

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

Club Handicap Racing Fleet Spring Series 2010

14 February (Valentine's Race), 28 February, 14 March, & 28 March

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 US Sailing, the SBYC Club Handicap Racing Fleet Rules, and the CHRF Race Committee Guidelines, except as these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 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 into the Spring Series by completing the SBYC Race Entry Form (a one time per year requirement) and by the Skipper signing in the boat with the Race Committee (RC) on the deck on the day of the race. Boats may sign in beginning two hours before the scheduled start 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted in Fleet e-mail, on the SBYC website, or on the official notice chalkboard located on the SBYC lower deck.

4 MANDATORY SIGN-IN

Boats must sign in with the RC on the deck before the race per 2.1 above. Failing to do so will not be scored. Note that it is not acceptable to sign in by radio.

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

7 CLASS FLAG

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

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 One race each will be held on each of the following dates:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>		
# 1	14 February (Valentine's Race)	Staggered Start	at 1300
# 2	28 February	Staggered Start	at 1300
# 3	14 March	Staggered Start	at 1400
# 4	28 March (Platform C option)	Mass Start	at 1400

- 8.2 Starting times (for staggered start races) will be available for participants from the Race Committee, and are available on the CHRF web site. Starting times are recalculated after each event. First time competitors will be assigned a start time by the CHRF handicap

committee. The Platform C race will be a mass start.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel near SBYC.
 9.2 The area defined by a line commencing at the nearest shore connecting each contiguous City swim buoy is classified as an obstruction. Boats that cross this line shall exit and retire immediately. This applies to all swim buoys, including the harbor mouth and beaches.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 Course to be sailed will be taken from the current CHRF Start Time Course Chart. Courses are also plotted on the current SBYC Course Chart (always check the website to be sure you have the current chart).
 10.2 The course will be displayed from the upper deck of the SBYC clubhouse on red placards.
 10.3 Courses may not be shortened.
 10.4 The course for the Platform C race on March 28 will be K13, but the distance will be 11.4nm.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Location of marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart.
 11.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall notify the RC and return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart.
 11.3 When orange inflatable marks are used, these shall take precedence over any other appearing marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

For Races #1 and #2:

Time	Sequence	Visual	Audible Signal
1255	Warning Signal	Class Flag - Up	Horn
1256	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag - Up	Horn
1259	One-Minute	"P" Flag - Down	Horn
1300	Start	Class Flag - Down	Horn

For Races #3 and #4:

Time	Sequence	Visual	Audible Signal
1355	Warning Signal	Class Flag - Up	Horn
1356	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag - Up	Horn
1359	One-Minute	"P" Flag - Down	Horn
1400	Start	Class Flag - Down	Horn

- 12.2 Signals will be made from the SBYC flagpole.
 12.3 The Starting Line will be between marks F and G on the current SBYC Course Chart.
 12.4 The SBYC time clock will be used by the RC as the official timing device and will be made available for skippers to set their timers.
 12.5 Individual start times alluded to in 8.2 above that occur after the initial audible and visual shall not be occasioned by either audible or visual signal from the Race Committee.
 12.6 A boat is considered racing from that point four minutes before her individual start time and when she clears the finishing area. Yachts not yet racing shall stay clear of the starting area.

13 RECALLS

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

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between marks G and F as shown on the current Course Chart (Always

check the website for the current course chart). The RC will sound a horn identifying qualified finishers.

15 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.

- 16 TIME LIMIT** The first qualified boat in the race must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned. If a qualified boat finishes by sunset, all other boats may continue to race until they finish. For staggered start races, the final finishing place will be based on order of finish. For mass start races, finish place will be determined by corrected time based on when the boat actually finishes. For all boats finishing after sunset, handicaps calculations for the next race will be based on the time of sunset. (Note: This is a new rule for the 2010 Racing Season) This modifies rules 35 and A4.1.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protest shall be lodged on US Sailing standard forms available in the SBYC hallway and delivered to the RC within one hour of the protestor's finish.
- 17.2 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.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 With a staggered start sequence, the order of finish will determine the scoring sequence.
- 18.2 When a mass start is used, scoring will be by corrected time (elapsed time - spot time).
- 18.3 The Series will be scored using the Low Point System based on order of place. Boats providing RC duty will be awarded 1½ points.
- 18.4 A boat receiving credit for providing RC duty for a race, but which nevertheless sails the course, shall not have her finish scored or her time recorded.
- 18.5 RRS Appendix A9, "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta", shall not apply to this Series.

19 RADIO COMMUNICAITON

Race competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 71.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Race day trophies will be awarded at SBYC.
- 20.2 The overall Spring Series Trophy will be awarded at the annual trophy dinner. Each race in the Spring Series also qualifies toward the Annual High Point Trophy.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Participants in this event compete entirely 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 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.