



The Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs

Invites you to enter the

2017 WOMEN ON THE WATER/WOMAN AT THE HELM REGATTA

September 23rd and 24th, 2017

Marina del Rey, California

NOTICE OF RACE

The Women on the Water / Woman at the Helm Regatta is co-hosted by the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs and the following member clubs: South Bay Yacht Racing Club, Pacific Mariners YC, Santa Monica Windjammers YC, California YC, Del Rey YC, , and the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. Information about this regatta may be found at: <http://wsasmb.org/wow-wah>

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 Rule 55 will be modified to allow biodegradable sail stops to be discharged overboard when setting a sail.
- 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to one-design keelboats, boats with a PHRF rating less than 198, and Cruising Class boats.
- 2.2. Skippers must be women who are members of a yacht club or organization affiliated with US Sailing.
- 2.3. Eligible boats must enter online by filling out the Regatta Network (RN) entry form available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15425> (Paper entries will not be accepted). The cutoff time for entries is 1200 (noon) Friday September 22, 2017.
- 2.4. There will be three divisions:
 - **Women on Water (WOW):** Helmswoman and all female crew using spinnaker on primarily windward-leeward courses. Boats must have a PHRF certificate.
 - **Woman at Helm (WAH):** Helmswoman with co-ed crew on primarily windward-leeward courses. Boats must have a PHRF certificate.
 - **Woman at Helm Cruising (WAH Cruising):** Helmswoman with a female or co-ed crew on random-leg courses. Boats must have a Corinthian Cruiser rating.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$45.00, payable on line at the time of entry.
- 3.2. Entries entered before 2300 Sunday September 16 will be given a \$5.00 discount.
- 3.3. US Sailing members who enter their membership number will be given a \$5.00 discount.

4. SCHEDULE

Sunday September 16	2300	Early Entry Discount Closes
Friday September 22	1200 (noon)	Entry Closes
Friday September 22	1900	Sailing Instructions, Classes, class flags and order of starts posted
Saturday September 23	1000	Notices (if any) posted at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15425
Saturday September 23	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day.
Saturday September 23	Post Racing	Hospitality/Party at PMYC
Sunday September 24	1000	Notices (if any) posted at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15425
Sunday September 24	1155	Warning signal for the first race of the day
Sunday September 24	Post Racing	Awards Ceremony and Party at SMWYC

WOW and WAH: Five (5) races are scheduled; three (3) on Saturday and two (2) on Sunday.

WOW/WAH Cruising: Three (3) races are scheduled; two (2) on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, CLASSES AND ORDER OF STARTS will be available on line at

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15425> by 1900 Friday September 22.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay outside the Marina del Rey breakwater.
- 6.2. WOW & WAH races will be sailed with the area shown on Marina del Rey Course Chart 17.
- 6.3. WOW/WAH Cruising races may go beyond the area shown on Marina del Rey Course Chart 17.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Courses for WOW Performance and WAH Performance will be primarily windward / leeward
- 7.2. Courses for the WOW/WAH Cruising will be random leg (RLC).

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Low-Point scoring system will be used.
- 8.2. WOW Performance and WAH Performance boats will be scored using their PHRF Area B Buoy rating.
- 8.3. WOW/WAH Cruising boats will be scored using their Corinthian rating.
- 8.4. No races will be excluded from the series scores. This changes rule A2.
- 8.5. 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:

On Saturday, post-race hospitality will be held at Pacific Mariners' YC, 13915 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey, CA.
On Sunday, post-race hospitality and awards ceremony will be held at Santa Monica Windjammers' YC, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA.

11. PRIZES

- 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; 8+ entries – 3 trophies

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) 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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More Information: <http://www.wsasmb.org/wow-wah> and <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15425>