SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
Hospice Charity Regatta
September 9, 2007

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The SBYC Charity Regatta will be governed by the US Sailing Prescriptions of the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing and the applicable class rules except as they may be altered by these sailing instructions.

1.2 All competitors shall be equipped with safety equipment for Category IV races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race, as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

3 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Yachts will be considered entered by completing an SBYC Race Entry Form or registering on-line: http://www.sbyc.org/RaceEntryForm.html no later than 1230 hours the day of the event.

3.2 The entry fee will be a contribution to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care and shall be governed by S.I. 9.4. A special trophy will go to the boat with the largest entry fee/contribution.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice chalk board located on the SBYC lower deck and posted no less than one hour prior to the start of the race.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

1230 hrs.	Registration Closes
1310 hrs.	Warning signal
1315 hrs.	First Start

8 CLASSES

This race will include all SBYC fleets including One Design, PHRF, and Handicap fleets racing concurrently for class and overall honors.

9 FORMAT

9.1 **Start Times:** The Charity Regatta rating committee shall assign start times for all yachts entered in a staggered start format. Start times shall be based upon current PHRF Random Leg and CHRF/H fleet ratings. Slight modifications to rating may be made to incorporate the diverse group of yachts into one fleet. Start times assigned for the Charity regatta may not be grounds for protest or redress.

9.2 **Class Competition:** Boats may be entered as PHRF, CHRF or One Design. All boats entering as One Design shall sail in class legal configuration. Individual fleet trophies will be awarded to top finishers.

9.3 **Overall Competition:** All competitors are automatically entered for the overall trophy. Each boat,

regardless of class or fleet will be assigned a handicap generated from statistical performance data or like boats. There will be a reverse handicap staggered start based on each boat's Handicap rating. Each boat's finish in the overall will be determined by her corrected finish time using her MODIFIED Charity Regatta Handicap (see S.I. 9.4).

9.4 **Rating Adjustments:** For each $10 donation at the racing desk, the donor may change a specified competitor's Charity Handicap by one second/mile. The change may be used to benefit your rating and/or hinder the rating of a competitor's boat. The cumulative change will be applied to each boat's Charity Handicap prior to scoring the overall event. The maximum aggregate change in rating to any one boat shall be limited to 20 seconds/mile. There is no limitation to the number of boats one person may donate towards. The modified Charity Regatta ratings shall remain secret until presentation of awards.

10 RACING AREA:

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel approximately .5 nm west of the harbor entrance. The area defined by a line commencing at the shore of Ledbetter Beach and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy is classified as an obstruction. Boats crossing this line shall exit immediately and retire immediately.

11 THE COURSE

11.1 The course to be sailed will be available will be displayed from the SBYC deck prior to the preparatory signal. Courses will be taken from the current SBYC course chart.

12 MARKS

Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart.

13 START

13.1 The start sequence shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag shall be a red square with a white "A".

13.2 There will be a reverse handicap staggered start based on each boat's assigned Charity Handicap.

13.3 The individual start times for the staggered start are listed on the Charity Regatta Start Times Sheet available at the skipper's meeting. These starts shall occur following the end of the RRS 26 starting sequence (scheduled at 1315 hours).

13.4 A yacht is considered racing from that point 4 (four) minutes before her individual start time.

13.5 The SBYC time clock will be used by the Race Committee as the official timing device and will be made available for skippers to set their timers at the skippers meeting. The Race Committee will synchronize the race clock with atomic time so that competitors may use GPS time to determine their start times.

14 RECALLS

14.1 The Race Committee will signal any premature start by displaying code flag 'X' with a single horn immediately following the scheduled start time of the premature boat.

14.2 The Race Committee may attempt to hail any over-early boat(s) on Channel 71. Failure to hail or failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the yacht's sole responsibility to start correctly.

15 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between marks G and F as shown on the attached SBYC Course Chart.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties may be taken in accordance with RRS 44.2.

17 TIME LIMIT

17.1 The first boat must finish by 1530 hours or the race will be abandoned.

17.2 All boats must finish within one hour of the first boat to finish, or they will be scored DNF.

18 PROTESTS

18.1 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 the protesting boat's finish.

18.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules will be subject to nonbinding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

19 SCORING

19.1 The modified (see S.I. 9.4) Charity Handicap times will used to determine the Overall Places in the Charity Regatta.

19.2 One Design competitors shall be scored in the order of finish in their respective fleets.

19.3 PHRF fleet shall be scored in the order of finish for boats entered in the PHRF fleet.

19.4 CHRF fleet shall be scored in the order of finish for boats entered in the CHRF fleet.

19.5 All scoring shall be as described in RRS Appendix A except that no throw-out will be given.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 71.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each fleet and the top 10 overall finishers.

22 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.