

Margarita Series
Santa Barbara Yacht Club
June 7, 2008
August 16, 2008
October 11, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as described in the current The Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of US Sailing; the rules of the Southern California PHRF class; the Championship Series NOR (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions. Competitors shall be members in good standing of the PHRF fleet.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 hours on the upper deck of the club. Four races are scheduled, with the first warning at 1200 hours. The warning signal for the second race for each class shall be made as soon as practical after completion of the first race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

CLASS	FLAG
PHRF A	Red flag with a white 'A'
PHRF B	Blue flag with a white 'B'
PHRF C	Green flag with a white 'C'

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel southwest of SBYC.

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8. THE COURSE

The diagrams in attachment 'A' show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course number for each race will be displayed on placards on the race committee boat.

9. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons of colors consistent with the Course Chart. The Start/Finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron at the pin end and an orange flag at the boat end.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start for one class may be the warning for the next. The starting and finishing line shall only be crossed when starting or finishing or when necessary to correct a starting or finishing error.

10.2 The race committee may attempt to hail on course side yachts on channel 71. Failure to hail or failure to hear hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the yacht's sole responsibility to start correctly.

10.3 Boats shall keep clear of the start/finish line except to start, finish, or correct a starting error. Boats failing to keep clear shall be scored DNF without a hearing.

11. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. The signal will be code flag 'C' with several sounds. No directions will be given. Any mark to be rounded after the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron and the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Rule 44.2 is modified such that a boat may exonerate an infringement of a Part 2 Rule by completing one penalty turn, including one tack and one gybe.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered to the main office, the Regatta Chairman within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat has returned to the dock.

14.3 All protests involving Part 2 Rules are subject to non-binding arbitration using the Santa Barbara Yacht Club Arbitration guidelines. Boats accepting an arbitrated penalty

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will be assessed a 40% penalty with scores of .5 or above rounded to the next whole number. Two boats may have the same points for a given race.

15. SCORING

15.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A, will apply except that a yacht's score shall be the sum of all her finish places. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 For SBYC Championship Series scoring, all series races shall be counted after the final event and throw-outs will be applied based on the total number of races in the series. One throw-out shall be taken for every four races completed. These may be applied to any race in the series.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 71.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class. The number of prizes awarded will be dependent on the number of competitors in each class.

18. 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 or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment A
(Course Chart)

◇ Mark 1 (Green)

◇ Mark 2 (Yellow)

Pin end (Yellow) ◇-----} (RC boat)

◇ Mark 3 (Yellow)

COURSE 1: Start – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 3 (port) – Finish

COURSE 2: Start – Mark 2 (port) – Mark 3 (port) – Finish

**COURSE 3: Start – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 3 (port) – Mark 1 (port) –
Mark 3 (port) – Finish**

**COURSE 4: Start – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 3 (port) – Mark 2 (port) –
Mark 3 (port) – Finish**

**COURSE 5: Start – Mark 2 (port) – Mark 3 (port) – Mark 2 (port) –
Mark 3 (port) – Finish**