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2008 VENTURA HARBOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES
NOTICE OF RACE



This popular mid-week series is scheduled for 18 Wednesdays between May 7, 2008 and September 10, 2008. The first 16 races are hosted alternately by VYC and PBYC with VYC hosting the first race and races #17 and #18. After each race, there will be an attitude adjustment period, dinner, and trophy presentation at the host Club at which skippers, crew, and guests are welcome. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2005-2008 *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Sailing Instructions and Entry Forms will be available at both clubs and each club's website by Saturday May 3, 2008.

ENTRIES: Racing is open to all boats (LOA 20 feet or more) that are eligible to be rated under PHRF or ORCA. Area 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 at the host club on the first night that each boat races; this can be accomplished after the race. The entry fee for the 18-race series is \$100 (\$90 for registration by May 2nd). For daily series entrants, the entry fee is \$10 if paid in advance or \$15 after the race. The minimum number of persons for non-spinnaker entries shall be two.

CLASSES: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and ORCA Multihull classes are planned with a double-handed class established within the non-spinnaker class. After the third race, the Race Committee will decide whether to split the fleets into separate classes, what the class breaks will be, and retroactively rescore the first three races of the series if necessary.

SCORING: The low-point scoring system will be used for each race. 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. The high-point system will be used for the series.

ANTICIPATED WARNING / STARTING TIMES:

1755	Warning	Spinnaker Class	Class Flag (Red) raised with 1 sound signal
1800	START	Spinnaker Class	Class Flag (Red) lowered with 1 sound signal
1800	Warning	Non-Spin. Class	Class Flag (White) raised with 1 sound signal
1805	START	Non-Spin. Class	Class Flag (White) lowered with 1 sound signal
1805	Warning	Multihull Class	Class Flag (Blue) raised with 1 sound signal
1810	START	Multihull Class	Class Flag (Blue) lowered with 1 sound signal

THE COURSES: The course for the first race on May 7th 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 2008 Wednesday Night Races Course Chart that is part of the Sailing Instructions. For PBYC finishes, the finish shall be in the Ventura harbor entrance channel on a line between the seaward-most palm tree on the starboard (south) shore and a light pole on the port shore.

CHECK-IN: All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee either on VHF channel 71 or sail by the Race Committee boat before each race and declare Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, or ORCA class, and whether they are sailing double-handed in the non-spinnaker class.

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

NON-SPINNAKER CLASS DEFINITIONS: 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.

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