

***Santa Barbara Yacht Club***  
**2009 Wet Wednesday Series**  
**Notice of Race**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2009- 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Southern California PHRF Fleet, the J-24, Melges 24, and J-105 Class Rules, the H Fleet Rules, the NOR, and by these Sailing Instructions (except as each of these modifies the former).
- 1.2 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.3 The series will be restricted to advertising Category A.
- 1.4 The MIR Rule shall not be in effect for PHRF classes.

**2. ENTRIES AND FEES**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered for the series by completing a registration form with the Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to the first race sailed by that boat in the series. Entry is also available online through the SBYC Racing page. Changes made in sail number or PHRF rating during the course of the series will require submission of a new registration form. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the race committee.
- 2.2 This series is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race, as a guest of Santa Barbara Yacht Club, a maximum of three times during the regatta. Non-members desiring to compete for the series will be charged a \$100 entry fee for each Spring, Summer, and Fall portion of the Wet Wednesday Series, or a \$250 entry fee for all three portions.
- 2.3 All yachts entering a PHRF Fleet shall have a current PHRF rating certificate for their boat and submit a copy to remain on file at Santa Barbara Yacht Club before competing in a race. Yachts sailing in one design classes shall be members in good standing with their respective fleets and in full compliance with its rules.
- 2.4 Any PHRF or One Design boat may also enter as an H Fleet competitor, but must inform the Race Committee at least one hour before the first warning of its election to do so. If a boat is entered in more than one fleet, a DNC will be scored for that boat in the fleet not raced. Series scores for dual class entries will remain independent and scored as if they were separate boats.

**3. QUALIFYING SERIES**

Qualification for class championships and the SBYC Centennial Regatta shall be as defined by the Sail Policy Committee. For more information contact the SBYC Race Office.

**4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Wet Wednesday Series will be sailed in 3 separate segments, designated Spring Summer and Fall. The segments will each last 8 weeks with the following schedule:
  - 2009 WW Spring: April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 2009 WW Summer: June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - 2009 WW Fall: August 5<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>

4.2 Wet Wednesday races will be run on May 27th and July 29th , however they will not count towards Wet Wednesday Series Scoring. For these events, the SPC requests that women skipper take the helm.

4.3 Fun races will be run on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. These races will not count towards the overall Wet Wednesday Series. No throw out will be taken from this series.

## **5. CLASSES**

Classes shall be divided as follows:

H Fleet	H Fleet Handicaps (As per H Fleet rules)
PHRF- A	PHRF ratings -99 to 19
PHRF- B	PHRF ratings 20 to 76
Melges 24	One design
J-105	One design
PHRF-C	PHRF ratings 77 to 124
PHRF-D	PHRF ratings 125 to 250
J-24	One design

## **6. SPINNAKERS**

Spinnakers will be allowed for all classes. Boats electing not to use spinnakers must state that election on the boat's entry form for each segment. If elected, the boat's rating will be adjusted by adding appropriate offset to the boat's spinnaker rating. Once the selection of spinnaker or non-spinnaker rating has been made, it is effective for the entire segment. The original rating before non-spinnaker adjustment will be used for class designation. Non-spinnaker rating adjustments will not be given for H Fleet competitors.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at the SBYC Front Desk or online at [www.sbyc.org](http://www.sbyc.org).

## **8. VENUE**

The racing area will be as designated on the current Santa Barbara Yacht Club course chart.

## **9. COURSES**

9.1 Courses will be taken from the current Santa Barbara Yacht Club course chart. The course for each race will be posted from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck with the preparatory signal for each class.

9.2 When an 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction (all marks in the reverse order passed on the opposite side as listed).

9.3 When a 'T' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed two times around. The Start/finish line will be required at the beginning of the second lap.

9.4 The J/105 class shall leave Mark K to starboard on legs beginning from the start line or Mark X, and ending at Marks D or A.

## **10. 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.

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for each segment. One race result may be discarded in each.

11.2 Trophies for the top finishers in each segment (Spring, Summer and Fall) of the Wet Wednesday Series will be awarded trophies at the annual trophy dinner.

11.3 For the Wet Wednesday Class perpetual trophies, a competitor's series score is the sum of the finish position (1,2,3, etc.) of its best two segments (Spring, Summer and Fall). In the event of a tie, a competitor's finish position in the previously uncounted series will be used to break the tie. If there is still a tie between two or more boats, each boat's Wet Wednesday race scores in all races shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the better score. No excluded scores shall be used. This modifies RRS Appendix A. Boats failing to compete in a segment shall receive a finish position one greater than the largest number of boats competing in that fleet in a segment of that season.

11.4 Race Committee duty will be scored as a first place if the race for R/C boat's class is completed, except, if the R/C boat races, the boat's score for that race will be utilized. Race committee duty will count only once during the series.

11.5 Boats that register for a segment but fail to compete shall be excluded from that segment's scoring.

11.6 Segment scores shall be final at their completion. Additional entries after the end of a segment shall not affect the number of boats scored in that segment.

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICAITON**

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 71 but will not answer questions from boats considered to be Racing.

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1 Individual trophies will be awarded to the class winners for each race. The number of trophies will be awarded depending on participation. Three or fewer boats in a class will receive one trophy; four to five boats will receive two trophies; six to seven boats will receive three trophies; eight to nine boats receive four trophies and ten or more boats receive five trophies.

13.2 Season trophies will be awarded in accordance with the Deeds of Gift and Sailing Instruction 18.3.

## **14. 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.

## **15. INFORMATION**

For more information please contact Dana Jones in the SBYC Race Office at (805) 965 8112 x14 or [racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org).