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## HAMPTON YACHT CLUB

### 2023 TEAM RACE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Team Race Program is not just for college and high school sailors. Whether you graduated last year or 30 years ago, join the HYC team!**

HYC offers a Team Racing Program for HYC members on our fleet of Club-Owned Sonars. No team racing experience is needed! Just come on out and try it. You'll experience the challenge and excitement of team racing and help build a team to compete with other yacht clubs. The program is fundamentally geared to help our members learn team racing and improve their sailing skills.

Sessions start in May and continue through September on most Thursday nights from 1730 to sunset. Activities may include practice races, on the water drills, and classroom theory. Afterwards we head to the Dockside Lounge for an informal debrief and refreshment.

1. **RULES** - Team Race Program practice races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), this announcement, any changes made at the participants meeting at the start of each session, and as modified by Appendix D – Team Racing Rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
  - 2.1. HYC members and their guests may participate in the Team Race Program.
  - 2.2. To ensure safe and fair competition, boats, captains, and crew members will be assigned at the start of each session. Captains must be HYC members qualified to skipper a Sonar.
  - 2.3. Each Sonar used in each session must be reserved by a member of the Adult Sailing Program (ASP). The Sonar Reservation for Team Race sessions does not need to list the boat, captain, or crew, or forecast the weather. Sonars may be reserved by submitting the Sonar Reservation form found on the "Adult Sailing Program" page under the "On The Water" on the HYC website. It is located at this link: [Sonar Reservation | Hampton Yacht Club \(hamptonyc.com\)](https://www.hamptonyc.com/sonar-reservation)
  - 2.4. Participants (other than those reserving a Sonar) must complete and submit a Sonar Release and Indemnity Agreement. The agreement is also located on the "Adult Sailing Program" page under the "On The Water" on the HYC website. It is located at this link: [Release & Indemnity | Hampton Yacht Club \(hamptonyc.com\)](https://www.hamptonyc.com/release-indemnity)
  - 2.5. All participants are requested to indicate their intention to attend each session by adding their names to the HYC Team Racing – Google Sheet. It does not matter whether you sign up for skipper/crew or which boat you sign up for. The spreadsheet will be used to help plan sessions. It is located online at this link:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1htSs4I3HhS4TwDHIG22z-6lH8G0jnBSiahc01lhawds/edit#gid=0>.
  - 2.6. Participants are also requested to confirm their attendance for each session no later than one day before the date of each session by adding or removing their name from the Google Sheet in paragraph 2.5 or contacting the program administrator.
3. **FEES** - There is no fee for HYC members or non-member guests of ASP Members.

May 7, 2023

#### 4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Twelve (12) sessions are scheduled on for the following Thursdays nights:

5/11/2023	5/18/2023	6/8/2023	6/15/2023	6/22/2023	7/13/2023
7/20/2023	8/10/2023	8/24/2023	9/7/2023	9/21/2023	9/28/2023.

4.2. Sessions start at 1715. Meet on shore at the Sonar lift area. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to help plan activities for the session and launch boats if needed.

4.3. After each session participants are asked to help put away boats if needed.

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. General information is posted on the HYC website located online at this link:

[Adult Sailing Program | Hampton Yacht Club \(hamptonyc.com\)](http://hamptonyc.com)

5.2. The program administrator will inform participants of changes to sessions and activities by email and text. It is the participants' responsibility to ensure correct email addresses and text numbers are on file and to monitor communications the day of the session.

#### 6. SESSION ACTIVITIES

6.1. The decision for activities (practice racing, chalk talk, etc...) for each session will be made when we meet based upon the number of attendees, the latest forecast weather conditions, and the needs of the team to improve the program.

6.2. **Participation** – Safety of Sailors is paramount. Session activities will hold safety above all other considerations.

6.3. **Weather Forecast** – Practice racing will not commence if the National Weather Service (NWS) Hourly Weather Forecast for Hampton VA from 1800-2030 on the day of the session is:

6.3.1. Wind Speed sustained above 18 MPH, or

6.3.2. Thunderstorms are "likely".

#### 7. PRACTICE RACE INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Additional Sailing instructions will be provided at the start of each session.

7.2. Skippers and crews will be assigned at each session to ensure good competition.

#### 8. EQUIPMENT

8.1. Every effort will be made to ensure boat bottoms are cleaned on Thursday before each session.

8.2. Float Plans are not required for Team Race Program practice sessions.

8.3. All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD any time a participant is on a boat.

8.4. All Sonar maintenance and repair items must be reported to the program administrator.

9. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in practice 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 regatta. The Hampton Yacht Club and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.