

# **SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB**

## **WOMEN SKIPPER'S CHAMPIONSHIP September 1, 2007**

### **NOR/Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

This race will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), 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 Buoy Rating shall be used for the race.

#### **2. ENTRIES**

Participants may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1130 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available in the back hallway of the clubhouse. Eligible skippers: All female members including Junior Members, wives and daughters of members of both the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and Santa Barbara Sailing Club; and any female who crews for a member of SBYC or SBSC who may be designated by same to skipper their boat in this event. Boats will be required to have a valid PHRF certificate on file with the race committee.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the SBYC lower deck.

#### **4. SKIPPER'S MEETING**

A mandatory skipper's meeting will be held at 1200 hours on the upper deck of the SBYC Clubhouse.

#### **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on race day.

#### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

#### **7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The warning signal for the start of the Women Skipper's Championship will be at the Race Committee's discretion, following the completion of the Wilmot Hughes Race. The race committee will make verbal announcements of when the race will start on VHF channel 71.

**8. CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

Unless otherwise indicated there will be only one class.

**9. SPINNAKERS**

Boats that register as 'non-spinnaker' with the race committee by 1130 hours on the day of the race will be given a 30-second per mile allowance offset on the boat's PHRF rating. The offset will be used for corrected time calculations. Poles may be used. There is no restriction on sails for other than 'non-spinnaker' boats.

**10. CREW**

The skipper of the boat must be a woman (and meet the guidelines of SI 2.2) and be designated on the race entry. There is no other restriction on crew. The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, disqualify boats that race without the designated woman skipper at the helm.

**11. RACING AREA**

The racing area starting line will be approximately 0.5 n. miles southwest of the entrance to Santa Barbara Harbor.

**12. THE COURSE**

Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course will be posted from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for the class. Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**13. MARKS**

Marks will be as designed on the current SBYC Course Chart. In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart.

**14. THE START**

The race will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. The warning shall be given 5 minutes before the start. The start will be between marks F and G, as shown on the current SBYC Course Chart. Start times may be changed, at the skippers meeting, on the day of the race. Sail numbers of over-early yachts may be hailed by the race committee on VHF channel 71. Failure to hail, failure to hear hail or order of hail shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

**15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

The race committee may shorten a course. A change of course will be signaled from the SBYC deck. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has finished the shortened leg.

**16. THE FINISH**

The finish will be between marks F and G, as shown on the current 2006 SBYC Course Chart.

**17. TIME LIMIT**

The first boat must finish within 2.5 hrs of the starting time or the race will be abandoned.

**18. PROTESTS**

Protests, if any, 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 that yacht's finish time. Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines. The arbitration committee will hear protests in the approximate order of the receipt as soon as possible.

**19. SCORING**

The low-point scoring system, Appendix A2 of the racing rules, will apply. There will be no throw-out race.

**20. PRIZES**

The Women Skipper's Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest overall corrected time for the race. Individual trophies will be awarded to the winners on the day of the race. The number of trophies will be awarded depending on participation. If three or fewer boats participate, one trophy will be awarded; if four to five boats participate, two trophies will be awarded; if six to seven boats participate, three trophies will be awarded; if eight to nine boats participate, four trophies will be awarded; and if ten or more boats participate, five trophies will be awarded.

**21. 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.