



BYC LIGHTHOUSE RACE 2025

Organizing Authority:

Benicia Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

- 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Benicia Yacht Club "Lighthouse" Race will be held Saturday July 19, 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> 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 08:30 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>, if registered in the 2025 BYC Thursday Night Beer Can Races you only need to email race@beniciayachtclub.org to inform the Race Chair you will be participating however you are responsible to ensure all crew have completed the 2025 Release Forms if they have not done so previously.
- 6.0 **COURSES:** The course will be as follows
- 6.1 Start Line- Southernmost pile of the fuel dock aligned 90 degrees (perpendicular) to an imaginary line running down the center of the entrance way to the marina -**note: Boats awaiting their start should not interfere with boats preceding them in the start sequence.**
- To East Brother Light Station (Three Brothers Islands), rounding the islands in either direction,
- 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 refer to the club website for instructions <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing>
- 8.0 **FEES:** There is no fee for this race.
- 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> 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 will be stated in the sailing instructions. On the water, during the race all broadcasts and communications will be on VHF radio via Channel 71.
- 10.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all channels as stated in the SI'S.
- 11.0 **SCORING:** 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.
- 12.0 **AWARDS:** The perpetual Light House Race trophy will be awarded to the first-place finisher of the boats that are also registered in the BYC Thursday Night Series. Second and Third place will each 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, race@beniciayachtclub.org.

