



ASMBYC

Invites you to enter the
2015 WOMEN ON WATER/ WOMAN AT HELM REGATTA
August 22nd and 23rd, 2015
MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF RACE

The Women on the Water / Woman at the Helm Regatta is hosted by the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs and the following clubs; South Bay Yacht Racing Club, California Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina Venice Yacht Club, Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, and Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. Information about this regatta can be found at <http://wsasmb.org/wow-wah> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/83006757404/>. The Regatta will be held on August 22nd and 23rd, 2015 and will be run on the Santa Monica Bay in California.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is South Bay Yacht Racing Club.
- 1.3 Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed so that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.4 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 Rule 82 will not apply to this event.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Section A, Penalties While Racing, will apply.
- 1.7 Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to one-design keelboats, boats rated 222 or lower, and Cruising Class boats. Boats with ratings outside this range may petition the Regatta Chairwoman for a class.
- 2.2. There will be three divisions:

- Women on Water (WOW): Female helmsperson and all female crew using spinnaker on primarily windward-leeward courses.
 - Woman at Helm (WAH) Performance: Female helmsperson with co-ed crew on primarily windward-leeward courses.
 - Woman at Helm (WAH) Cruising: Female helmsperson with co-ed crew on random-leg courses.
- 2.3. WAH divisions with fewer than four entries may be combined with another WAH division.**
- 2.4. One Design fleets with four or more entries in one of the divisions above will be eligible for separate fleet trophies.**
- 2.5. One-design boats with fewer than four entries will be assigned a rating and raced with boats of the most similar type.**
- 2.6. The cruising division will use handicaps based on the ASMBYC certificated cruiser ratings. (Any cruisers without an ASMBYC certificated rating will need to apply for their rating through ASMBYC, one week prior to the race.)**
- 2.7. Skippers must be women and members of a yacht club or sailing association affiliated with SCYA or US Sailing. Boats and/or drivers do not need to be members of PHRF.**
- 2.8. Entries will be completed online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10911>. Additional information may be found at <http://wsasmb.org/wow-wah>.**
- 2.9. The entry fee is \$40. Discount of \$5 for US Sailing members. Entries are due by 1900 HRS on Thursday, August 20, 2015.**
- 2.10. Early entries received by August 10 will receive a \$5 discount.**
- 2.11. Late entries (after 1900 HRS August 20) may be accepted upon approval of the PRO and a late fee of \$15.**

3. SCHEDULE

Monday August 10	1800	Early Registration ends
Thursday August 20	1900	Registration Closed, Classes established
Friday August 21	1900	Classes, class flags and order of starts posted on www.RegattaNetwork.com
Saturday August 22	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day, subsequent race(s) start thereafter
Saturday August 22	Post Racing	Party
Sunday August 23	1000	Notices (if any) posted at www.RegattaNetwork.com
Sunday August 23	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day, subsequent race(s) start thereafter
Sunday August 23	Post Racing	Awards Ceremony and Party

WOW/WAH Performance: Five (5) races are scheduled; three (3) on Saturday and two (2) on Sunday; at its discretion, the Race Committee may run a sixth race. Without posting a change to the schedule of races, the Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to run one more race on Sunday if fewer than the scheduled number of races are completed on Saturday. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer total races.

WAH Cruising: Three (3) races are scheduled; two (2) on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday. Without posting a change to the schedule of races, the Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to run one more race on Sunday if fewer than the scheduled number of races are completed on Saturday. The RC at its discretion may run fewer total races.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASSES

The Sailing Instructions and classes will be posted on www.RegattaNetwork.com website, by 1900 hours **August 21, 2015**.

5. VENUE

5.1 The racing area will be on the Santa Monica Bay outside the Marina del Rey breakwater using the fixed marks of Marina del Rey as described in the ASMBYC Marina Del Rey Course Chart 16, plus additional marks as RC deems appropriate for the conditions.

5.2 Any missing fixed buoys will be replaced by orange or yellow inflatables at the approximate position(s) listed on Course Chart #16.

6. COURSES

6.1. Courses for WOW and WAH Performance will be primarily windward / leeward

6.2. Courses for the WAH Cruisers will be random legs using the ASMBYC MDR Course 16 Chart and /or inflatable orange and yellow marks.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While on the water the RC may communicate via VHF with the competing boats, including announcing starting penalties; frequencies will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1. Low-Point scoring system will be used.

8.2. No race score will be excluded. This changes rule A2

8.3. One race must be completed to constitute a series for each division.

9. PENALTIES

9.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may exonerate herself by taking a one-turn penalty. Exceptions (a) and (b) to Rule 44.1 remain in force.

10. HOSPITALITY

Saturday's post-race hospitality will be held at Pacific Mariners' Yacht Club (13915 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey, CA). Sunday's post-race hospitality and trophy presentation will be held at Santa Monica Windjammers' Yacht Club (13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA).

11. TROPHIES

11.1. The Robert S. Wilson Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the WOW division.

11.2. The WSA Perpetual Trophy for Woman at the Helm will be awarded to the winner of the largest WAH class (Performance or Cruising), *provided that skipper/crew have not won this award previously*.

11.3. The Cheryl Rembert Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Martin 242 with the best performance in the WOW division.

- 11.4.** Individual take home trophies will be awarded in each division according to the number of entrants per division, as follows: Up to 4 entries – 1 trophy; Up to 6 entries – 2 trophies; Up to 10 entries – 3 trophies; 11 + entries – 4 trophies.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. OFFICIALS

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REGISTRATION:

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More Information:

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