

NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions
BALLARD CUP 2020
One 8-Race Monday Night Series



(7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24)

1. **Rules:** This series is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by this Notice of Race and the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) available on the STYC website (www.styc.org). The series must adhere to the state and county Covid restrictions and may be altered or canceled before completion. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at www.styc.org before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** Races are open to STYC members and non-members with PHRF or STYC ratings. 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.

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.

3. **Crew Size Limits:** A boat's crew is limited to a total of five (5) people, including the skipper. Violation of this will result in disqualification from the entire series.
4. **Contact Tracing Requirements:** Skippers are required to have a contact tracing form filled out with information for the entire crew for each individual race. It must include the name and contact information of everyone on the boat. Failure to have a properly filled out contact tracing form when asked will result in disqualification from the entire series. The race committee boat may ask to see a contact information form at the time of the race.

An acceptable form is available at <https://bit.ly/38awYGx>. A copy is attached to the end of this NOR/SI document.

Skippers must certify that they have informed their crew that in the event the crew member suspects or is confirmed to have COVID-19, or is exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, to notify the skipper. The skipper must inform all other crew members, for any race up to 14 days prior to the COVID-19 diagnosis, that someone on the crew has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or was exposed to a confirmed case. The skipper must notify all affected crew within 48 hours.

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. **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).
7. **Divisions:** More than two multihulls will have a separate start. Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 2000 the Sunday before the race. The 1st Class start is scheduled for 1815. This means the first warning will be at 1810.
8. **Starting:** Boats should use their class's assigned GPS start time to start. There is no provision for postponements. The race committee boat will likely NOT display class and other starting sequence flags. The committee boat may provide sound signals to aid competitors. If no race committee boat is on station, boats should start at their class's assigned start time using the STYC buoy and the white rock on the breakwater as the starting line.
9. **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.

10. **Finishing:** The race committee boat will provide a horn signal when a boat finishes, but may not be able to record the finish time, nor check the presence of every competitor prior to, during, or after the race. Competitors must submit, using a link provided on the STYC website, their finish time, the boat ahead, and the boat behind. The deadline for submitting this information is 1800 the Tuesday after the race. Competitors failing to submit a finish time by this deadline will be scored DNC. Boats wishing to be scored DNF or RET must submit a finish time, or lack of one, by the deadline.

11. **Time Limit:** The time limit will be 2030 for all classes. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.
12. **Skippers' Meeting:** There are no Skippers' Meeting for this series. Skippers are responsible to check for any changes posted on the STYC website.
13. **Scoring:** Races will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The Time Correction Factor will be calculated using $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating})$. There will be one throwout if five or more races are sailed.
14. **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!
15. **Race Results and 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.

STYC Contact Tracing Form

Date: _____

Boat Name:

Skipper Name:

Crew Name	Phone/Email
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3)	
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Date: _____

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Skipper Name:

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