



**SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
SWEETHEART RACE**

February 12th, 2012

Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Sweetheart Race will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors are reminded that under the preamble of Part 2 of the RRS, boats racing must comply with Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS) when they meet other marine traffic.
- 1.3 The regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.4 A yacht’s PHRF buoy rating shall be used for the race.
- 1.5 The Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California shall not apply.

2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Participants may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1025 hours on the day of the race. **All entries must conform to Sailing Instruction 10 (CREW).** 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.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates and be equipped for Category 4 races. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1015 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.3 One design boats in recognized classes may enter without PHRF certificates, using the class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.
Harbor 20 = 204; J-24 = 168; J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 84
- 2.4 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 1035 hours on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 All 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 competitor meeting will be held at 1025 hours on the lower deck of SBYC.

6.2 One race will be held with an 1125 warning signal.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for all fleets will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

8. CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Class breaks, if any, will be announced at the competitor meeting.

9. SPINNAKERS

All boats must sail non-spinnaker. PHRF offsets will be used for corrected time calculations. Poles may be used. Any foresail not directly affixed to the headstay along the luff shall be considered a spinnaker.

10. CREW

Crew shall consist of an equal number of men and women. Children under 16 years of age as of the date of the regatta are not counted.

11. RACING AREA

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

11.2 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.

12. THE COURSE

12.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for the race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck before the warning signal for each class.

12.2 When a letter 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side listed on the course chart.

12.3 When a letter '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.

12.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the current SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.

13. MARKS

13.1 Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart. All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the current SBYC course chart, but are subject to natural influence.

13.2 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.

13.3 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

14. THE START

14.1 The start line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

14.2 The race will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 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 mark 'X' and the flagpole. For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.

15.4 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.

16. THE FINISH

The finish will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the current SBYC Course Chart.

17. 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.

18. TIME LIMIT

The first two boats must finish by 1250 or the race will be abandoned.

19. PROTESTS

18.1 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.

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 SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

18.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

20. SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

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).

22. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the fleet winner(s). The number of trophies will be awarded depending on participation.

23. 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.

24. AMENDMENTS TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments of these instructions made prior to February 12th, 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.

