High Sierra Regatta
July 11-12 and July 18-19, 2020
Fresno Yacht Club
Huntington Lake

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017 - 2020*.

1.2. Racing rules 26, 40, and Appendix A2 will be changed as follows:

1.2.1. RRS 26 is changed by adding "group class flag" to "class flag". A group class flag is used for classes starting as a group. Numeric signal flags will designate group classes.

1.2.2. Appendix A2 SERIES SCORES is changed to: Five (5) races are scheduled for each class and group class. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series. No races will be excluded. The boat with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly.

1.2.3. RRS 40 is changed to: All competitors must wear USCG approved personal flotation devices while racing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

1.2.4. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The High Sierra Regatta is an invitational regatta. All FYC established/qualified classes are invited to participate. Classes outside FYC may participate by invitation only.

2.1.1. Classes currently invited July 11-12 are Moth, Snipe, Lido 14 A and B, Laser, Laser Radial, Banshee, RS Aero, Optimist A and B, Vanguard 15 and San Juan 21.

2.1.2. Classes currently invited July 18-19 are PHRF, J70, Day Sailer A and B, Ultimate 20, Viper 640, Open 5.70, Wyle Wabbit, Victory 21, Coronado 15, and Thistle.

2.2. Register on Regatta Network at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20399

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20400

2.3. The registration deadline is 1800 hours on the Friday prior to the first race.

2.4. A minimum of five (5) entries from an invited class must have registered by 1800 the Friday prior to the start of racing to qualify as a one-design class.

2.5. For July 18-19, any keelboat with a valid PHRF certificate that does not have a one-design class in which to participate, may enter and race with the PHRF Fleet. PHRF ratings from regions other than NCPHRF will be converted to NCPHRF ratings. For invited classes that fail to meet the 5 boat class start minimum, FYC has the option to

assign a Northern California PHRF rating to these classes and put them in an Sport Boat Fleet or PHRF A or B. Trapezes are not allowed in either PHRF fleet. If a yacht fails to upload a PHRF certificate, or bring a copy to registration, they will be allowed to race, but not scored.

2.6. The Forest Service limits the number of boats to 150 per weekend. **Early registration is strongly recommended!**

3. FEES

3.1. Required fees are as follows:

Class	*Fee*
Optimist	$45 for US Sailing Members, all others, $50
All others	$75 for US Sailing Members, all others, $80

3.2. Other fees:

3.2.1. A late fee of $20 applies to entries received after July 3rd and 10th respectively.

4. SCHEDULE for both weekends follows:

4.1	Friday	1500 – 1800 hours	Late registration & skipper check-in
	Saturday	0930 hours	Skippers meeting
		1055 hours	Race 1 warning signal Race 2 and 3 warning signal approximately 15 minutes after last boat to finish in each fleet
		1700 hours	Beach party and BBQ dinner.
	Sunday	1055 hours	Race 4 warning signal Race 5 warning signal approximately, but no sooner than 15 minutes after last boat to finish in each fleet
		1500 hours	Trophy presentation – unless delayed by protests

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & VHF RADIOS

5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network and the FYC website.

5.2. All competitors are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio as the Race Committee will make courtesy announcements of impending starts. The Sailing Instructions exempt boats from one-design rules that prohibit electronics.

6. VENUE

6.1. See the High Sierra Regatta portion of the Fresno Yacht Club website at http://fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta/ for description of the Huntington Lake venue and other helpful information.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. Marks and courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1. Five (5) races are scheduled. One (1) is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2. The results from all races will be included in the scoring.

9. BERTHING

9.1. A launch ramp is available.

9.2. Courtesy berthing is not available. Trespassers may be cited. See http://fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta/ for slip and mooring options.

9.3. Overnight dry storage is available in the parking area. Please obey parking control. No trailers may be parked in the beach area.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be given by class/group class based on the number of boats pre-registered by Sunday prior to the race weekend as follows:

Number of entries	Number of Prizes
5	2
8	3
10	4
12+	5

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta 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

12. INSURANCE

12.1. The Organizing Authority assumes no responsibility regarding regatta participants and boats. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance covering all risks that may be associated with the regatta.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. For further information please see http://fresnoyachtclub.org/high-sierra-regatta/ or contact hsrinfo@fresnoyachtclub.org.