



BCTR Team Lightning 2 v 2 Selection Regatta

FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D. It is the intent of the OA for all races to be umpired.

2. BOATS

Harbor 20 boats will be provided by the OA for competing skippers. Standing rigging--including upper battens--shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the OA. Only telltales may be added to boats. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All equipment supplied shall be carried aboard while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Team Composition

- each team shall consist of 4 sailors: 2 helms and 2 crews;
- all must be bona fide members or spouses, in good standing of Newport Harbor YC;
- none shall be registered to compete in the 2017 Baldwin Cup Team race as a member of any other team;
- all must be at least 21 years old by April 6, 2017;
- at least 2 team members must be at least 30 years old by April 6, 2017; and
- all helmsmen must be current members of an ISAF National Authority (MNA) during the regatta.

3.2. Eligible teams must submit an online entry form by February 22, 2017.

3.3. Skippers will be responsible for the cost of damages up to \$500 per incident. Any amounts will be charged to your member account.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Saturday, February 25, 2017	Sunday, February 26, 2017
Mandatory Competitors' Briefing	1300	1030
First Warning	1330	1100
Award Presentation		1730

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available upon check-in at NHYC.

6. VENUE

Racing will be in the harbor north of NHYC.

7. FORMAT

The format will be based on the number of teams registered and the weather conditions. Possible formats include but are not limited to: Round Robin or Elimination Ladder, followed by quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. The format to be attempted, contingency formats (if any) and changes to the format will be described fully in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1. Races will be scored in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

9. COURSE

The course may be a digital 'N' or any variation of a triangular or other course.

10. BALDWIN CUP TEAM SELECTION

The 2 teams with the highest series scores shall compete for the 2017 NHYC Baldwin Cup Team Lightning.

11. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

Newport Harbor Yacht Club promotes sportsmanship and respect for borrowed boats in addition to competition. In this spirit, all skippers are requested to assist the 2017 Baldwin Cup Committee to properly prepare the H20 fleet for the regatta. This requires your presence and effort on April 1st from 9am – 5pm, to clean and prepare boats. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Your help is expected and appreciated.