



NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

BALLARD CUP Series 1 2021

4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), these Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW or STYC ratings. Non STYC members with a valid PHRF-NW rating are eligible to enter provided the skipper is a member of a PIYA or US Sailing accepted club. Entries must be received on the STYC website (www.styc.org), no later than 2400, on the Wednesday before any race in the series. See the GSI for late entry policy. If you enter the series after the first race, you will be scored DNC for the races that you missed. This series is free to STYC Voting members. STYC Associate members pay an entry fee of \$20 per series, and all others pay \$35 per series.
3. **Crew Size Limits:** Special COVID crew limits: Crew size is limited to no more than 5 total including the skipper. Violation of this rule will result in a DSQ.
4. **Contact Tracing Requirements:** Competitors shall comply with local Covid-19 and Social Distancing regulations. Skippers are required to have contact tracing information for the entire crew for each individual race. Failure to have such contact tracing information when asked will result in disqualification from the entire series. The race committee may ask to see proof of such contact information at the time of the race. An acceptable form for contract tracing is available at <https://bit.ly/38awYGx> or you may use a joint text or email thread if available for inspection at time of race. In the event a crew member suspects or is confirmed to have COVID-19, or is exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, they must notify the skipper and other crew immediately within 24 hours. It is the skipper's responsibility to inform the crew of this requirement. This applies for up to 14 days after the race.
5. **Face Coverings and Social Distancing:** Sailors must follow state and local requirements for use of face coverings. For the purpose of such requirements, sailing should be considered outdoor exercise where a six foot separation will not be maintained between crew on a single boat. Sufficient separation will exist between boats. Currently, this means face coverings are required if a boat's crew are not all members of the same household.
6. **Divisions and Starting Times:** Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 2000 the Sunday before the first race. The 1st Class start is scheduled for 1815. This means the first warning will be at 1810.
7. **Race Distance and Course:** The course will be indicated by any combination **N B E M R U W 2** mark letters on the race committee boat or the course may be announced on VHF 72. If no race committee boat is on station, the course will be announced on VHF 72. See the GSI for a description of the letters and distance between marks.
8. **Time Limit:** The time limit will be 2030 for all classes. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.
9. **Communication:** The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race committee to issue a communication, the failure of a competitor to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. **Skippers' Meeting:** There are no Skippers' Meetings for this series. Skippers are responsible to check for any changes posted on the STYC website.
10. **Scoring:** Races will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The Time Correction Factor will be calculated using $650 / (520 + \text{PHRF Rating})$. There will be one throwout if five or more races are sailed.
11. **Race Committee Boat Duty:** A sailboat which serves as Race Committee Boat or whose crewmembers (some or all) serve as Race Committee volunteers and does not compete for that single race of the series will be awarded a score equal to the average finish for that sailboat in all the other races of the series. There is no penalty for volunteering as race committee volunteers! Please do your share!
12. **Awards:** Race results and awards will be posted on the website as soon as possible after each race. Ballard Cup stickers will be awarded for each race. Trophies for the series will be presented at a later time not yet determined.