



Oakland Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

2021 Rites of Spring

March 13, 2021

First gun at 1255 hours

This series will be sailed in compliance with Alameda County Covid-19 Health Orders, as amended from time to time. See <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx>, and in compliance with the 2021 YRA Guidelines for Holding Races under the tiered COVID-19 system As of 1/25/21*, as posted in Jibeset.

The Rites of Spring race provides the challenge of racing single-handed or double-handed, Non-spinnaker and spinnaker fleets are included. "Rites" participants represent the whole spectrum of bay racers including many who do not ordinarily race short-handed.

Entry Fee: \$40; All entrants must register before racing.

Registration is ONLY available online at <http://www.jibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T004484227>

PHRF time-on-distance handicaps will be used. All monohull yachts must have a NCPHRF certificate, and multihull yachts must have a BAMA rating certificate. The certificate is to be for the current year or 1 year prior.

Fleets are single- handed, double-handed and crewed as defined in Racing Guidelines COVID 19 January 2021. Boats will be placed into fleets based upon best fit for those signed up to race, including PHRF rating ranges determined by the Race Committee.

One design fleets of four or more entries may have separate starts. Separate start for non-spinnaker boats. PHRF time-on-distance handicaps will be used.

Racing Area: South Bay/Central Bay, see Course Sheet.

Safety and Autopilots: Life jackets must be worn. Autopilots are allowed for single-handers only

Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, as modified by YRA and OYC sailing instructions. The most significant changes by the Sailing Instructions are:

- a. No flags. The official race signals will be oral by radio ONLY on VHF channel 69. No course, class, preparatory, postponement, shorten-course, or starting infraction flags will be flown. And because of the need for a clear radio channel for the starting sequences, no communication by radio with the RC will be allowed during the starting sequences, except to point out an error by the committee or a safety hazard.
- b. All starting sound signals will be by iStart or horns. There will be no guns.
- c. If you wish to reduce your rated jib size from more than 105% to less than to 105% email the Race Committee as soon as you enter, and you will be granted a 6-seconds-per-mile adjustment.
- d. There will be no awards ceremony or social gathering at the Club for this race.
- e. T-shirts only for 2021: two per boat (one for single handed); There will be no race prizes.
- f. Sailing Instructions and Course Sheets will be available no later than 03/06/21 on Jibeset, on the OYC website under the racing tab. Preliminary fleet assignments will be available by 1200 hours on March 11, 2021. Late entrants will be assigned to fleets for best fit with existing divisions.

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