



Ahoy Wednesday Evening Sailors,

Welcome back to 2019 Wednesday evening racing in Bayview! This year's format will consist of three series of five races each. More racing, more fun. We will start the Wednesday evening races on May 15th and continue through September 1st. All races will begin promptly at 6 PM, meeting on the water. However, for the first race, we will meet on the dock at MacDonald's at 5:30 PM. Rob Reed and I will go over rules and other important BBQ and mark setting/retrieving matters.

This year we will again be using the very successful modified course where the start/finish line will be right off the dock at MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort between the red buoy and the committee boat. The course is a triangle with the two inner No-Wake buoys and the start/finish buoy as our marks, leaving all marks to port. We intend to incorporate a poker run into one or two of the races.

We will also be continuing the tradition of a BBQ immediately following the race at the Bitter End Marina.

Each race will require a \$5 entry fee payable directly to Norma Jean Knowles on the committee boat. If you don't catch her before the race, she has been known to show up for the BBQ after the race.

We will have one start following the standard start sequence. Boats with Spinnakers will do three laps, and boats with white sails only will do two laps. If the winds calm (yes it does happen!) be looking for the short course flag (S-Flag) on the committee boat which will mean one less lap per class and a quicker means to beer and BBQ. For more information, please see the sailing instructions on the website.

Steve Dahlstrom has revised the Lake King scoring system for 2019. Dr. Evil says we will enjoy this new system or else. Please RSVP if you intend to race in the first series.

This is a great, low-stress venue for any and all sailors to come and get a taste of racing in a very welcoming and easygoing environment. If you are unfamiliar with the rules of racing, there are usually several fellow sailors there to provide helpful and supportive advice about what to do or not to do next time.

So, show up for any or all the races — the more, the merrier.

Contact me at calsailordude@gmail.com with any questions or comments or if you would like to host one of the BBQ's. It would also be very helpful to share the duty of setting and retrieving the starting line mark and putting the committee boat back into her slip after the race. [Please sign up to help out.](#)

Fair Winds (especially after the start of the race)

Steve Irwin