



VINEYARD VENTUS
Southern Massachusetts Adult Team Racing Series
Vineyard Haven Yacht Club
July 11 & August 8, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Vineyard Haven Yacht Club (VHYC) is hosting the Vineyard Ventus, an adult team racing series that combines the challenge of competition with the productiveness of practice.

1 RULES

The races will be governed by honor system. Where honor breaks down the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will apply as modified by the Race Committee or any sailing instructions.

2 CLASS

Evenly tuned Sonar boats will be provided with team racing sales. Spinnakers may be used if the skill level of competitors is high enough. When in doubt, spinnakers will not be used. The Sonar Class Rules will not apply. Rules for handling boats and the equipment list will be included in the Sailing Instructions, or some other communication by the race committee.

3 TEAM

Each competing club, or consortium of clubs forming a "super" club, can send up to 6 sailors per sailing day. There are 2 sailing days. The VHYC race committee will assign sailors to one of 3 teams consisting of 3 boats per team with input from the competitors. Boats may have 1 helm and either 2 or 3 crew. Competing clubs do not need to send complete boats. The race committee will form evenly matched teams based on who attends each event. Crews and teams may be rotated by the RC, or by competitors, to ensure evenly matched competition throughout the day.

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- All competitors must be a member of a yacht club that is a member of SMSA unless an exception is granted by the race committee.
- If you, or your yacht club, would like to participate in this event, please contact Greg Stevens, greg.stevens@gmail.com, by June 15, 2021.
- Entry fees must be paid by July 1, 2021.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions, or some other less formal communication by the race committee, will be available at the event.



6 VENUE

The racing area will be approximately 1/4-mile northeast of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. Shore activities will take place at Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, Owen Little Way, Vineyard Haven, MA.

7 FORMAT

The planned format is a pickup game of sorts where evenly matched teams are formed from a pool of competitors each sailing day. If there are more competitors than positions on boats, then competitors will be rotated in and out in such a manner to allow for as equal sailing time as possible.

8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday July 11, 2021	1000	Participants meeting
	1030	Rig boats
	1100	Practice starts and races
	1230	On the water lunch (provided)
	1600	Boats on moorings
	1630	Debrief and refreshments ashore
Sunday, August 8, 2021	1000	Participants meeting
	1030	Rig boats
	1100	Practice starts and drills
	1230	On the water lunch (provided)
	1600	Boats on moorings
	1630	Debrief and refreshments ashore

9 COURSE

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions or some other communication issued by the race committee.

10 SCORING

Scores will be made available.

11 UMPIRING & PROTEST

On the water umpires, if available, will be comprised of certified judges and/or competitors and/or aspiring judges. Certified and aspiring Judges are encouraged to attend the Ventus and lunches will be provided. Interested judges, or aspiring judges, should reach out to Greg Stevens, greg.stevens@gmail.com. If on the water umpiring is not available, and when 100% unavoidable, protests will be heard at the VHYC clubhouse after the conclusion of sailing.

12 LIFE JACKETS

All competitors shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while racing, except while actively adding or removing clothing. Competitors shall provide their own PFDs. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except team pinnies.

13 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

Coach and support boats are allowed. Any coach may only observe racing from outside the racecourse. Moorings may be available in front of the VHYC. Mooring requests should be directed to the club



manager, manager@vhyc.com.

14 HOUSING AND MEALS

Lunch on the water will be provided to competitors each day. Competitors are to supply their own water.

15 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

All participants must sign a waiver form. All participating helmsmen will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of sailing by providing credit card information at check-in. The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Skippers should be aware that while the VHYC will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a pro-rated basis.

16 COVID-19

All participants will be required to adhere to any local or state protocols.

17 T-SHIRTS

Each participating club, or consortium of clubs will receive 12 t-shirts. No prizes will be awarded.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Greg Stevens, greg.stevens@gmail.com

Event Chair: Greg Stevens



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ENTRY FORM

Please return this entry form by June 15, 2021 to Greg Stevens, greg.stevens@gmail.com

Yacht Club (s): _____

Team Captain: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Entry Fee: The cost of the Vineyard Ventus is \$1,000 per participating club, or consortium of clubs forming a “super” club. The entry fee includes up to 6 lunches per sailing day and a total of 6 t-shirts. Please make checks out to Vineyard Haven Yacht Club.

Please remit payment by July 1, 2021.

Please describe how many sailors you expect to sail each day of the Ventus.

NOTE: ALL sailors MUST sign a waiver that will be available at the participants’ meeting.