

Berkeley Yacht Club
2025 Friday Night Series
NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

1.1. The race series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Sailing vessels that meet NCPHRF or BAMA minimum requirements are invited to participate. Boats without PHRF certificates will be assigned a rating.

2.2. Eligible boats may enter electronically through the Berkeley Yacht Club website prior to the first race entered. Entry forms from prior Chowder or Friday Night Series will be considered valid.

2.3. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

2.4. There will be two divisions:

Division 1, First Start: Monohulls PHRF 173 or slower **OR** LOA less than 29 (slow **OR** small)

Division 2, Second Start: Monohulls PHRF 172 or faster **AND** LOA 29 or more (fast **AND** big) and multihulls

3. SCHEDULE

3.1. Every Friday from March 14th 2025 through September 26th inclusive.

3.2. First warning signal is at 18:40

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the [Berkeley Yacht Club website](#) and on the Berkeley Yacht Club notice board.

5. LOCATION

5.1. The start is at BYC buoy approximately ¼ mile outside the Berkeley breakwater.

6. SCORING

6.1. Scoring is calculated using PHRF time on time formula. Time Correction Factors are calculated as $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$

- An allowance of -4% will be given to boats rated with a spinnaker but not attempting to fly one during the race. To receive the credit, signal when crossing the finish line by waving a buoyant cushion or life jacket.
- An allowance of -2% will be given to boats using only roller-furling headsails for upwind legs of the race. Boats that normally use roller-furling for one-design racing and boats with recessed drums that allow full-hoist roller-furling jibs are not eligible for this credit.

7. RESULTS

7.1. Weekly results are announced at BYC following the race and posted on the BYC website.

7.2. Awards will be presented to first place finisher in each division in the BYC dining room after the race (must be present).

7.3. End of Season awards will be presented:

- The William F Chapman perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat with the most first place finishes in Division 1.
- The Berkeley Marina perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat with the most first place finishes in Division 2.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race in the series.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

9.1. For further information please contact beercan@berkeleyyc.org.