

Humboldt Yacht Club



The Vice Commodore Challenge A Duration Race 2025

*Humboldt Yacht Club
May - November
Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County, California USA*

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing. US Sailing*
- 1.2 Rule 40.1 Wearing of personal floatation devices (PFD's), is in effect at all times while racing.
- 1.3 Penalties: Skippers are on their honor to perform any penalty turns that may be required by a rule violation.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions are included in this Notice of Race.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 This Notice of Race will be posted to the Humboldt Yacht Club website under the Racing Tab.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all members of the Humboldt Yacht Club sailing keel boats or dinghies. A separate class will be created for dinghies if more than two participate.
- 4.2 A minimum of 3 boats of the same design will be scored as a class, provided they are sailed in accordance with published class rules.
- 4.3 Every skipper and crew member must fill out and sign the Humboldt Yacht Club Waiver of Liability form in order to be eligible to compete in this Race.
- 4.4 There is no fee for sailing this race.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The race can be sailed at any time on any day during May through November 2025. The race may be sailed multiple times.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Eligible boats may register by sailing the course while tracking and emailing their digital track or a screen shot of their digital track with date of racing, starting time and finishing time indicated, to the Vice Commodore (lawrencefoxiii@gmail.com).

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be within Humboldt Bay

8 COURSE

- 8.1 This race takes place around a group of permanent marks in Humboldt Bay. The race can be sailed at any time and the course can be sailed multiple times.
- 8.2 The race will begin with a Bravo Start North Bound and then with the following roundings: Humboldt Bay Light 21 to port; Humboldt Bay Light 19 to starboard; Samoa Channel Light 4 to port; Buoy 17 to port. The race will end with a Bravo Finish North Bound.
- 8.3 Each skipper participating in this race is responsible for tracking their journey with GPS tracking software and documenting their starting time and finishing time preferably with time stamps on their track.

9 SCORING

9.1 Corrected times will be calculated using the PHRF of each boat completing the race course. The course may be sailed multiple times.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10. RRS 3 states: '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. These risks include 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.**

11 PRIZES

11. Prizes will be awarded to eligible boats for: (1) fastest time around the course; (2) second fastest time; (3) third fastest time; (4) slowest time around the course; (5) most improved time around the course; and (6) median time around the course.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12. For further information please contact the Humboldt Yacht Club Vice Commodore.