

**SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
CLUB HANDICAP RACING FLEET**

**Spring Series 2015
FEB 8, FEB 22, MAR 29 & MAY 3**

Amendments to the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Rule 1.2 is deleted

Sailing Instructions 1.4, 9.3 and 22 are added:

1.4 Failure to comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard, Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol or any other recognized authority is grounds for disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1.

9.3 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100 yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions.

22. SAFETY

Boat Owners participating in SBYC racing events must accept responsibility for the suitability of their vessel for each event entered; taking into consideration the distance, worse case sea conditions, the design and sea worthiness of the vessel for those conditions. Boat owners are expected to maintain their vessels in a commensurate manner.

Boat owners accept the responsibility to provide all safety equipment required by the Coast Guard, and such additional safety equipment it deems advisable for the conditions reasonably expected to occur during the race.

Boat owners are encouraged to become knowledgeable with safety equipment and rescue procedures by familiarizing themselves with the recommendations of national (US Sailing) and / or international racing authorities (ISAF) including the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements as stated in <http://www.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>. When local educational safety seminars are held, all boat owners are expected to attend to insure the highest level of safe racing knowledge.

Immediately prior to any race, the decision to race or not race is the sole responsibility of the boat owner or the owner's designee. At all times during a race, it is the boat owner's responsibility to continue or to retire based on unexpected conditions or equipment failure. Boat owners must advise crew members of their responsibility to decide for themselves whether to race or not based on their own competence level.

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