

Humboldt Yacht Club



In Bay Keelboat – Women at the Helm 2026

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Notice of Race (NOR)

1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <u><i>The Racing Rules of Sailing.</i></u>
1.2	All keelboats will sail the In-Bay buoy and marker courses and shall comply with the Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) available at www.humboldtyachtclub.org. Boats 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.
2.0	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The sailing instructions are available on the Humboldt Yacht Club Website (humboldtyachtclub.org) under the racing tab and at the skippers meeting on each racing day.
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	Skippers must sign up for a race day at the pre-race meeting at the Club Room of the Wharfinger Building, one hour prior to the scheduled races.				
4.4	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.				
4.5	A skipper entering this series may not serve as Race Committee on a race day in this series.				
5	FEES				
5.1	There are no fees for the In Bay Women at the Helm, Keelboat Series.				
9	SCHEDULE				
9.1	Dates of racing: <table border="1"><tr><td>July 26, 2026 1300 hrs</td></tr><tr><td>August 22, 2026 1300 hrs</td></tr><tr><td>August 23, 2026 1300 hrs</td></tr><tr><td> </td></tr></table>	July 26, 2026 1300 hrs	August 22, 2026 1300 hrs	August 23, 2026 1300 hrs	
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9.2	Number of races: A minimum of one race and a maximum of three races will be sailed each race day at the discretion of the Race Committee based on weather conditions.				
12	VENUE				
12.1	The racing area will be in Humboldt Bay.				

13	COURSES
13.1	A course of buoy, or fixed mark, rounding within Humboldt Bay Course sheets.
15	SCORING
15.1	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.
15.2	The Low Point scoring system in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply as amended below.
15.3	One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
15.4	Each boat's series score, shall be the total of races scored, excluding her one worst race score if at least five races are sailed. If fewer than five races are sailed, each boat's series shall be the total of races scored.
15.5	A boat may elect to race in a <i>series</i> without a spinnaker. Boats 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 <i>series</i> , their handicaps will be adjusted back to the standard PHRF for all races in the series retroactively and going forward. Boats may elect to do some series with a spinnaker and some without.
15.6	If a boat has entered any race in the series, she shall be scored for the whole series. Refer to US Sailing Rule A5.3.
22	RISK STATEMENT
22.1	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.
24	PRIZES
24.1	Prizes will be awarded to boats occupying the first three places in the series as long as at least four boats participate in the series. If three or fewer boats participate in the series the Humboldt Yacht Club will determine an appropriate number of prizes.
25	FURTHER INFORMATION
25.1	For further information please contact the Humboldt Yacht Club Commodore.