**2016 Racing Schedule & Notice of Race**

**Rules:** Rules shall be the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as prescribed by US Sailing.

**Eligibility & Entry**: Racing is open to BCYC Members and guests sailing PHRF rated sailboats.

**Schedule** The series will run twice a year. The first monthly series is from January through May. The second monthly series is from July through November.

* Races will be held on the Sunday following the monthly BCYC Friday night Membership Meeting.
* Make up races will be scheduled by the BCYC Race Chairman when regattas or other circumstances conflict with a normal club race date.
* A minimum of 3 boats are required to race.
* All races shall be PHRF-RLC (random leg course) buoy races, unless changed by the Race Committee due to special circumstances.

**Skippers’ Meeting**: 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM as noted on BCYC Club Calendar.

* Races will generally start one hour after the Skippers’ Meeting unless otherwise stated.

**Spring/Summer Series** January, February, March, April and May

 April 30, 2016 – 5th Annual BCYC Women’s Challenge Regatta.

**Summer/Fall** **Series**: July, August, September, October and November.

November 12-13, 2016 One Design Championships

**Race Committee (RC):** The Race Chairman accepts volunteers for crewing the RC signal boat who are BCYC members in good standing or guests of the Race Chairman.

* BCYC Sailors may be required to serve on the Protest Committee at least once during racing season after attending BCYC Protest Committee workshops.

**Start Sequence**: Five minute start sequences will be used (see RRS Part 3, Rule 26).

* Boats starting more than 15 minutes after the start will not be scored.
* Last race start will be no later than 3:00 PM.

**Scoring Races**: Sailboats will be scored using WFPHRF valid certificate RLC ratings.

* Valid PHRF certificates from other PHRF authorities will be accepted.
* A sailboat without a current PHRF certificate will be assigned a BCYC PHRF rating, based on WFPHRF Rules, by the BCYC Race Committee.
* Members serving on Race Committee will receive RC points each race served in the series and will be eligible for series awards for volunteering.
* Each series will be scored with a racer’s highest score in the series thrown-out.
* Scoring example for a six boat racing class:

 Place Points

 1 - 1

 2 - 2

 3 - 3

 4 - 4

 5 - 5

 6 - 6

 DNF – 6 (one boat of 6 does not finish)

 DNS/DSQ/TLE - 7

**Awards**:

* A yearly BCYC Series Winner will be awarded to the racing class and cruising class skipper with the Lowest Points earned in the two series races.
* BCYC racing events will NOT be scored for the yearly award, i.e., Women’s Challenge Regatta.
* There will also be Spring/Summer and Summer/Fall Series Awards presented at the end of each series.
* A yearly award for the most improved Sailor.

**Courses**: Courses will be standard BCYC ¾ nautical mile leg Boca Ceiga Bay buoy courses using floating marks N.75, S.75, E.75, W.75, G15, R14 and R16, as defined on the BCYC Racing webpage.

**Start/Finish Line**: **The start & finish lines are closed except when starting or finishing.** You may unwind to clear yourself. A barging buoy astern of the RC signal boat may be used and is considered part of the RC signal boat.

**Abandonment**: Racing may be postponed if the sustained wind is over 20 MPH and gusting over 25 mph.

* A race may be abandoned if the first boat does not round the weather mark in 30 minutes, or
* if the wind speed drops below 3 MPH for more than 15 minutes.

**Safety**: All race participants must wear a PFD at the start of the race when racing singlehanded.

**Authority**: All decisions made by the BCYC Fleet Captain are final.