



WOMEN ON THE WATER/WOMAN AT THE HELM REGATTA

Saturday and Sunday, August 21 - 22, 2021
Marina del Rey, California USA

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay in conjunction with the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs (ASMBYC). | Web: wsasmb.org

Regatta co-hosts: ASMBYC and the following member clubs: Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, California Yacht Club, and the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay.

Event Chair: Avghi Constantinides | See NoR 14 for contact information

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1900 on Wednesday, August 18.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [WOW/WAH](#) webpage.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels.

3.3 On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, including starting penalties. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Each race entrant and skipper is responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities in effect during the event to minimize potential exposure or transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

4.2 A link to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines for recreational boating and public gatherings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as it applies to the event.

4.3 Failure to comply with NoR 4.1 may be misconduct.

4.4 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 This event is open to handicap boats that have a valid PHRF SoCal Rating Certificate and to one-design keelboats.
- 5.2 Skippers must be women and members of a yacht club or sailing association affiliated with SCYA or US Sailing. Women who are not a member of a yacht club or sailing association may petition the OA for a waiver of this membership requirement.
- 5.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at the [WOW/WAH](#) webpage and paying all fees prior to 1800 on Thursday, August 19. Registration will open on Monday, July 19th.
- 5.4 Entries submitted after 1800 on Thursday, August 19 may be accepted only with the approval of the Event Chair and will be charged a \$10 late fee.

6. DIVISIONS / CLASSES

- 6.1 There will be three (3) divisions:
 - Women on Water (WOW): female helmsperson and all female crew.
 - Woman at Helm (WAH) Performance: female helmsperson with co-ed crew.
 - Woman at Helm (WAH) Cruising: female helmsperson with co-ed or all female crew.
- 6.2 Classes will be established within the WAH Performance and WAH Cruising divisions at the discretion of the OA based on entries received by the entry deadline.
- 6.3 One design keelboats must have a minimum of three (3) paid entries prior to the entry deadline to establish a separate WAH Performance class. Those that do not establish a class may compete in the WOW division or WAH Performance division, subject to NoR 6.1, if they are in compliance with the handicap boat requirements per NoR 5.1.
- 6.4 Classes, class flags and order of starts for the first race will be posted on the [WOW/WAH](#) webpage by 1900 on Friday, August 20.

7. FEES

The entry fee is \$40 for entries received by Friday, August 6. Thereafter, until the entry deadline, the entry fee is \$60. The entry fee is payable online at the time of entry.

8. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 6		Discounted entry fee deadline
Thursday, August 19	1800	Entry deadline, classes established
Friday, August 20	1900	Classes, class flags and order of starts posted
Saturday, August 21	1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, August 22	1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, August 22	After Racing	Health guidelines permitting, Trophy presentation at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, located at 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Five (5) races are scheduled for WOW and WAH Performance: three (3) on Saturday and two (2) on Sunday. Three (3) races are scheduled for WAH Cruising: two (2) on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

10. THE COURSES

Courses may include a mix of windward / leeward and RLC format for WOW and WAH Performance. Courses will be random leg (RLC) for WAH Cruising. RLC courses may include MDR marks (see [Course Chart 17](#)).

11. SCORING

- 11.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.2 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 Scoring will be time-on-distance using PHRF SoCal Area B W/L Ratings. Non-spinnaker offsets are authorized for use in WAH Cruising only.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht clubs, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Health guidelines permitting, trophies will be awarded at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club after racing on Sunday based on the number of entries in each class.

13.2 In addition, the following trophies will be awarded:

- The Robert S. Wilson Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the WOW division.
- The WSA Perpetual Trophy for Woman at the Helm will be awarded to the winner of the largest WAH class (Performance or Cruising) provided that the skipper has not won this award previously.
- The Cheryl Rembert Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Martin 242 with the best performance in the WOW division.
- A trophy will be awarded to the highest placing all female crew in the WAH Cruising division.
- A trophy will be awarded to the yacht club or sailing association with the most entries.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Hospitality (Health Guidelines Permitting):

- Friday, pre-race hospitality will be held at Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.
- Saturday, post-race hospitality will be held at Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, 13915 Panay Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.
- Sunday, post-race hospitality and awards ceremony will be held at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

PHRF: Information about joining PHRF SoCal is available at www.phrfsocal.org or 562.438.6712.

US Sailing: Information about joining US Sailing is available at www.ussailing.org or 800.877.2451.