



SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

SWEETHEART RACE

February 14th, 2015

Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2015 Sweetheart Race will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 The regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.4 A yacht's Area I Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) buoy rating shall be used for the race. Competitors from outside Area I shall use their standard PHRF buoy rating.
- 1.5 The Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California will not apply.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections B (post race penalties), and D (arbitration) will apply

2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC). Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Classes invited include: PHRF classes.
- 2.3 Eligible boats 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.
- 2.4 Eligible boats shall have valid PHRF Certificates or use SBYC recognized one design class ratings listed in Sailing Instruction 2.5. All boats must be equipped for PHRF Category 4 races. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1100 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.5 One Design boats in SBYC recognized classes may enter this regatta without a PHRF certificate using the class ratings listed below, and at the discretion of the race committee.

Standard Ratings:

Harbor 20 = 204; J/24 = 168; J/70 = 114 J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90

Non-Spinnaker Ratings:

Harbor 20 = 234; J/24= 183; J/70 = 152; J/105 = 120; Melges 24 = 106

- 2.6 Non-Spinnaker offsets may be used if indicated on the entry form.
- 2.7 **All entries must conform to Sailing Instruction 10 (CREW).**

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 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

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 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 sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A competitor meeting will be held at 1130 hours on the lower deck of SBYC.
- 6.2 One race will be held with a 1255 warning signal.

7. CLASS FLAGS

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

8. CLASS DESIGNATIONS

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

9. SPINNAKERS

- 9.1 Non-Spinnaker offsets may be used if indicated on the entry form prior to the entry deadline.

10. CREW

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Boats that **do not** have an equal number of male and female sailors aboard may compete, but will be penalized 10 seconds per mile for each crew member over an equal ratio of men and women.

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.

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, blue or orange cylinders except that: 'BB' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and Mark 'C' & Mark 'M' are 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.

i.) For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole.

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

iii.) For legs to the gate, boats will be finished between mark 'X' and mark 'F'.

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

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

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17.2 Appendix T, Section B – Post Race Penalties will apply:

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be

(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or

(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

18. TIME LIMIT

18.1 The first boat must finish by 1530 or the race will be abandoned.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

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

20. SCORING

20.1 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

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

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 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.