



2017 HYC Women's Race Series

Notice of Race

- 1 RULES** - This race will be governed by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING, these Sailing Instructions and any changes made during the Skippers Meeting on each race day).
- 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 2.1 The series is open to all HYC women members or women participating in the Limited Members Adult Sailing Program. Must be over the age of 18.
 - 2.2 Entry forms are available online on the HYC website: www.hamptonyc.com/yachting/womens-sailing/. Early registration is requested, but not required. Registration must be submitted no later than 5pm on the date of each race. Please submit registration forms via email to the Sailing Director at Arielle@hamptonyc.com or in person to the Sailing Director.
 - 2.3 Before noon of each race day, you must sign up through Sign Up Genius (make sure to select the correct date, please go to www.hamptonyc.com/yachting/womens-sailing/). Therefore, HYC will be able to prep the appropriate amount of Sonars. It does not matter whether you sign up for skipper/crew or which boat you sign up for, we will be making crew and boat selections before the start of the race.
- 3 FEES** – The entry fee can be paid in one of three ways: \$15 per race; annual upfront fee of \$180; or monthly commitment of \$15 per month for one year. The annual or monthly cost gives you and your family members unlimited use of the Sonars for Learn to Sail classes, recreational sailing, Team Racing, Frostbiting and other various clinics hosted by the Sailing Director.
- 4 SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Race dates consist of April 28th, May 12th, June 09th, June 23rd, July 7th, July 21st, August 4th, August 18th, September 1st and September 15th.
 - 4.2 May 20th will be a special Women's Regatta and will have it's own NOR and SI.
 - 4.3 Report Time is 5:00pm, we will meet by the boats (no longer at the bar).
 - 4.4 A very brief Skippers Meeting will be held on the docks at 5:25pm.
 - 4.5 First warning signal for the race will be at 6:00pm.
 - 4.6 After racing, the participants are required to help derig and put away the Sonars on their proper on-land berths. If after three times of not helping, the participant will be not allowed to participate in the next race. We will also debrief after the boats are all put away, by the hoist, so we can go over any boat break-downs, questions about the race or anything else the sailors would like to bring up.
 - 4.7 All participants and supporters are encouraged and welcome to the post-race festivities and awards.
- 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Sailing instructions will be posted on the HYC website, www.hamptonyc.com/yachting/womens-sailing/ no later than April 15th.
- 6 COURSES** – The courses will be as described in the sailing instructions. On the date of each race, the course will be posted on the Women's Sailing Facebook page and in an email.

- 7 CREW SELECTION** – Skipper and crews will be selected randomly from four different types of skill levels and learning levels. This will ensure that boats are evenly stacked and sailors will be able to learn as well. Each boat will have a skipper, coskipper, crew and newbie willing to learn.
- 7.1 Skipper** is a sailor who is comfortable at the helm. This does not mean you will get to skipper every race, you will share the responsibilities with the coskipper.
- 7.2 Coskipper** is a sailor who needs a little more time on the water and some guidance from the skipper. This position with time will move into the skipper position. You will skipper some races with the skipper giving you some advice.
- 7.3 Crew** is the position where you are quite content on just pulling some lines and having fun. This is for anyone with some experience to a lot of experience sailing.
- 7.4 Newbie willing to learn** is the position where you know absolutely nothing to a very small amount of sailing experience. This position, with time and learning, will hopefully move to crew to coskipper to skipper.
- 7 PENALTY SYSTEM** - Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 8 SCORING** - Scoring as per RRS Appendix A (the Low Point Scoring System). Each Friday night will be scored individually. At the end of the season there will be awards for accumulative participation.
- 9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Hampton Yacht Club and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.
- 10 EQUIPMENT** – All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved type 3.5 PFD. The PFDs must be worn and secured any time a participant is in the Sonar.