

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

**BIG LAGOON, CA.** 

AUG. 31 & SEPT. 1, 2024

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#### 1. RULES

• The regatta is under the management of the Humboldt Yacht Club Race Committee and will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- The regatta is open to all trailerable boats. Any boat not part of a recognized class with a well-known DPN or PHRF will submit their estimate of DPN number to the Race Committee for recording and final determination of proper handicap.
- Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form at the RegattaNetwork site or mailing the paper registration form available from the Humboldt Yacht Club website. Late entries may be accepted at the regatta no later than close on registration on Saturday.
- A minimum of three boats of the same design may be scored as a class, provided they are sailed in accordance with published class rules.
- Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required to be worn by skippers and crew at all times while racing.
- The skipper and each crew member from every boat must sign the "Waiver & Release of Liability" form no later than close of registration on Aug. 31st.

#### 3. FEES

• The race entry fee, camping fee, and/or other optional fees are listed on the paper registration form or on the RegattaNetwork website.

### 4. SCHEDULE

- Registration is required to be completed no later than 0930 hours Saturday Aug. 31
- Dates/time of racing: Saturday August 31 - first shape is at 1200 hrs.
  - Sunday Sept. 1 - first shape is at 1200 hrs.
- Number of races: it is anticipated that five or six races will be sailed over the Saturday and Sunday regatta, depending on wind conditions. No race will start after 1600 hrs.
- Skippers' Meeting: A briefing-meeting one hour before first shape each day is mandatory

### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

• The sailing instructions are covered by this Notice of Race.

### 6. VENUE

• Racing will be around temporary inflatable buoys within Big Lagoon, California.

## 7. THE COURSES

- The starting/finishing "line" is between the buoy on the committee boat and a club mark. The line is closed during the race, except to boats starting or finishing. An area within 60-feet on either side of the line and its end is also closed except for boats preparing to start within five minutes and boats that are finishing.
- The courses available to the Race Committee to select before each race are shown on the official Course Sheet, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- The letter of the course to be sailed will be posted on the Committee Boat with the 6-minute prepatory signal. El Toros, Pelicans, and low performance dinghies will sail the short course. All other classes sail the long course.
- It is the responsibility of the skipper to start at the correct time for his or her racing group.

# Signals shall be as follows:

Yellow Shape down

Preparatory signal before first start		3 horn blasts
5 minutes before start	1	Yellow Shape up
4 minutes before start	1	Blue Shape up
1 minutes before start	1	Blue Shape down
0 minutes Start		Yellow Shape down
No interval between groups [i.e. rolling 5-minute starts]		
5 minutes before start	2	Yellow Shape up
4 minutes before start	2	Blue Shape up
1 minutes before start	2	Blue Shape down

0 minutes - - Start

General recall: Three or more blasts of the horn.

<u>Individual recalls</u>: One short blast of the horn followed by hailing individual sail number.

<u>Restart</u>: Re-hoisting of yellow shape will constitute the new preparatory signal for the recalled class. Other classes waiting to start will be delayed, but their starting order will remain unchanged.

### 8. SCORING

- 1 point for first, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc. For DNS, DNF or DSQ = number of competitors in the class +1.
- Handicapping will be done in accordance with current USSA Portsmouth Yardstick. Any boat that sails with a spinnaker in any race will be scored as if she sailed with a spinnaker in every race.
- Throw Outs: if five or more races are sailed by a skipper over the weekend, there will be one throw out.

#### 9. PRIZES

• Prizes will be awarded to each division for first place and additional places based upon the number of entries in each class, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### 10. RISK STATEMENT

• 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, including, but not limited to, 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, and each skipper and crew accept these risks.

#### 11. FURTHER INFORMATION

• For additional information please contact Richard Hendry at (707) 267-8272 or email dauntlesssailor@gmail.com.

# HAVE FUN & ENJOY THE REGATTA!!