

**BCYC Club Racing Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**  
**Boca Ciega Yacht Club**  
**09/17/23, 10/22/23, 11/19/23**  
**01/21/24, 02/18/24, 03/17/24, 04/21/24, 05/19/24, 06/23/24**

**NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions* are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/> applies

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after October 5, 2023, at <https://sailbcyc.org/sundayseries> and in the BCYC Clubhouse at the Racing Announcements whiteboard on the East wall.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The physical official announcement board is in the BCYC Clubhouse at the Racing Announcements whiteboard on the East wall.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board which is located at <https://sailbcyc.org/TrendingNow>
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs and at the Skippers' Meeting.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Racing Event is open to BCYC members and invited guests sailing PHRF rated sailboats.
- 4.2 All club owned Capri 16.5's must have a current member in good standing on board and follow the BCYC Waterfront Policies and Procedures.
- 4.3 The PHRF handicapping system applies to all boats participating.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter the series by sending an email to [racing@sailbcyc.org](mailto:racing@sailbcyc.org) including their full name, boat name, boat description, and PHRF handicap if known.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted in person by contacting the BCYC Race Chair at the pre-race Skippers' Meeting.

5. FEES

- 5.1 There are no fees associated with this series.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration is open for the duration of the series.
- 6.2 Races will be held on the Sunday following the third Friday of the month. (Club Weekend)

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6.3 The number of races occurring each race day will vary based on weather and tide conditions. Additional races may be sailed if circumstances allow.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Races per day - Scheduled</u>	<u>Races per day – Maximum</u>
PHRF	One (1)	Three (3)

**6.4 Skippers' Meeting will occur at the BCYC Clubhouse at 1200 of each race day unless announced differently by the Race Chair.**

6.4 Unless otherwise stated at the Skippers' Meeting, the scheduled warning signal for the first race is 1300.

6.5 On the day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**7.1 Hard copies of the Sailing instructions will be on the Racing White Board and posted on the club webpage.**

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 Boca Ciega Bay south of BCYC

## 9. COURSES

9.1 A course diagram will be displayed at the Skippers' Meeting. Government marks and club owned buoys will be used.

## 10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is defined in Appendix A of the RRS.

10.2 Time-on-Time scoring using each boat's PHRF race results shall be used.

10.3 A sailboat without a current rating will be assigned a BCYC PHRF rating, based on the WFPHRF rules.

## 11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 As a courtesy the Race Committee may broadcast the starting sequence over VHF Marine Radio. Otherwise RRS 26 will be followed.

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

12.2 All participants utilizing BCYC Club owned boats, i.e., Catalina Capri 16.5 or Sunfish, must comply with the club's Waterfront Policies, as revised.

### 13. PRIZES

13.1 There are no monetary or trophy prizes. Top performing boats and skippers in the series may have their names added to an appropriate plaque to be kept at the BCYC Clubhouse. Token awards may also be announced and delivered at club meetings.

### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact the BCYC Racing Chair via email:  
[racing@sailbicyc.org](mailto:racing@sailbicyc.org)