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Race Circular

THE HAMPTON SPRINTS

Saturday, July 27, 2024

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 following racing 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.
- Everyone is welcome. All boats. All clubs. All fun.
- One-Designs welcome, too. Individual entries or as a One-Design fleet.
- Cruisers are welcome and will do three (3) races. We'll give you a complimentary rating!
- Entry Procedures:
 - Entry Fee = \$45 for a great day of racing, plus awards party with food, beer, and trophies
 - See next page for entry form and information...it's soooo easy!
 - * No entries will be accepted after Thursday, July 25...so fleets can be finalized and announced!!
- Preliminary S.I.s sent to each boat as she enters. Periodic updates sent to all as event approaches.

3. SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

***** NOTE: NO FRIDAY SKIPPERS MEETING !! *** FORGET THE TUNNEL !!**

0930 Brief Skippers Meeting on HYC Flag Deck. S.I.s plus Scratch Sheets distributed.

1130 Warning off Hampton Flats (Let's go racing!)

1700 Awards and Social on HYC Flag Deck (Let's party!)

- Hot dogs, chili, and beer

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

4. RACING PROGRAM

- Windward-leeward courses, once around. 0.7 nm legs. Total distance = 1.3 nm
- Start, weather mark, spinnaker set, finish. Don't blink...it happens fast! No waiting...then do it again.
- Small fleets... Tight racing... Close finishes... Fun!
- 5-6 races for all fleets...wind and weather permitting. (Cruisers do 3 races...as requested)
- 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 weather mark rounding alternated for each race. (You gotta pay attention.)
 - One-turn penalty vs two. (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 ***

*** PRO – John McCarthy *** Information & Entry – Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225

*** Chief Judge – Jerry Thompson

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

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