

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB CLUB HANDICAP RACING FLEET

PCYC Race – April 17, 2009

NOR / Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 These SBYC Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF) races will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the USSA, SBYC's CHRF Racing rules, and the CHRF Race Committee Guidelines, except as these are altered by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 All competitors shall carry safety equipment equivalent to the requirements for a PHRF Category 4 race.

2 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible boats will be considered entered by completing the SBYC Race Entry Form (a one time requirement) and by sending a crew representative to sign the boat in with the Race Committee (RC) deck before the Skippers Meeting on the day of the race.
- 2.2 To become eligible for race trophies, a boat must first have completed three CHRF races to establish a handicap rating.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted in Fleet e-mail or on the official notice chalkboard on the SBYC lower deck.
- 3.2 No skippers' meeting will be held. Boats must sign in with the RC on the deck before each race per 2.1 above. Failing to do so will result in a DNS.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the chalkboard located on the SBYC lower deck and posted one hour prior to the start of the race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

All signals shall be made from the SBYC flagpole.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be yellow with a black 'H' in the center.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 Course to be sailed will be from the starting line between F and G marks, leaving the Santa Barbara Bell buoy to starboard, oil platform "A" (N34 19.926 W119 36.359) to port, platform "B" (N34 19.957 W119 37.359) to starboard, and finish between the mooring buoy and platform "Grace" to starboard. Platform Grace is located at Lat. 34' 10.77"N, and Long. 119° 28.07"W.
- 7.2 The dated course distance is 17.7 nm.

8 THE START

8.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

Time	Sequence	Visual	Audible Signal
1055	Warning Signal	Class Flag - Up	Horn
1056	Preparation Signal	'P' Flag - Up	Horn
1059	One-Minute	'P' Flag - Down	Horn
1100	Start	Class Flag - Down	Horn

8.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

8.3 The Starting Line will be between F and G on the SBYC 2009 Course Chart.

9 RECALLS

The Race Committee will signal a premature start by displaying Code Flag 'X' with horn sound signal. The RC may attempt to identify the over-early boat(s) on Channel 71. Failure to receive or hear this hail shall not be grounds for redress.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between platform Grace (starboard) and its work buoy (port). If there is no work buoy, each competitor will finish when platform Grace bears 225 degrees magnetic and is within 100 yards. Should the Race Committee elect to shorten the course, the finish line will be between platforms "A" and "B" when platform "B" bears 045 degrees magnetic. Race distance for the shortened course is 5.3 nm.
- 10.2 Each competitor shall announce his crossing of the finish line on VHF channel 71 to *Bebe* with *Sun Dance* and *Psyche's Song* as backup. Each finisher will announce his crossing of the finish line by giving his boat name and the word "mark".
- 10.3 After finishing each competitor may proceed to PCYC at his/her's own pace.
- 10.4 Competitors who do not finish shall inform the race committee boat on channel 71 that they have dropped out of the race.

11 TIME LIMIT

First boat must finish by 1600 hours or the race will be abandoned. Boat failing to finish within 2.5 hours after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF".

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 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee no later than one hour after the protesting boat's arrival at PCYC, and will be heard as soon as practicable.

14 SCORING

Scoring will be by corrected time (elapsed time - spot time).

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race competitors shall maintain radio communication by monitoring VHF Channel 71.

16 TROPHIES

16.1 Trophies will be awarded at the dock party at PCYC on Saturday April 18th.

16.2 The Hollister perpetual trophy for this race will be awarded at the 2008 Club Annual Trophy Dinner.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Participants in this event complete at their own risk. See RRS 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.