



**rites of spring race  
single & double handed  
women full crewed  
Saturday March 22, 2008**

**GENERAL**

The Rites of Spring race provides an opportunity to experience the fun and challenge of racing your boat single or double-handed. Participants represent the whole spectrum of bay racers including many who do not ordinarily race short-handed. Non-spinnaker and spinnaker fleets are included. By popular request, we are reinstating a race division for women's full-crewed boats for 2008.

Because crews are short handed, the race committee tends to make the start line wide and makes liberal use of the radio in addition to signal flags. An awards party is held after the race to help prolong the experience and let the racers meet their competition.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Open to double and single-handed crews and women full crewed only. Monohull sailboats must be ballasted with LOA of at least 20 ft. Multihull sailboats must be BAMA rated. Yacht club membership is not required.

**RACING AREA**

The courses will be in the central bay, 8-15 miles long with start/finish in the Berkeley Pier-TI area.

**SAFETY AND AUTOPILOTS**

Life jackets must be worn. Autopilots are allowed for single-handers only

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The 2005-2008 RRS, prescriptions of US Sailing and the Standing Instructions of SF Bay YRA HDA will govern (YRA prevails if conflicting), except where modified by the OYC Sailing Instructions. Detailed instructions will be mailed or e-mailed to all known racers a week before the race. Late registrants may pick up instructions at the Oakland Yacht Club, the optional skippers meeting, the RC boat, or OYC's website (click below).

**ENTRY FEES-FORMS**

Entry fee is \$30.00 Including T-shirts, but add \$5.00 if mailed or delivered after March 14. Forms are available at the Oakland Yacht Club, at the Skipper's meeting, or OaklandYachtclub.com

**FLEETS/DIVISIONS**

OYC will make a strong effort to keep similar boats in the same starting fleet, including one-design divisions if at least five boats register. Double-handed, Single-handed, Spinnakers, Non-spinnakers, Cat-Rig, women full crew, and Multihulls will compete in separate fleets. If needed for meaningful competition, some Non Spinnaker boats may be given a rating bonus and assigned to a spinnaker fleet.

**PHRF & TIME CORRECTION**

Elapsed times will be corrected using the Time on Distance method corrected to the nearest second. Boats not submitting a SF Bay YRA PHRF certificate may be given a non-contestable rating. Standard YRA PHRF adjustments for headsail size may be applied only if declared on the entry form.

**SKIPPER'S MEETING-OPTIONAL**

Friday, March 21, 7:30 PM OYC Regatta Room. Dinner is available at 6:30 PM, bar at 5:00PM.

**PARTY & BERTHING**

Free berthing is available on Friday and or Saturday night at OYC (reservation required)..All racers and friends/family are invited to a Spring Fling Party at OYC on Saturday night. Details available at OYC website-(click below) A preliminary awards presentation will be held before the main party. Bar open at 1700 hrs.

**SHIRTS & TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top 50% (approximately) finishers. T-shirts are included in entry fee and will be available one week before the race. (Hats may be substituted if T-shirts run out because of late entries.)

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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