

**SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB**  
**OPENING DAY RACE**

Sunday, March 1, 2009

**Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

This race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the applicable class rules, the NOR, and by these sailing instructions (except as each modifies the former). The race is designated Category A. The Marine Industry Representative rule (MIR) of PHRF will not apply.

**2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY**

2.1 Eligible boats may register with the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1230 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available in the back hallway of the clubhouse. Entries will also be taken via the racing page of the SBYC website (<http://www.sbyc.org/Racing.html>) for boats having completed a web entry authorization form.

2.2 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates, or in the case of J-24's, Melges 24's, and J-105's, shall have applicable fleet membership, sail in class legal configurations, and be equipped for Category IV Races. Valid PHRF rating certificates or proof of application for a certificate for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than the entry deadline for the race.

2.3 Eligible competitors for CHRF shall notify the CHRF Race Committee of intention to race by 1230 hours the day of the race.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1230 hours on the day of the race.

**5. SIGNALS**

Signals will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 One race will be held for each fleet. There will be one start for all PHRF boats, separate starts for one design fleets, and a separate mass start for the CHRF fleet.

6.2 The first warning signal for the first start will be at 1355 hours.

## 7. CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Class flags and starting order will be as follows:

PHRF	Red flag with a white "A"
J/105	Black flag with a white "S"
Melges 24	Purple flag with a white "D"
J/24	Brown flag with a white "J"
CHRF	Yellow flag with a black "H"

## 8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be off the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The starting line will be approximately 0.25 n. miles west southwest of the entrance to Santa Barbara Harbor as shown on the current SBYC Course Chart.

## 9. THE COURSE

9.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each class will be posted from the SBYC Deck with the Warning signal for each class.

9.2 Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks will be yellow or white permanent markers but may be replaced by inflatable tetrahedrons without notice.

## 11. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. The times are approximate. Flags will signal the exact start sequence.

Time	Start
1355	First Warning
1400	PHRF start
1405	J/105 start
1410	Melges 24 start
1415	J/24 start
1420	CHRF start

11.2 The start will be between mark F and mark G on the 2009 Course Chart.

11.3 Start times may be changed on the day of the race to consolidate fleets with insufficient entries.

11.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.5 Note that the CHRF Fleet will have a mass start after the J-24 start (not a staggered)

## **12. 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.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finish will be between mark F and mark G as shown on the 2009 Course Chart.

13.2 Shortened courses will be finished at the next mark or gate shown on the course chart. For legs to mark X, the finish will be between mark X and the SBYC flag pole.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

The first boat in each class must finish within 2 hours of that class' starting time or the race for that fleet will be abandoned.

## **15. PROTESTS**

15.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing standard forms available in the SBYC main hallway, and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the last boats finish time.

15.2 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.

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

## **16. SCORING**

The Appendix A low-point scoring system will apply. One race shall constitute the series. There is no throw out.

## **17. PRIZES**

17.1 The Casper PHRF Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Casper II trophy will be awarded to the CHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Opening Day Trophy will be awarded to the winning J-24 boat.

17.2 Individual trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Race committee will be monitoring VHF Channel 71.

## **19. 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.

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