

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
Hospice Charity Regatta
September 7, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The SBYC Charity Regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the applicable class rules, and by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All competitors shall be equipped with safety equipment for Category IV races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 CHRF class rules apply with regard to eligibility and trophies.
- 2.3 PHRF boats must have a valid copy of their 2008 rating certificate on file with SBYC to compete.

3 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Yachts will be considered entered by completing an SBYC Race Entry Form or registering on-line no later than 1330 hours the day of the event.
- 3.2 The entry fee will be a contribution to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care in an amount deemed appropriate by each boat.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice 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

1330 hrs.	Registration Closes
1355 hrs.	Warning signal
1400 hrs.	First Start
Following Racing	Awards at SBYC

8 CLASSES

This race will include all SBYC fleets: J/105, J/24, Melges 24, PHRF, and CHRF fleets.

9 FORMAT

Classes shall compete separately, except that all participating PHRF boats shall start together.

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 chosen from those listed on the current SBYC course chart and will be displayed from the SBYC deck prior to the preparatory signal.
- 11.2 Course distances for CHRF fleet scoring will as listed on the CHRF course list.

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, with the warning given 5 minutes before the start for each class..
- 13.2 Class flags and start order will be as follows:

Class	Flag	Start Time
PHRF:	Red flag with white 'A'	1400
Melges 24:	Orange flag with black 'M'	1405
J/105:	Black flag with white 'S'	1410
CHRF:	Yellow flag with black 'H'	1415
J/24:	Brown flag with white 'J'	1420

14 RECALLS

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 One Design competitors shall be scored in the order of finish in their respective fleets.
- 19.2 PHRF fleet shall be scored by corrected order of finish, based on area A1 Buoy ratings.
- 19.3 CHRF fleet shall be scored by corrected order of finish, based on current CHRF handicaps.
- 19.4 All scoring shall be as described in RRS Appendix A.

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 finishers in each PHRF fleet. Each fleet winner will be added to the perpetual trophy.

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.