CLUB=BENYC> and the Racing Bulletin Board located at BYC in the Norton Lounge

Registration Requires:

- Submission of the BYC 2026 Beer Can Series Registration Form
- Submission of the most recent YRA PHRF Certificate (BYC Racing Technical Committee will assign PHRF if not available)
- Submission of Certificate of Insurance
- Crew Release Forms
- Payment of Registration Fees (see below)

**5.0 COURSES:** All courses are located on the Carquinez Strait and 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 and have completed entry requirements above and complied with registration agreements

will be eligible for series recognition.

## 7.0 **FEES:**

For competitive boats, the fee for the season is \$270. The following discounts apply: BYC member \$70 and US sailing membership \$20. New race/first time skipper total fee is \$100. The competitive single-race fee is \$25 (not eligible for series recognition). 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.

The fee also covers participation in additional BYC Races during the 2026 racing season and extending into the 2026 season; including the Champion of Champions Race (if qualified), Chase the Moon Race, Light House Race, Frostbite Series 2026\_2027 and other races and events that may occur amongst registered racers and their crew.

- 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 \$25.00 per race and be submitted to the race committee 48 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 at: <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and <https://www.jibeset.net/ourregatta.php?A00=yes&A11=yes&CLUB=BENYC> 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:**

RRS 2025-2028 Appendix A will be applied to determine finishing positions for a boat within their fleet and their standing during and at the conclusion of each session. The Low Point Scoring system will be used for: The Low Point Scoring System: The winner of each race will be scored 1.0 point, the second boat 2.0, the third boat 3.0, etc. RRS 2025-2028 *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. Ties will be broken as described in RRS 2025-2028 Appendix A8.

Appendix A is amended to allow each racer to exclude two race scores in each session so that a total of 10 race scores will be used to determine standings final standings for each session.

**The Shawn Proctor Trophy**, shall be awarded to the monohull boat with the lowest point score for the combined sessions (using the best 10 scores from both sessions).

A separate **monthly winner** for A Fleet and B Fleet will be determined based on boats with the lowest scores for the period and scored as described in the scoring section 5.0 above. There will be 3 periods of 4 races that will be scored and described as "monthly" Race 1-4/Race 5-8/Race 9-12

- 10.1 **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.

## 11.0 **RATINGS:**

YRA PHRF ratings will be used. Certificates stating the PHRF rating will be provided by each competitor to the Technical

Committee as stated above in Registration. Current NCYRA issued PHRF rating ratings will be applied to boats entering the race series or individual races.

11.1 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 for in mast furling, +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.

11.1.1 **Note: There will no longer be an adjustment to PHRF ratings by declaring non-spinnaker on the evening of a race and no adjustments to previous year's winners PHRF ratings.**

11.2 Requests for rating change shall be submitted in writing to the Racing Chairman and Technical Committee along with evidence to support the request. Modification to boats that require a rating change must be requested and assigned prior to racing with the modification. 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.

**12.0 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
5 – 8 or greater	3
4	2
3 or less	1

**13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate at their own risk. See RRS 2024-2028 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. It is each race boats captain's responsibility that each of their crew have a signed release form submitted to the race chair prior to participating in any BYC race event.

**14.0 INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance and proof provided as indicated above in 4.0 and 6.0. This shall also apply to all Guest Racers noted in 7.1.

**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.**

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, Noble Griswold, (707) 315-0484, [noblegriswold@gmail.com](mailto:noblegriswold@gmail.com)