

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

2007 Margarita Series

August 12, 2007
September 2, 2007
September 29, 2007

NOR/Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

This series will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the USSA, and the rules of the Southern California PHRF Fleet, (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by these sailing instructions. A yacht's PHRF BOUY rating shall be used for the series. Competing yachts shall designate one PHRF rating configuration for the entire series.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered for the series by completing a registration form with the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1200 hours on the first day of the series. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates and be equipped for Category IV Races. Valid PHRF rating Certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee.
- 2.3 SERIES ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FEE OF \$25.00 FOR BOATS 30' OR UNDER OVERALL LENGTH OR \$35.00 FOR BOATS OVER 30' OVERALL LENGTH.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the SBYC lower deck.
- 3.2 A skippers meeting will be held at 1200 hours each race day. The current SBYC Course Chart will be made available at the skippers meeting. Each boat will receive a starting time sheet calculated on the basis of the Hot Rum course lengths and the boat's PHRF handicap.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1215 hours on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club yardarm.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Races are scheduled as follows:

RACE 1 Saturday, August 12, 2007	First Warning:	1325 hours
RACE 2 Saturday, September 2, 2007	First Warning:	1325 hours
RACE 3 Saturday, September 29, 2007	First Warning:	1325 hours

7 **CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

Class breaks will be announced at the skipper's meeting on the first day of the series. Class breaks will remain the same for subsequent races. The class breaks shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

8 **RACING AREA**

The racing area starting line will be approximately .5 n. miles southwest of the entrance to Santa Barbara Harbor. Racing will take place in the Pacific Ocean off Santa Barbara.

9 **THE COURSE**

- 9.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted from the SBYC deck with the warning signal.
- 9.2 If a letter 'R' is displayed following the course number, the course shall be sailed in reverse. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side read on the course chart.

10 **MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart, except that any mark may be replaced with an inflatable tetrahedron without notice.
- 10.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and await instruction on VHF Channel 71.

11 **THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start. Class flags will be announced at the skippers meeting. Boats shall not cross the starting line earlier than the starting listed on the Start Sheet for their handicap rating.
- 11.2 The Start Sheet will list the interval between the class start (scratch boat) and each boat's individual start time. This sheet will be made available at the skippers' meeting.

- 11.3 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors at the skipper's meeting.

12 OVER EARLIES

Over-early yachts will be notified by displaying code flag 'X' from the SBYC yardarm and an attempt may be made to hail on Channel 71 the sail number of the infringing yacht. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start at the appropriate time. (This modifies RRS 29.2)

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A shortened course will be signaled from the SBYC flagpole by displaying code flag "S" with two sound signals. The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate. For legs to Mark X, the shortened course will be finished between 'X' mark and the flagpole. For legs to the start finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between Marks F and G. The finish will be based on each boat's PHRF corrected time.

15 THE FINISH

The finish will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the current SBYC Course Chart.

- 15.1 The first boat in each class must finish by 1600 hours on the day of the race or that race will be abandoned and not resailed.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be lodged on US Sailing standard forms available in the SBYC hallway, and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

- 16.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

- 16.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

17 SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply, except that each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class on a daily basis. The number of trophies will be based on the number of boats in each race.

18.2 One Design classes with three or more boats will receive a daily trophy for the best finisher in that class.

18.3 The Margarita Series Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series.

19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.