



BYC BENICIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL REGATTA 2025

Organizing Authority:

Benicia Yacht Club
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PRO: Mark Campbell

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

- 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Benicia Yacht Club "Benicia Waterfront Festival" Regatta will be held Sunday July 27, 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 approximately 1300 hours Sunday July 27, 2025. The race will conclude around 1600 hours Sunday July 27, 2025.
- 4.0 **FLEETS:** All boats will compete in a single fleet and be scored by their PHRF ratings and finish times, if sufficient numbers of boats show interest an Aloha Fleet will race in a separate fleet under and separate start
- 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>, boats that are registered for the BYC Beer Can Series need not complete registration forms but need to notify the Race Chair via email of their participation race@beniciayachtclub.org, Crew Release form for the BYC Beer Can series are also acceptable. Not registered boats and crew who have not completed release forms will need to complete forms and submit to the Race Chair no later than Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 1200 hours. Those who have PHRF certificates will use those ratings, for those who do not a rating will be provided by the BYC Race Technical Lead.
- 6.0 **COURSES:** The course will be along the Carquinez Strait between the Carquinez Bridge and Benicia-Martinez Bridge, details to be released in the SI.
- 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 to boats who are not registered in the BYC Beer Can Series, however all forms must be completed and submitted by the deadline provided above.
- 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. If there is a conflict between the NOR and SIs the SIs will take precedence.
- 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:** 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.
- 12.0 **AWARDS:** Award will be provided to the first, second and third place boats in the racing fleet, there will be no awards for the Aloha Fleet
- 13.0 **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.
- 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 72 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@beniciayachtclub.org.