

# Humboldt Yacht Club



## ***Veterans Day Race***

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### **Notice of Race (NOR)**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All keelboats shall comply with the Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) available at [www.humboldtyachtclub.org](http://www.humboldtyachtclub.org). Boats must have an initialed copy of the SERs filed with Humboldt Yacht Club. Wearing of personal floatation devices (PFD's), is in effect at all times while racing.

#### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions are contained with this Notice of Race, available on the Humboldt Yacht Club Website ([humboldtyachtclub.org](http://humboldtyachtclub.org)) under the racing tab and at the skippers meeting on the day of each race.

#### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located at the HYC Clubhouse in the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, channel 69.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all U.S. Military Veterans and non-Veterans, whether they are members of the Humboldt Yacht Club or not.
- 4.2 Non-members will not be scored nor be eligible for awards (maybe only bragging rights!).

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by signing-up at the mandatory skippers meeting held at the club room of the Wharfinger Building, one hour prior to the race.

## **5. FEES**

5.1 There are no fees for the Veterans Day Race.

## **6. SCHEDULE**

6.1 Date of racing: November 11th. First shape is at 1106 hrs, with the start promptly at 1111 hrs.

## **7. VENUE**

7.1 The racing area will be inside Humboldt Bay.

## **8. COURSE**

8.1 A course of buoys, or fixed marks, and roundings within Humboldt Bay (see the course sheet).

## **9. SCORING**

9.1 Finishing places will be calculated by the PHRF Time-on-Time handicapping method. PHRF handicaps will be determined by the Humboldt Yacht Club for each boat racing by reference to the United States Performance Handicap Racing Fleet. Average PHRF handicaps will be determined on a case-by-case basis for boats not listed in this publication. This publication and current previously determined PHRF handicaps for member boats is available on the Humboldt Yacht Club Website under the Racing tab.

9.2 The Low Point scoring system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply as amended below.

9.3 Non-Veterans will suffer a further handicap by having an additional ten(10) minutes added on to their elapsed time.

9.4 A boat may elect to race without a spinnaker if declared at the skippers' meeting. Boats electing to do so will be given +18 sec/mi on their handicap.

## **10. RISK STATEMENT**

10.1 RRS 3 states: '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.**

10.2 All skippers and all crew members participating in this race must sign, and place on file at the Club Room, the Humboldt Yacht Club Perpetual Release of Liability and Waiver.

## **11. PRIZES**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to qualified boats occupying the first three places as long as at least four boats qualify for the race. If three or fewer boats qualify for race the Humboldt Yacht Club will determine an appropriate number of prizes.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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