



**JOHN WRIGHT FROSTBITE SERIES
WINTER 2025 – 2026**

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

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

- 1.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Benicia Yacht Club “Frostbite Series” race will Start on Saturday November 8, 2025, and run through March 14, 2026 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:** 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. Boats will start in reverse order to their PHRF ratings as listed on a separate course sheet in the SI’s.

- 4.0 **FLEETS:** There will be one fleet. Skippers shall declare at the skipper’s meeting their intent to sail that day.

- 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>

- 6.0 **COURSE:** The courses are as described in the SI’s and will be determined the day of each race.

- 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:** For competitive boats not part of the Thursday Night Beer Can Races, the fee is \$10 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> 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 will be stated in the sailing instructions. On the water, any broadcasts to competitors will be made 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. There will be one throw out for the series.

12.0 **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.

12.1 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.

13.0 **AWARDS:** The John Wright trophy will be awarded the to the boat with the lowest point score. The winner of the Sweethearts Race* will be awarded the Judy Bobricken Sweethearts trophy.

14.0 **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.

15.0 **Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance and proof provided as indicated above in 5.0.

16.0 **RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 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.**

17.0 In case of conflict of information between NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedent.

18.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Noble Griswold, (707)315-0484, noblegriswold@gmail.com