

***Santa Barbara Yacht Club***  
**2011 Wet Wednesday Series**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2009- 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Wednesday Performance Fleet (WPF), the J-24, Melges 24, Harbor 20 and J-105 Class Rules, the CHRF/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 of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.5 All boats shall conform to class and government safety standards. The WPF shall conform to Category IV safety requirements described by PHRF of Southern California.

**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 subject a \$100 entry fee for each Spring, Summer, and Fall portion of the Wet Wednesday Series, or \$250 entry fee for all three portions.
- 2.3 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 WPF 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 recorded 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck bulletin board of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club the day they will take effect. All notices made during the series will remain posted at [www.sbyc.org](http://www.sbyc.org).

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the warning signal for the first class to start on the day of the race.

## 5. SIGNALS

All signals will be displayed from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club yardarm on the upper deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 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:

2011 WW Spring: March 30 through May 18

2011 WW Summer: June 1 through July 20

2011 WW Fall: August 3 through September 21

6.2 Wet Wednesday races will be run on May 25 and July 27, however they will not count towards Wet Wednesday Series Scoring. For these events, the SPC requests that women skipper take the helm.

6.3 Fun races will be run on March 16 and 23, September 28, and October 5, 12, and 19. These races will not count towards the overall Wet Wednesday Series. No throw out will be taken from this series.

## 7. CLASSES, FLAGS, AND PLACARDS

7.1 Class flags and placards shall be as follows:

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>FLAG</u>             | <u>PLACARD</u>         | <u>RATING</u>     |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| H Fleet      | Yellow with white 'H'   | Black with white 'H'   | Per H Fleet Rules |
| Harbor 20    | Purple with a white 'D' | Black with a white 'D' | One Design (204)  |
| WPF A        | Red with white 'A'      | Black with white 'A'   | Per WPF Rules     |
| Melges 24    | Orange with black 'M'   | Black with white 'M'   | One Design (84)   |
| J-105        | Black with white 'S'    | Black with white 'S'   | One Design (90)   |
| WPF B        | Blue with white 'B'     | Black with white 'B'   | Per WPF Rules     |
| J-24         | Brown with white 'J'    | Black with white 'J'   | One Design (168)  |

7.2 Class flags shall be used for the starting system as described in RRS 26. Class Placards shall be used to signal the course for each class and for signaling classes to be shortened as referenced in SI 14.

7.3 One Design Boats racing in the Wet Wednesday rating fleet will compete at the rating of the fastest qualified boat having sailed during that segment.

7.4 A Wet Wednesday Fleet boat's local PHRF buoy rating shall determine her fleet. A fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 43 or less.

## 8. SPINNAKERS

Non-spinnaker rating adjustments will not be given.

## 9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.

9.2 The areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy are classified as obstructions. Boats crossing these lines shall exit immediately and retire immediately.

## **10. THE COURSE**

10.1 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.

10.2 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).

10.3 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.

10.4 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.

10.5 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the course chart shall be between Marks F and X.

## **11. MARKS**

11.1 Marks may be yellow, white or orange cylinders except that: 'BB' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and Mark C is a white and yellow city anchorage boundary buoy with a light. Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice. All marks are situated in near the GPS coordinates shown on the SBYC course chart, but are subject to natural influence.

11.2 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart.

## **12. THE START**

12.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for each class shall be made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start line shall be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the course chart. The start times are as follows:

17:05 Warning

17:10 H Fleet Start

17:20 Warning

17:25 WPF A

17:30 Melges 24 Start

17:35 J-105 Start

17:40 WPF B

17:45 J-24 Start

## **13. GENERAL RECALLS**

13.1 After a general recall is signaled, the warning for the first recalled class shall be made following the start of the last regularly scheduled start (except for a first general recall of the H Fleet which will be re-started at 17:15 hours). The 'First Substitute' flag shall remain flying for 4 minutes and will be lowered with the Preparatory flag of the following class's start. A general recall in the previous class shall not affect the start times of following classes. Subsequent recalled fleets will start following the first re-start.

13.2 When a general recall is signaled following a PHRF start, both classes in that start will be considered recalled.

#### **14. SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START**

14.1 The race committee may shorten a course. A shortened course will be signaled from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck before the leading boat has finished the leg.

14.2 The shortened course shall be signaled by displaying code flag 'S' with two sound signals and displaying the class placard(s) for the class or classes to be shortened.

14.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate. For legs to Mark X, the shortened course will be finished between 'X' mark and the flagpole. For legs to the start finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between Marks F and G.

14.4 In the event of an abandoned race, the race committee may notify competitors on VHF Channel 71 following the raising of code flag 'N' with the class placards of the abandoned classes. Separate announcements will be made for each class abandoned. Abandonment of one class does not constitute abandonment of other classes.

#### **15. THE FINISH**

The finish shall be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the course chart.

#### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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.

#### **17. TIME LIMIT**

The first two boats in each class must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class. The time of sunset will be taken from a reliable public source and may be posted at the discretion of the race committee.

#### **18. PROTESTS**

18.1 Protests shall be written on forms located in the Santa Barbara Yacht Club main hallway and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in its class' finish time.

18.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with Santa Barbara Yacht Club Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

18.3 At the discretion of the race committee, protests may be heard on a subsequent Wednesday.

18.4 Ratings developed for WPF boats are final at their announcement and will not be grounds for redress or protest.

#### **19. SCORING**

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

19.2 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.

19.3 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.

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

19.5 The number of boats to compete in each segment shall be counted independently of the other segments.

19.6 Boats that compete in more than one fleet shall be scored as a separate boat in each fleet, and shall receive a 'DNC' in each race missed.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICAITON**

The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 71, and may announce start signals or recalls on this channel.

## **21. 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.