


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



The WOW Ultimate 20 Regatta
for the
Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy
Bayview Yacht Club
Sunday, August 11, 2024

NOTICE of RACE

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The WOW Ultimate 20 Regatta 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. The Regatta will be sailed in Ultimate 20-type boats provided by BYC. Ultimate 20 class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. Boats shall be sailed by three- or four-woman teams. There is no weight limit.
- 1.4. The regatta will consist of short fleet races. Teams may rotate boats as posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6. All competitors in this regatta shall wear a PFD while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4).
- 1.7. There may be on-the-water observers such as RC, and/or judges who may be witnesses for penalties and protests.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. All competitors/crew members must be female.
- 2.2. Entries are limited to 8 or fewer teams. Applications for the event will open on or before July 15, 2024 and will close on Friday, August 2, 2024.
- 2.3. Skippers may submit an application online at: <https://form.jotform.com/241766185249163>
- 2.4. The OA will select and notify teams of their acceptance by Sunday, August 4, 2024 and provide additional registration and payment information.

2.5 The skipper named in the application must be the helmsperson during the event.

3. FEES

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

3.2 All teams must post a refundable \$1,000 US damage deposit.

3.3 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.

3.4 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. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 11, 2024

1300-1400 Registration & check-in

1400-1500 Practice

1600 Warning Signal for First Race

1800 Post-Race Social and Awards

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online by Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the event website on Yacht Scoring.

6. RACING AREA AND COURSES

6.1 The intended course will be in the vicinity of Bayview Yacht Club.

6.2 The courses will be windward/leeward.

6.3 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.

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.

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.