

**SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB  
CLUB HANDICAP RACING FLEET  
PCYC Race – April 20, 2012  
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 the USSA, SBYC's CHRF Racing rules, and the CHRF Race Committee Guidelines, except as these are altered by these Sailing Instructions (SIs). 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 by completing the SBYC Race Entry Form (a one time requirement) and by the Skipper's 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. This is mandatory for each race, and signing in is not allowed by radio.

2.2 To become eligible for race trophies, a boat must first have completed three CHRF races to establish a handicap rating.

**3 NOTICE 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 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

All signals shall be made from the SBYC yardarm.

**6 CLASS FLAG**

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

**7 RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel near SBYC.

7.2 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.

**8 THE COURSE**

8.1 Course to be sailed will be from the starting line between F and G marks, leaving the Santa Barbara Bell buoy to starboard, oil platform "A" (N34 19.926 W119 36.359) to port, platform "B" (N34 19.957 W119 37.359 ) to starboard, and finish between the mooring buoy and platform "Grace" to starboard. Platform Grace is located at Lat. 34' 10.77"N, and Long. 119" 28.07"W. 8.2 The dated course distance is 17.7 nm.

**9 MARKS**

9.1 Location of marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart and Long Distance Chart.

9.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall notify the RC and return to the starting line as soon as possible for a mass restart. In such a case, the RC may choose any course on the SBYC Course Chart.

9.3 When orange inflatable marks are used, these shall take precedence over any other appearing marks.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The mass start will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

| Time | Sequence           | Visual           | Audible Signal |
|------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1055 | Warning Signal     | Class Flag- Up   | Horn           |
| 1056 | Preparation Signal | 'P' Flag- Up     | Horn           |
| 1059 | One-Minute         | 'P' Flag- Down   | Long Horn      |
| 1100 | Start              | Class Flag- Down | Horn           |

10.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

10.3 The Starting Line will be between F and G on the SBYC 2012 Course Chart.

## 11 RECALLS

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

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between platform Grace (starboard) and its work buoy (port). If there is no work buoy, each competitor will finish when platform Grace bears 225 degrees magnetic and is within 100 yards.

12.2 Should the Race Committee elect to shorten the course, the finish line will be between platforms "A" and "B" when platform "B" bears 045 degrees magnetic and is within 100 yards. Race distance for the shortened course is 5.3 nm. Election to shorten course will be announced on VHF channel 71, and the -----flag from the SBYC yardarm.

12.3 Each competitor shall announce his crossing of the finish line on VHF channel 71 to *LIBERTY*, the RC for this race. Other boats in the fleet will serve as backup if communication with *LIBERTY* is not possible. Each finisher will announce his crossing of the finish line by giving his boat name and the word "mark".

12.4 After finishing each competitor may proceed to PCYC or return to Santa Barbara at his/her own pace.

12.5 Competitors who do not finish shall inform the race committee boat on channel 71 that they have dropped out of the race.

## 13 TIME LIMIT

First boat must finish by 1600 hours or the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 2.5 hours after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF."

## 14 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.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee no later than one hour after the protesting boat's arrival at PCYC or SBYC, and will be heard as soon as practicable.

## 16 SCORING

Scoring will be by corrected time (elapsed time - spot time).

## 17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race competitors shall maintain radio communication by monitoring VHF Channel 71. Failure to receive or hear instructions over the VHF shall not be grounds for redress.

## 18 TROPHIES

18.1 Trophies will be awarded at the SBYC Club House, Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> after the race. 18.2 The Hollister perpetual trophy for this race will be awarded at the 2011 Club Annual Trophy Dinner.

**19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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