



2010 Wet Wednesday Series Notice Of Race



Hosted By:
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This popular mid-week series is scheduled for 19 Wednesdays between May 5 and September 8. After each race, there will be an attitude adjustment period, dinner, and trophy presentation at the Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, and guests are welcome. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Sailing Instructions and Entry Forms are available at the VYC office and on the VYC website.

ENTRIES: Racing is open to all boats (LOA 20 feet or more) that are eligible to be rated under PHRF or ORCA. Area A buoy PHRF handicaps will be used. Yacht club membership is not required. Boats without a valid PHRF or ORCA handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap by the Race Committee. Registration is required before the race - see Entry Form for payment options. The entry fee for the 19-race series is \$100. Daily entries can be purchased in groups of 3 or more races for \$10 per race. The minimum number of crew for all entries shall be two.

CLASSES: Two CHRF classes are planned. The CHRF class is open to all mono-hull boats. Class A is for boats with PHRF ratings of 132 and below. Class B is for boats with PHRF ratings of 133 and above. The CHRF class will mix spinnaker boats with base PHRF handicaps and non-spinnaker boats using the PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. The intent is that non-spinnaker racers should be encouraged to give spinnaker racing a try at some point during the series. Skippers must report to the RC boat each week whether they are racing spinnaker or non-spinnaker.

SCORING: The low-point scoring system will be used for each race and a high-point system will be used for the series. The following handicap adjustments will be used for CHRF boats — After each race, the handicaps for the top three boats and the last three boats (for those boats finishing the race) will be readjusted for the following race as follows: -9 for first, -6 for second, -3 for third, +9 for last, +6 for second to last, and +3 for third to last.

ANTICIPATED WARNING AND START TIMES:

1755	Warning	CHRF Class A	Class Flag (Red) raised with 1 sound signal
1800	START	CHRF Class A	Class Flag (Red) lowered with 1 sound signal
1800	Warning	CHRF Class B	Class Flag (White) raised with 1 sound signal
1805	START	CHRF Class B	Class Flag (White) lowered with 1 sound signal

THE COURSES: The course for the first race on May 5th will be: Start in the vicinity of the Ventura Harbor "Whistle Buoy," take "Fishsticks" to port, and Finish at the Ventura Harbor entrance on a line from the VYC clubhouse balcony to the green light standard #3 near the southern end of the detached breakwater. For subsequent races, the courses will be chosen from the 2010 Wednesday Night Races Course Chart that is part of the Sailing Instructions.

CHECK-IN: All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee either on VHF channel 69 or sail by the Race Committee boat before each race and declare CHRF spinnaker or CHRF non-spinnaker.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: All boats shall carry the equipment specified by PHRF for Category 4 races.

NON-SPINNAKER DEFINITION: No spinnakers or spinnaker-like sails such as flashers, cruising 'chutes, MPSs, gennakers, etc. are allowed. Use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a six-second per mile penalty unless the boat is already handicapped for such larger sail. More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.