

# Albatross Yacht Club 2017 Tuesday Twilight Series

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**A. RULES:** This series race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and as modified by the Anchor Bay Yacht Racing Association (ABYRA) 2017 Racing Handbook, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions for this race series.

**B. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Yacht Scoring website is the official notice board for this event.  
[www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

**C. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to sailing instructions will be posted on Yacht Scoring website by 1700 on the day of the race. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the official notice board.

**D. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NSSC Flag pole.

**E. SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Tune up - May 2, Spring Series - May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, Summer Series - August 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19. Warning signal of each day is at 1900 with the first start beginning at 1905 and 5 minute intervals between each successive start. A sequence alert consisting of a series of sounds may be sounded one minute ahead of the warning signal. The absence of a sequence alert shall be disregarded.

**F. MULTI-SAIL FORMAT:** HEADSAIL USAGE – Any headsail included in a boat's primary rating may be used. The choice of sails to use may be made during each race. There is no need to declare beforehand which sail combination will be used. The boat's rating will be adjusted after the race has been completed. Race Chairman will use the sail configuration that was selected at time of registration unless you change during a race, then you will notify Race Chairman of that change within two hours of finishing the race.

RATING ADJUSTMENT FOR SPINNAKER/HEADSAIL USAGE – If a symmetrical spinnaker is flown at any time during the race, the boat's primary (spinnaker) rating will be used as its primary rating for the race. If an asymmetrical spinnaker is flown at any time during a race, a 6 second credit will be added to the boat's primary rating for the race. The asymmetrical spinnaker must be flown without the use of a pole and must be attached to a tack point (or attached to a tack line that is lead to a tack point) that is no more than 12 inches forward of the headstay (or as near as possible) to the centerline of the hull. If a boat chooses JAM only for the entire race, a 12 second credit will be added to the boat's primary rating for the race. If a boat has a valid DRYA rating certificate, the "S", "A", and "J" ratings will be used.

**G. CLASS SPLITS:** Class splits will be posted on Yacht Scoring website no later than two hours before the race.

**H. COURSE:** ABYRA triangle with the Clinton River Buoy (CR1) being the Start/Finish Buoy. Course length is 6 statute miles, 5.2 nautical miles (approximate). An alternate course could be used as a “to and back” between CR1 and the racing marks C, A, B, or 1PH. The following mark positions are approximate. A shortened course may be used at the discretion of the committee boat as described in the ABYRA handbook.

CR1	42° 35' 57"	82° 44' 51"
A	42° 37' 42"	82° 46' 00"
B	42° 37' 16"	82° 43' 65"
C	42° 38' 60"	82° 44' 75"
1PH	42° 32' 47"	82° 44' 47"

**I. THE START ORDER:**

START 1	CLASS A	PINK FLAG
START 2	CLASS B	GREEN FLAG
START 3	CLASS C	GOLD FLAG
START 4	CLASS D	PURPLE FLAG

**J. THE FINISH:** All skippers who have changed their sail configuration must notify Race Chairman Scott Krucki 734-777-9874 (preferably by text) within two hours of crossing the finish line.

**K. TIME LIMIT:** Time limit for each class is three hours. RRS 35 is changed, see ABYRA Handbook.

**L. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Protesting yachts must file within 90 minutes of the finish time of the last boat. See ABYRA handbook for more information.

**M. SCORING:** Best 5 out of 7 races for each series will be scored to determine series standings. Best 10 out of 14 races will be scored for Season Overall standings. Any abandoned races reduce the number of races needed to qualify by that number. You must qualify in both Spring & Summer series in the same division to qualify for Season Overall. See ABYRA Handbook section 7 scoring for additional information.

**N. SAFETY REGULATIONS:** Each skipper shall comply with US Coast Guard regulations. All single-handed sailors are required to wear a personal flotation device. Any boat retiring from a race shall notify race committee as soon as possible.

**O. RADIO COMMUNICATION:** Monitor VHF 72 for all race communications.

**P. AWARDS:** Flags will be awarded for the 4th race of each series and will be presented post-race at Markley Marine gazebo. Series award flags will be presented at NSSC immediately

following the last race of each series. Season Overall flags will be presented at the ABYRA Haul-Out party at NSSC in November.

**Q. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 races. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.