



# WOMEN ON THE WATER/WOMAN AT THE HELM REGATTA

Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, 2023

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).

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: Talin Babikian | See NoR 13 for contact information

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### 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 2.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [WOWWAH](#) 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 Race Committee (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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This event is open to handicap boats that have a valid PHRF SoCal Rating Certificate <175 and to one-design keelboats.

4.2 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.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at the [WOWWAH](#) webpage and paying all fees prior to 1800 on Wednesday, August 2. Registration will open on Wednesday, July 5.

4.4 Entries submitted after 1800 on Wednesday, August 2 may be accepted only with the approval of the Event Chair and will be charged a \$10 late fee.

### 5. DIVISIONS / CLASSES

5.1 There will be four (4) divisions:

- Women on Water (WOW): female helmsperson and all female crew.
- Woman at the Helm (WAH) Performance: female helmsperson.
- Woman at the Helm (WAH) Cruising: female helmsperson.
- Woman at the Helm (WAH) Capri 22: female helmsperson

5.2 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.

5.3 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 5.1, if they are in compliance with the handicap boat requirements per NoR 4.1.

5.4 A special division, Woman at the Helm (WAH), has been established for Capri 22s provided they have three (3) paid entries prior to the entry deadline.

5.5 Classes, class flags and order of starts for the first race will be posted on the [WOWWAH](#) webpage by 1900 on Friday, August 4.

## 6. FEES

The entry fee is \$40 for entries received by Friday, July 21. Thereafter, until the entry deadline, the entry fee is \$60. The entry fee is payable online at the time of entry.

## 7. SCHEDULE

Friday, July 21		Discounted entry fee deadline
Wednesday, August 2	1800	Entry deadline, classes established
Friday, August 4	1900	Classes, class flags and order of starts posted
Saturday, August 5	1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, August 6	1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, August 6	After Racing	Trophy presentation at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, see NoR 13

Five (5) races are scheduled for WOW, WAH Performance, and WAH Capri 22: 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. Without posting a change to the schedule of races, the RC reserves the right to run one more race on Sunday if fewer than the scheduled number of races is completed on Saturday. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races.

## 8. VENUE

The starting area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately .75 nautical mile west of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

## 9. THE COURSES

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

## 10. SCORING

10.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.2 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. PRIZES

12.1 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.

12.2 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 highest placing female skipper who (1) has not turned 18 years of age before August 5, 2023, (2) is skipper of record, and (3) is at the helm for the entirety of each race.
- A trophy will be awarded to the yacht club or sailing association with the most entries.

## 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

**Event Chair:** Talin Babikian at [talin@babikian.com](mailto:talin@babikian.com)

### Hospitality:

- 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.

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