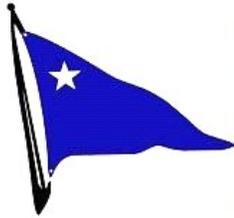


# Humboldt Yacht Club

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## ***Great Bay Keelboat Series 2026***

### **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 will sail an In-Bay buoy and marker course and comply with the Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) available at [www.humboldtyachtclub.org](http://www.humboldtyachtclub.org). Skippers must have an initialed copy of the SERs filed with Humboldt Yacht Club. Rule 40.1 Wearing of personal floatation devices (PFD's) is in effect at all times while racing.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions are 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 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 69.
- 3.3 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 both members and non-members of the Humboldt Yacht Club. Non-members will not be scored for the series nor be eligible for prizes awards.
- 4.2 A minimum of 3 boats of the same design may be scored as a class, provided they are sailed in accordance with published class rules.
- 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 scheduled race on each race day.
- 4.4 In order to be eligible for prizes included in the series results, each skipper must serve as the Race Committee or one race during the current year.
- 4.5 Each skipper and all crew members participating in this race (or series) must have signed and placed on file with HYC its "Perpetual Release of Liability and Waiver" form.

5 FEES

- 5.1 There are no fees for the GREAT BAY Series.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Dates of racing:

Date  
*FEB 21<sup>st</sup> 13:00*  
*JUN 28<sup>th</sup> 13:00*  
*OCT 17<sup>th</sup> 13:00*

- 9.2 Number of races: One race will be sailed each race day of racing.

12 VENUE

- 12. The racing area will be in Humboldt Bay.

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13 COURSES

- 13. A course of buoy, or fixed mark, rounding within Humboldt Bay

1 Course sheets.

15 SCORING

15. This is a series of pursuit style races with staggered starts; slower  
1 boats starting before faster boats. Each boat's starting time will be  
calculated by the PHRF 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.
15. The Low Point scoring system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of  
2 Sailing will apply as amended below.
15. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.  
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15. As per US SAILING A.2.1 Each boat's series score, shall be the total  
4 of races scored.
15. A boat may elect to race in a *series* without a spinnaker. Boats  
5 electing to do so will be given +18 sec/mi on their PHRF handicap.  
Should said boat fly a spinnaker at any time during a *series*, their  
handicaps will be adjusted back to the standard PHRF for all races in  
the series retroactively and going forward.
15. If a boat has entered any race in the series, she shall be scored for  
6 the whole series. Refer to US Sailing Rule A5.3.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

22. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in  
1 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.**

## 24 PRIZES

24. Prizes will be awarded by the Humboldt Yacht Club which will  
1 determine an appropriate number of prizes.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25. Contact the Commodore of the Humboldt Yacht Club.

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