

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
2010 OPENING DAY

Sunday, March 7, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

This race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF, CHRF, and J/105 class rules, the NOR, and by these sailing instructions. The race is designated Category A. The Marine Industry Representative rule (MIR) of PHRF will not apply. Melges 24s and J/24s sailing in class legal configuration need may compete in PHRF without a valid certificate with the ratings of 84 and 168 respectively.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices and amendments will be posted on the bulletin board on the SBYC lower deck.

3. SIGNALS

All signals shall be made from the SBYC flagpole.

4. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

1300	Registration closes	
1355	First Warning	
1400	PHRF start	Red flag with a white 'A'
1405	J/105 start	Black flag with a white 'S'
1410	CHRF start	Yellow flag with a black 'H'

Note: Melges 24 and J/24 one-design fleets will sail on Saturday with the SBSC Opening Day event, but the boats are welcome to participate in PHRF during the SBYC regatta.

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.

5. RACING AREA

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

6. COURSES

Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each class will be posted from the SBYC Deck using red placards with the Warning signal for each class. The class will be designated using black placards. Courses may be called in reverse by displaying a blue 'R' placard, or twice around by displaying a blue 'T' placard. Either or both may be displayed

7. MARKS

Marks will be consistent with those described in the current course chart. 'Gt' on the course chart

denotes a gate between marks X and F.

8. START AND FINISH

The start and finish will be between marks F and G on the course chart. The start will be run using the Rule 26 sequence, with the warning given 5 minutes before the start. The start for one class will be the warning for the next class.

9. CHANGE OF COURSE

The course shall not be changed after the start, except to shorten. To shorten a course the RC will display code flag 'S' with two sounds, and will announce the shortened course on VHF Channel 71.

Courses shortened on legs to mark X will finish between that mark and the SBYC flagpole.

Courses shortened on legs to the gate 'Gt' will finish at that gate. 'Twice around' courses shortened at the end of the first lap, on a leg to the Start/Finish line, will finish at the finish line.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2, Two Turns penalty, shall be in effect.

15 PROTESTS

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.

16 SCORING

Scoring will be based on corrected time for rated classes and on order of finish for J/105s. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in each class for each race. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

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.