


21st Annual
WOW
*Bayview Yacht Club's
Women on Water Regatta*



The WOW Point-to-Point Race
for the
Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy
Bayview Yacht Club
Saturday, August 10, 2024

NOTICE of RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Bayview Yacht Club (“BYC”).

1. RULES

1.1 The WOW Point-to-Point Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US SAILING prescriptions, and the BYC Club Boat Policy.

1.2 Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time. This includes tour boats such as the Detroit Princess, the Diamond Jack and the Infinity and Ovation as well as freighters, tugboats, barges, commercial towing, and federal and local law enforcement including the US Coast Guard. Any boat not complying may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.

1.3 Ultimate 20 class rules will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 With the exception of one male boat owner or an owner's designated representative (optional), all skippers, competitors and crew members must be female.

2.2 Boats with only females on board will be eligible for the Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy. Boats with a male boat owner or owner representative aboard shall not be eligible for this trophy.

2.3 The Race is open to Bayview Ultimate 20s and any boat that has a valid MWPHRF rating or is part of a recognized One-Design class. Bayview Yacht Club Ultimate 20 club boats will be available to charter

2.4 Skippers must register online for the WOW Point to Point Race at:

<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16296>

2.5 Deadline for entry is August 7, 2024. Entries accepted after the deadline will be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and will carry a late fee of \$10 US.

2.6 The class splits, if made, will be announced at the Skippers Meeting and be available online at the event website on Yacht Scoring.

3. Entry FEES

3.1 Entry Fee: There will be a \$50 US entry fee.

4. Ultimate 20 Club Boat Charter Fees

4.1 All Ultimate 20 Club Boat chartering teams must post a refundable \$1,000 US damage deposit.

4.2 The charter fee for an Ultimate 20 Club Boat is \$50. Note: This is in addition to the registration fee of \$50 (see 3.1).

4.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and/or the RC boats including the Signal Boat if involved in the same incident.

4.4 In the event a portion of the damage deposit is used during the event, the skipper may be required to restore that deposit to \$1,000 US in order to continue the event.

4.5 For more information on chartering a Bayview Club Boat Ultimate 20 for the 2024 WOW Point to Point Race event, please contact the 2024 Race Chair, Amie Ross, at amie.ross@ymail.com or (810) 444-5651. Please use "2024 WOW" in the subject line.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 10, 2024

1600	Sailors Meeting
1700	Warning Signal for Race
Following Race	Post-Race Party & Awards

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online by 8/8/2024 and online at the event website on Yacht Scoring.

6. RACING AREA AND COURSES

6.1 The intended course is the Detroit River and lower Lake St. Clair with the finish in the Detroit River near Bayview Yacht Club.

6.2 The course will be point-to-point with an intended distance of 8-12 miles. If there are multiple classes, there may be different courses for different classes.

6.3 Marks of the course may include BYC inflatable marks as well as possible government navigational buoys.

7. SCORING

7.1 Scoring system will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, and as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 One race shall constitute a series.

7.3 MWPHRF classes shall be scored using MWPHRF Time-on-Time (TOT) ratings.

7.4 All other classes will be scored without handicap adjustment.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, “Decision to Race.” The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All skippers and crew will be required to sign a liability waiver.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the 2024 Race Chair, Amie Ross, at amie.ross@ymail.com or (810) 444-5651. Please use “2024 WOW” in the subject line.