

Notice of Race

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Leukemia Cup Regatta weekend starts with the Red Sky Night Silent Auction held at Columbia Yacht Club on Friday evening, August 25, 2017. The race will be held on Saturday, August 26. The starting sequence for the Short Handed division will begin at noon and the starting sequence for all other classes will begin at 1:00. Prizes will be awarded at the party following the race.

RULES

The Organizing Authority for the regatta is the Columbia Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS)*, the *Prescriptions of US Sailing*; and this Notice of Race. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of the local class shall apply; however all crew number and/or weight limitations shall be waived.

ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all sailing yachts equipped for offshore racing and which comply with USCG Regulations.

- The **SPINNAKER RACING DIVISION** will consist of One Design and handicap classes and will race on a windward/leeward or trapezoid course. If a competitor racing in a handicap class does not hold a current LM-PHRF certificate or wishes to race in a configuration different from that declared for their LM-PHRF handicap, the Organizing Authority will issue a temporary handicap.
- The **CRUISING DIVISION** will consist of Jib & Main, Cruising Spinnaker, Catalina and Classic Yacht classes; and will race on a two or three leg course using existing fixed marks. Competitors will be assigned handicaps by the Organizing Authority.

Boats that race in the Jib & Main and the Catalina classes may use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the length of the foot. A whisper pole may be used to “pole out” the headsail clew. There is no restriction on the length of the whisker pole.

Boats that race in the Cruising Spinnaker class are required to be a cruising type design and have a roller furling headsail. In addition, boats may fly an asymmetric “cruising” spinnaker tacked on centerline. The boat may be equipped with a short sprit or prod which may not extend forward of headstay by more than 25% of the J dimension.

- The **SHORT HANDED** Division will consist of single and double handed classes and will race on a medium distance, random leg course. Mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted in the Short Handed Division. This changes RRS 52.
- Competitors may be further subdivided into racing classes based on the number of entries received prior to noon, August 17. Any group of FOUR (4) or more boats desiring to race as a separate class may submit a written petition to the Columbia Yacht Club prior to noon, August 17. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, shall determine eligibility and placement within classes.

ENTRY

Entry can be made on line at: <https://fundraise.leukemicup.org/2017>.

Early Bird entry fee is \$125 through March 31. The regular entry fee is \$150 through August 11, will increase to \$175 through August 25, and is \$225 on the day of the race. The registration must be received by August 1 in order for the boat's name to appear on the event t-shirt.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Each participating boat shall be carry liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this regatta each competitor assumes the risks associated with yacht racing and agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.