



**June 17, 2023 UPDATE**

**Race Circular**

**THE HAMPTON SPRINTS**

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

**Concept:** A unique, fun event featuring a series of short windward-leeward races in small, tight fleets. Designed to produce close, exciting racing with a one-design feel. Fun for all boats...big, small, one-design.

5-6 races...weather permitting. One fast lap around a short 1.3 nm course. Continuous action with simultaneous starts and finishes. More racing...less waiting time. It's called the "Sprints" for a reason!

Saturday morning Skippers Meeting followed by racing off Hampton Flats. Awards Party that afternoon with beer, hot dogs and chili, plus awards to fleet winners and the "*Sprints* Trophy" to the top boat.

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*.

**2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- Open to monohulls 20' LOA or more. Must meet US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements.
- One-Designs welcome, too. Individual entries or as a One-Design fleet.
- Non-Spin and Cruisers are welcome as well and will do races 1, 3, and 5 to keep things moving.
- Entry Procedures:
  - See next page for entry form and information...it's soooo easy!
  - "Sprints Return Discount" for all returning boats = \$40 (Same as last year)
  - New boats = \$45 for a great day of racing, plus awards party with beer, food, and trophies.
  - No entries will be accepted after Thursday, July 27 so fleets can be finalized and announced!!
- Preliminary S.I.s sent immediately to each boat as she enters. Periodic fleet updates after that.

**3. SATURDAY SCHEDULE:**

**\*\*\* NOTE: AVOID THE TUNNEL. NO FRIDAY SKIPPERS MEETING!! \*\*\***

**0930 Skippers Meeting on HYC Flag deck. (S.I.s plus Scratch Sheets distributed)**

**1130 Warning off Hampton Flats**

**1700 Awards and Social on HYC Flag Deck**

- Hot dogs, chili, and beer

- Trophy to winner of each fleet plus "*Sprints* Trophy" to Boat of the Regatta

#### 4. RACING PROGRAM

- Windward-leeward courses, once around. 2/3 nm legs. Total distance = 1.3 nm
- Start, weather mark, spinnaker set, finish. Don't blink...it happens fast!
- Small fleets... Tight racing... Close finishes... Fun!
- 5-6 races for all fleets...wind and weather permitting. (3 for Non-Spin & Cruisers)
- Continuous starts/finishes with finish line opposite starting line. More racing. Less waiting.
- "Special" rules to keep things interesting and moving. Not complicated, just fun!
  - Three (3) minute starting sequences to move things along.
  - PORT/STAR mark rounding alternated each race. (You gotta pay attention.)
  - One-turn penalty vs two...so you're still in the game.
  - No throw-outs. (They all count!)
  - Expedited protest hearings. We're here to race and party, not do hearings!!

\*\*\* THIS REGATTA COUNTS TOWARD THE HYC CUP CHAMPIONSHIP \*\*\*

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### **THE HAMPTON SPRINTS ENTRY FORM**

SKIPPER/OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Number /Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club/Sailing Assoc: \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL #: \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL /TYPE /: \_\_\_\_\_

PHRF RATING: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** your entry to Lin at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)

**OR CALL** Lin at (757) 850-4225 **OR** at (757) 814-8518

**OR Mail Entry fee and form to: Hampton Sprints, c/o 4401 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669**

Make Check payable to: Hampton Yacht Club. HYC Members may use payment option below:

*HYC Members option: Please charge the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee to my HYC Member Account*

*Member Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Need additional information or have a question involving entry, please call Lin (Entry & Info) at (757) 850-4225 or email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)