

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

2009 Hot Rum Series

January 10, 2009

January 24, 2009

February 7, 2009

Sailing Instructions

1 **RULES**

This series will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing, 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 Buoy rating shall be used for the series. Competing yachts shall designate one PHRF rating configuration for the entire series. The MIR rule shall not be in effect.

2 **ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter the series by completing a registration form with the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1030 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 no later than 1030 hours on February 7, 2009.
- 2.3 One design boats in recognized classes may enter without PHRF certificates, using the local class rating, at the discretion of the race committee.
- 2.4 **SERIES ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FEE OF \$50.00 FOR BOATS 30' OR UNDER OVERALL LENGTH OR \$75.00 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 1100 hours each race day. The current SBYC Course Chart will be made available at the front desk. 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 1100 hours on the day it will take effect.

5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Races are scheduled with the First Warning at 1225 hours.

7 **CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

Class breaks will be announced at the skipper's meeting on January 10, 2009. A minimum of 3 boats is required for a separate class. 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 directly in front of SBYC. Racing will take place within the standard course chart.

9 **THE COURSE**

9.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on red placards from the SBYC deck with the warning signal.

9.2 If a letter 'R' is displayed on a blue placard 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.

9.3 If the letter 'T' is displayed from a Blue placard the course will be sailed twice around, with boats passing through the start/finish line at the beginning of the second lap.

10 **MARKS**

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

10.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor Channel 71.

11 **THE START**

11.1 All boats will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start. The class flag shall be a red flag with a white 'A'.

11.2 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors immediately after the skipper's meeting.

11.3 A boat's starting time shall follow the Start signal by the amount of time listed on the daily Start Sheet for the posted course. This sheet will be made available at the skippers meeting each day.

11.4 Boats whose start time is more than three minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.

12 **OCS NOTIFICATION**

12.1 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for one minute or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for one minute or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).

12.2 OCS boats that do not return within one minute must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

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

13.1 The race committee may shorten the course with a signal from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has finished the shortened leg.

13.2 When the course is to be shortened, the shortened course will be signaled by the display of code flag 'S', accompanied by two sound signals.

13.3 For shortened courses, the finish will be between mark X and the SBYC flagpole. If the shortened leg is to the Gate (Gt) the finish will be between the gate marks. If the shortened leg is to the start/finish line on a twice around course the finish will be between marks F and G as shown on the course chart.

14 **THE FINISH**

The finish will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the course chart.

15 **PROTESTS**

15.1 Protests shall be lodged on US Sailing standard forms available at the SBYC front desk, and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

15.2 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.

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

16 **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. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

17 **PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in each class for each race. Prizes for the top overall finishers each day will be awarded based on the number of boats that start a race that day, with a maximum of five places.

17.2 The Hot Rum Series Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series.

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