



Benicia Yacht Club

John Wright Frostbite Series

Winter 2023-2024

Notice of Regatta

1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Starting Saturday, 11 November 2023, the Benicia Yacht Club will host a sailing regatta on one Saturday each month in the waters off of the City of Benicia. This schedule will continue through March, 2024.

The series will consist of five races to be held November 11, 2023, December 9 2023, January 13, 2024, *February 10, 2024, and March 9, 2024.

2.0 **RULES:**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in the most recent Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 All participants are required to wear personal flotation devices and all boats compliant with YRA Bay Racing equipment requirements version 1/1/22 <https://yra.org/equipmentrequirements-2/>

3.0 **RACE DOCUMENTS:** The following documents will be used to govern the event

3.1 Notice of Regatta (emailed to BYC racing community and BYC Norton Lounge Bulletin Board)

3.2 Course/Timing Sheet (emailed to BYC racing community and BYC Norton Lounge Bulletin Board)

3.3 Racing Rules of Sailing, 2022-2024 (available from US Sailing)

4.0 **FLEETS:** There will be two fleets: fully crewed and single-handed. Skippers shall declare at the skipper's meeting their intent to sail that day in either fleet, and whether to sail with or without a spinnaker. Skippers can decide to sail crewed one month and sail single-handed in another.

5.0 **SCHEDULE:** Each race day, at 1130 hours, there will be a skippers' meeting at the Benicia Yacht Club deck to decide the courses by majority vote. The start time for the first boat will be at approximately 1200 hours.

- 6.0 **ELIGIBILITY:** The series is open to all boats, and boats registered in the 2023 Thursday Night Beer Can Series are considered paid entrants in this Series. You must be registered for the full season to qualify for official scoring and the Frostbite Series award.
- 7.0 **REGISTRATION:** All boats wishing to participate for the season must register with the Race Chair by November 8, 2023 and have all documents acknowledged as filed (including crew waivers) and fees paid where applicable. All forms can be requested via email beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com and payments made via Zelle (beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com) or Venmo @Steve-Corwin-1.
- 8.0 **FEES:** For boats not registered in the BYC 2023 Thursday Night Beer Can Series, there will be a \$25 for the series fee. Each race can be registered for individually for \$10 per race and must be registered (signed forms and payment) 48 hours prior the race start time. You must be registered for the full season to qualify for official scoring and the Frostbite Series award.
- 9.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and administrators 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.
- 10.0 **START AND START LINE:** The start will be a reverse start from the Fuel Dock of the Benicia Marina. The “start line” will be an imaginary line east from the southern-most pillar of the Fuel Dock. Boats are allowed, and encouraged, to motor out of the marina. Motoring must discontinue within 100 feet of the marina entrance.
- 11.0 **FINISH LINE:** The finish line is a line extension of 500 feet true south from the green light at the marina entrance (aligned with the flag pole at the harbormasters office).
- 12.0 **COMMUNICATION:** Boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 71.
- 13.0 **AWARDS:** The John Wright trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest point score (no throw-outs). The winner of the Sweethearts Race* will be awarded the Judy Bobricken Sweethearts trophy. (covered in coming separate NOR)
- 14.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Steve Corwin 415 238 3977 or beniciayachtclubracing@gmail.com