

# Yaquina Bay Yacht Club

## 2011 Wednesday Evening Race Instructions

**Rules:** Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the United States Sailing Association's current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**Eligibility:** Any skipper who has submitted a YBYC 2011 Wednesday Evening Racing Entry Form and Waiver (posted at [www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org](http://www.yaquinabayyachtclub.org)) to the YBYC Race Chair is eligible for racing. There is no entry fee for skippers who are YBYC club members. Skippers who are not YBYC club members are required to pay an entry fee of \$50 for each series. All skippers should be members of US Sailing. PHRF entries should have a valid PHRF-NW Certificate.

**Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside of the YBYC clubhouse.

**Schedule of Races:** One race will be held each Wednesday evening per the schedule below.

Spring Series (April 27 – June 22) 6:15 PM Warning signal

Summer Series (July 6 – Aug 31) 6:15 PM Warning signal

Fall Series (Sept 14 – Oct 5) 6:00 PM Warning signal

**Classes:** Two classes will be scored separately: PHRF (keelboats) and Portsmouth (centerboard boats). Classes may be combined for race starts.

**Courses:** Courses will be displayed onboard the Committee Boat no later than 5 minutes before the start of each Race. Marks will consist of existing navigational aids (channel markers) found on NOAA Chart #18581. Marks are to be left to Port unless specified. The start/finish line is unrestricted.

**Starting:** The starting line will be as follows:

- The port end of the starting line will be one of these three channel markers found on NOAA Chart #18581: CG, 12, or 12A.

- The starboard end of the starting line will be either:

- A life jacket tied to the rail of the race committee boat, or
- The center of the cockpit of the race committee boat if no life jacket is displayed, or
- An anchored, temporary buoy near the race committee boat (if boat not anchored)

Races will be started per RRS 26. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

- 5 Minute Warning Class Flag Up; 1 sound
- 4 Minute Preparatory P Flag Up; 1 sound
- 1 Minute P Flag Down; 1 sound
- Start Class Flag Down; 1 sound

**Finishing:** The finish line will be the same as the starting line.

**Time Limit:** The time limit for each race will be 2 hours for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

**Protests:** Protest is discouraged; if infractions occur, please attempt to settle them on the water.

Protests shall be sent to the YBYC Race Chair by mail with a postmark date no later than the day following the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS rule 61.3. The RRS protest form available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) shall be used. Parties to a hearing will be notified of the date, location and time of their hearing.

**Scoring:** The PHRF time on distance method and the Portsmouth handicapping system will be used to calculate corrected times for the two classes, respectively. Each series will be scored separately. Each skipper's two worst scores will be excluded from her spring and summer series score, and each skipper's worst race will be excluded from her fall series score. Each skipper's season score will be the sum of the spring and summer series scores (fall series not included). Keelboats without current PHRF certificates will be assigned ratings by the YBYC Race Chair. Non-YBYC members are not eligible to win season perpetual trophies.

**Committee Boat:** Each competing boat/crew should serve as the race committee boat for at least one race per series. A boat serving as committee will receive a number of points for the race in which they serve as committee equal to their average score for all races in the series including DNF and DNS. Prior to the first race of the series, all skippers will have the opportunity to sign up for the night they wish to be committee boat.