



Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:
2020 SBYC Virtual Regatta Challenge
NOTICE OF RACE &
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2020 SBYC Virtual Regatta Challenge will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as used in Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI).
- 1.2 Protests are not allowed.

2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This series is open to Santa Barbara Yacht Club members with the Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI) Application.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to 1400 on the day of the first race sailed by that competitor in the series. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20767
Changes made in VRI username during the course of the series must be communicated to the SBYC Race Director (racing@sbyc.org) at least 2 hours in advance of the first warning signal in the race in which the changes will occur. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the race committee. Entry forms must include current and valid VRI username. Entrants can be viewed at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=20767&customer_report_id=176.

3. FEES

- 3.1 There is no entry for this event.
- 3.2 Each entrant is permitted to purchase any 'helps' they want in the Virtual Regatta Inshore app.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and amendments to these NOR/SI will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the NOR/SI will be posted by noon on the on the day of the race that it will affect.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND FORMAT

- 6.1 There will be four races held on each of the following dates:
May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25, June 1. Subsequent dates may be added as demand indicates.
 - a. **QUALIFICATION ROUND** – May 4th will be a qualification series, where as many 20 boat fleets as necessary will be raced. Competitors will be randomly broken into equal sized fleets. The top 'X' percentage from each fleet will advance to the May 11th Gold Fleet, where 'X' = the 1 / number of fleets established on May 4. The next X percentage from each fleet will go into Silver fleet, and so on.

b. **REGULAR ROUND** – After each regular regatta concludes, starting on May 11, the top 3 and from each fleet will advance up into the next higher fleet, and the bottom three will drop down. If more than three competitors do not compete in a fleet on a given week, they will all move down to the next lower fleet, and the same amount will move up from the fleet below.

6.2 Each race night will count as a separate series. There will be no cumulative series scoring.

6.3 Pass codes for each fleet will be sent out the day of the event at approximately 4pm.

7. CLASSES & FLAGS

7.1 There will be as many classes as necessary to facilitate demand. Classes will be emailed out following each evening's race and posted at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

7.2 There will be no class flags.

8. BOATS

The virtual boats preferred shall be selected by the Race Committee.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be within Virtual Regatta Inshore and will be selected by the PRO from the list of available options.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be as shown in Virtual Regatta Inshore upon entering into each race and will be a windward-leeward configuration.

11. MARKS

Marks will be as shown as shown in Virtual Regatta Inshore upon entering into each race.

12. OPENING OF RACE & THE START

12.1 A race is opened and five minutes later the start sequence is started by a SBYC designated PRO. There will be a code that is required to enter an opened race and a five-minute window for each competitor to enter into that race.

12.2 The warning will be given 1 minute 15 seconds prior to the start signal. There will be no flags or sound signals.

12.3 The race opening and warning signal times are as follows:

Race	Open for Entry	Warning signal
Race 1	7:00pm	7:05pm
Race 2	7:15pm	7:20pm
Race 3	7:25pm	7:30pm
Race 4	7:45pm	7:50pm

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be as shown on Virtual Regatta Inshore.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system will be as defined by Virtual Regatta Inshore. A boat that chooses not to do their penalty turns after committing a foul will automatically be slowed down by VRI until they have been cleared of their penalty.

15. TIME LIMIT & ABANDONMENT

Boats that take longer than 12 minutes to finish a race may be scored as a DNF.

16. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & RETIREMENT

Protests, requests for redress, and retirement are not allowed.

17. SCORING

Individual Nights:

The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for each evening, except a competitor's score shall be the sum of all their race scores. Each evening will be scored separately of other evenings.

18. PRIZES

Awards will be posted at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

19. COMMUNICATION

Communication will come from racing@sbyc.org and it is recommended you add this email address to your safe sender list.

20. DISCLAIMER

This is not a real race, and we are all just trying to have fun, so please be nice to the OA and PROs. Scoring and qualification system amendments may be made as we figure this all out. 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.