



# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2020

### OAKLAND YACHT CLUB

Nifty Nine Series  
(aka Slimmed down Sweet 16)  
Covid-19 Version

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
*July 15 to September 9*  
**First gun at 1825 hours**

**INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING COURSES, UTILIZING THE ENTIRE ESTUARY, BEAUTIFUL PROTECTED WATERS WITH MILD WEATHER**

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> The start/finish line will be off OYC Docks 6 & 7, and courses will round buoys between Jack London Square and Coast Guard Island.

Entry fee is \$75.00 for the full series or \$15 for each single race. Registration is ONLY available online at [www.iibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T007124868](http://www.iibeset.net/OYC000.php?RG=T007124868) (Single race entries do not count towards a series standing unless followed by a series entry.) All entrants must register before racing.

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. One Single Race (SR) entry per boat, per series, will be accepted without the PHRF Certificate. One throw-out will be allowed if there are four or more races and two throw-outs if there are six or more.

Fleets may include single-handed, double-handed (same household) and "Social Bubble" (see, <http://www.acphd.org/media/584322/alameda-county-health-officer-order-20-14-english.pdf>.) 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. All fleets will be non-spinnaker unless enough boats apply to race with spinnakers to create meaningful competition.

Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, 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 105% for the entire series, email the Race Committee as soon as you enter, and you will be granted a 6-seconds-per-mile adjustment.
- d. Because we cannot award drinks for picking up marks, a boat, after obtaining the agreement of the RC for which mark or marks will be picked up and after picking up such mark or marks after the race will have drink tokens held until the bar is open.

- e. There will be no awards ceremony or social gathering at the Club until further notice. Grouping at any OYC dock or other facility on race days before or after the race in violation of any then-current Alameda County Covid-19 orders with persons other than the boat's crew will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- f. Prizes: Individual race prizes will not be given this season. Series prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each fleet for the series will be held by the RC and only distributed when the RC deems it safe.
- g. The OYC restrooms are open to OYC Members and crew with a three-person maximum in a restroom at one time.
- h. Sailing Instructions and Course Sheets will be available no later than five days before the first race on [Jibeset](#) and on the OYC [website](#) under the racing tab. Preliminary fleet assignments will be available by 1200 hours on the day of the first race. However, if late entries create a one-design fleet, the race committee will make every effort to establish a one-design start.

Because OYC is closed, no guest berthing can be supplied

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