



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Centennial Trophy
All-Fleet Club Championship

January 15, 2012

Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the Centennial All-Fleet Club Championship will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Participants will be invited based on the most recent Centennial Regatta Qualification Guidelines, (available from the Race Office).
- 2.2 The 2011 participants will be invited in order of qualification.
- 2.3 If an eligible skipper is unable to attend, the Sail Policy Committee prescribes that an alternate skipper should be the next highest finisher from the regular fleet of the absent skipper. The alternate skipper must meet all other eligibility requirements. This is in accordance with the Deed of Gift, which is available at the SBYC Race Office upon request.
- 2.4 Eligible skippers may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1100 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/Contact/>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.5 There is no entry fee for this event.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of SBYC.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1120 hours on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than forty (40) minutes’ in race signal AP.

6 **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 A mandatory competitor meeting will be held at 1100 hours on the day of the regatta on the upper deck of SBYC. Boat assignments will be made by random drawing at this time.
- 6.2 The first warning will be at 1230 hours.
- 6.3 Five (5) races are scheduled. Three (3) races will constitute a series.

BOAT ASSIGNMENTS & EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION

- 7.1 The boats used for the event will be Harbor 20's.
- 7.2 Boats and skippers will be paired by random drawing, at the discretion of the race committee. The pairings will not change during the event, and shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 7.3 The boats shall be sailed using only the equipment provided at the beginning of the regatta. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted. Exceptions may be made only with the approval of the race committee.
- 7.4 Spinnakers shall not be used for the regatta.
- 7.5 If there is an equipment breakdown that was unforeseeable by the crew and prevents a boat from completing a race, the Race Committee may decide to re-sail the race or award redress.
- 7.6 No skipper will be permitted to sail his or her own yacht unless the race committee elects to sail the event as a round robin. This is in accordance with the deed of gift.

8 **CREW**

- 8.1 Each qualified skipper is responsible for providing one member of his or her regular racing crew. A substitute may be made only with the approval of the other competitors, and shall be announced at the skipper's meeting.
- 8.2 A Harbor 20 boat owner or owner's representative will accompany each boat.

9 **CLASS FLAGS**

All boats will sail in one class. The class flag will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

10 **RACING AREA**

The racing area starting line will be near the harbor entrance.

11 **THE COURSE**

Courses will be announced verbally prior to the warning signal for each race as modified windward-leeward with all marks rounded to port.

12 **MARKS**

All marks will be inflatable buoys including the start/finish pin.

13 **THE START**

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given five (5) minutes before the start.
- 13.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark to port.

14 **ON COURSE SIDE (OCS)**

The committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are over early verbally and on VHF channel 71. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start correctly.

15 **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No direction or distance to the next mark will be displayed (this changes Rule 33). Subsequent marks may be moved to maintain course shape without additional signals.

16 **THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark to port.

17 **ALTERNATIVE PENALTY**

Rule 44.2 (Two Turns Penalty) is modified such that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

18 **PROTESTS**

Protests shall be written 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. The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

19 **SCORING**

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. A minimum of three races must be held in order to constitute a series. If a series is not completed, the regatta may be re-sailed at a later date.

20 **SAFETY**

All boats shall observe safety instructions from the race committee. Each boat shall provide adequate personal flotation for the entire crew.

21 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

21.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.

21.2 The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

21 **PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. The Centennial Trophy will be awarded to the top finisher.

22 **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.

23 **AMENDMENTS TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments of these instructions made prior to January 14th, 2012 at 2000 hours will be posted on the SBYC Racing Calendar website (http://www,sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php). Amendments made after this time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at the Race Office.