

23rd Annual



Bayview Yacht Club's
Women on Water Regatta

For the

Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy

Point to Point- August 7, 2026 at 18:00

U20 One Design Windward Leeward Regatta August 9, 2026 at 10:00

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US SAILING prescriptions.
- 1.2 Bayview Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA)
- 1.3 Bayview Yacht Club Ultimate 20 Club Boat Handling Policy will apply to the Ultimate 20 class.
- 1.4 USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION For the Ultimate 20 class, each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD shall be worn at all times while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. *This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.*
- 1.5 Each Ultimate 20 competitor will need to bring their own PFDs.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All participants shall be female.
- 2.2 The **Point to Point Regatta** is open to any boat that has a **MWPHRF** rating or a recognized **One-Design** class. Three or more registered boats in any One Design class wishing to compete will be granted their own scoring start.
- 2.3 **U20 One Design** Skippers are invited by invitation.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 Skippers must enter online at <https://byc.com/women-on-the-water-regatta>
Entry fee is \$50 per boat for the Point to Point race and comes with one shirt.
- 3.2 U20 One design entry fee is \$100 plus a \$1000 refundable damage deposit.
Each registration comes with a complimentary regatta shirt.
 - a. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the OA or Bosum. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident and paid by credit card.
 - b. Organizing Authority will ensure all U20 participants can compete on Club owned U20 boats and assess damage as needed.

3.3 **Deadline for entry is July 26, 2026. Entries accepted after the deadline will be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and may carry a late fee of \$10.00.**

3.3 The class splits for the Point to Point regatta will be announced at the skippers meeting Friday, August 7th at 18:00.

4. EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, August 7th

18:00 - skipper meeting and class split announcement

18:55 - warning signal

Post-Race Party & Awards immediately following racing

Sunday, August 9th

10:00- skippers meeting

10:55- warning signal

15:00- deadline for starting a race

Post-Race Party & Awards immediately following racing and boat clean up.

5. VENUE AND COURSES

5.1 The race area is on the Detroit River in the area upstream and downstream from BYC.

5.2 Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time. Any boat not complying with the Sailing Instructions on this very important matter may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard

6. REGISTRATION

Registration will be open May 15, 2026. <https://byc.com/women-on-the-water-regatta>

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and online at the event website on <https://byc.com/women-on-the-water-regatta>

8. SCORING

8.1 One race shall constitute a series.

8.2 MWPHRF classes shall be scored using WMPHRF Time-on-Time (TOT) ratings.

8.3 All other classes will be scored without handicap adjustment.

9. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may provide general information to competitors on VHF Channel 72. **The failure to broadcast such information or the broadcast of**

incorrect information shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.*

10. PRIZES

10.1 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for classes having 5 or more boats registered.

10.2 1st places for classes having less than 5 boats.

10.3 The Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy will be presented to the overall Point to Point winner on Friday. The Trophy will also be awarded to the U20 One Design W/L winning team.

11. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is here alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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