



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**2015 Wet Wednesday Series**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2015 Wet Wednesday (WW) Series 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 in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, applicable rules for One Design and PHRF classes and the US Safety Equipment Requirements “Near Shore” for PHRF classes.
- 1.2 The series will be restricted to advertising Category A.
- 1.3 For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.4 PHRF boats shall use Area I buoy ratings and have current and valid PHRF rating certificates on the PHRF of Southern California website ([www.phrfsocal.org](http://www.phrfsocal.org)). Competitors from outside Area I shall use their PHRF base buoy rating.
- 1.5 RRS 55 will be changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: ‘However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.’
- 1.6 The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1.
- 1.7 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.8 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections B (post race penalties), and D (arbitration) will apply.
- 1.10 Boats using a ‘One Design’ PHRF configuration may use that One Design classes’ published safety standards instead of the US Sailing Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements.
- 1.11 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.

**2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 This series is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as a guest of Santa Barbara Yacht Club a maximum of two times during the course of the year before they must adhere to the fee schedule listed in instruction 3.
- 2.2 Invited classes include PHRF, H, Harbor 20, J/24, J/70, J/105, and Melges 24.
- 2.3 Fleets that would like to establish a class and obtain their own start time must show strong potential for five (5) active starting boats on any given Wednesday. It is at the sole discretion of the SBYC Sail Policy Committee as to whether or not a fleet is granted their own start.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to the first race sailed by that boat 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=9853](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=9853).  
Changes made in sail number or PHRF rating during the course of the series will require submission of a new registration form and valid PHRF certificate when applicable. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the race committee. Entry forms must include current and valid boat insurance information.

2.5 Any PHRF or One Design boat may also enter as an H Fleet competitor, but must inform the Race Committee at least one hour before the first warning of its election to do so. If a boat is entered in more than one fleet, a DNC will be recorded for that boat in the fleet not raced. Series scores for dual class entries will remain independent and scored as if they were separate boats.

### 3. FEES

3.1 There is no entry fee for members of SBYC.

3.2 Entry fee for competitors who are not members of SBYC will be \$100 for each Spring, Summer, and Fall segment of the Wet Wednesday Series, or \$250 entry fee for all three segments.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck bulletin board of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club the day they will take effect.

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the warning signal for the first class to start on the day of the race.

### 6. SIGNALS

6.1 All signals will be displayed from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club yardarm on the upper deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 The Wet Wednesday Series will be sailed in 3 separate segments designated as: 'Spring', 'Summer', and 'Fall'. Each segment will last 8 weeks with the following schedule:

2015 WW Spring: March 25 through May 13

2015 WW Summer: May 27 through July 15

2015 WW Fall: July 29 through September 16

7.2 There will be Wet Wednesday 'Fun' Races on the following dates:

March 11, March 18, May 20, July 22, September 23, September 30, October 7, and October 14.

These races will not count towards any overall Wet Wednesday Series scoring and will be scored as individual races independent of one another.

### 8. CLASSES, FLAGS, AND PLACARDS

8.1 Class flags and placards shall be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG	PLACARD	RATING
H Fleet	Yellow with black 'H'	Black with white 'H'	Per H Fleet Rules
PHRF A	Red with white 'A'	Black with white 'A'	54 and less
J/105	Black with white 'S'	Black with white 'S'	One Design (90)
Melges 24	Orange with black 'M'	Black with white 'M'	One Design (90)
J/70	Green with white 'C'	Black with white 'C'	One Design (114)
PHRF B	Blue with white 'B'	Black with white 'B'	55 and greater
J/24	Brown with white 'J'	Black with white 'J'	One Design (168)
Harbor 20	Purple with white 'D'	Black with white 'D'	One Design (204)

8.2 Class flags shall be used for the starting system as described in RRS 26. Class Placards shall be used to signal the course for each class and for signaling classes to be shortened as referenced in Sailing Instruction 15.

8.3 A Wet Wednesday Fleet boat's Area I PHRF buoy rating shall determine her fleet. PHRF A fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 54 and less. PHRF B fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 55 and greater.

## 9. SPINNAKERS

9.1 Non-spinnaker rating adjustments will not be given.

## 10. RACING AREA

10.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart, which is available on the SBYC website or at the front desk of SBYC.

10.2 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 the area immediately and retire from the race.

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

## 11. THE COURSE

11.1 Courses will be taken from the current version of the SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for each class.

11.2 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.

11.3 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.

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

11.5 For classes sharing a start sequence, the course placards will be posted adjacent to the corresponding class' fleet placard.

11.6 All courses will be hailed over VHF channel 71. Failure for a radio to transmit or a competitor to hear the course hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## 12. MARKS

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

12.2 Description of marks:

A, D, K, H, G, F, X – White cylinders with a yellow band around the middle.

E – White cylinder with a blue band around the middle

C, M – White city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top.

12.3 Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice.

When Mark 'C' is not present, the white, cylindrical outfall buoy that is situated the closest to the GPS coordinates of Mark 'C' shall be rounded instead.

12.4 In the event of a missing mark with no temporary mark replacement, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26, except as changed by the following:
- a.) The warning signal for the H fleet, PHRF A and J/105 fleet shall be made five (5) minutes prior to their starting signal.
  - b.) The warning signal for the Melges 24, J/70, PHRF B, J/24, and Harbor 20 fleets shall be made three (3) minutes prior to their starting signal. The preparatory (P) flag shall be displayed two (2) minutes prior to their start.

13.2 The starting line shall be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the SBYC course chart.

13.3 The start times are as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
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16:50	Warning Signal for H fleet
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16:55	H Fleet Start
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17:00	Warning Signal for A fleet
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17:05	PHRF A Start
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17:10	J/105 Start
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17:13	Melges 24 Start
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17:16	J/70 Start
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17:19	PHRF B Start
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17:22	J/24 Start
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17:25	Harbor 20 Start
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13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13.5 To maintain a fleet's individual start time, Sail Policy prescribes that the class in question must maintain an average of four (4) active starting boats for the duration of a Wet Wednesday Series (Spring, Summer, Fall). Fleets that do not maintain this average may lose their start time and be combined with a PHRF fleet start, though still scored as a one design fleet. It is at the discretion of the RC and Sail Policy whether a fleet should retain their start time if their average falls below 4 starters.

## 14. GENERAL RECALLS

14.1 After a general recall is signaled, the 'First Substitute' flag shall remain flying and will be lowered with the Preparatory flag of the following class's start sequence. A general recall in any class shall not affect the start times of the remaining classes to start.

14.2 Warning Signals for recalled classes shall be made as follows:

i.) The warning signal for the first recalled class shall be made with the start of the last regularly scheduled class.

ii.) The warning signal for the second recalled class shall be made with the start of the first recalled class.

iii.) The warning signal for the third recalled class shall be made with the start of the second recalled class.

iv.) Subsequent recalled classes will receive their warning signals with the start of the class that was recalled ahead of them.

v.) The warning signal for the recalled class shall be made three (3) minutes prior to its starting signal.

## 15. SHORTENED 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 on the SBYC deck.
  - 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 shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

## 17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 For all classes, rule 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 & ABANDONMENT

- 18.1 The first boat in each class must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class with the exception of the H (club handicap) fleet; the first two boats in the H fleet must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 18.2 The time of sunset will be taken from a reliable public source and may be posted at the discretion of the race committee.

## 19. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & RETIREMENT

- 19.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on US Sailing standard forms located at the SBYC front desk. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in its class' finish time.
- 19.2 Appendix T, Section D – Arbitration will apply.

- 19.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 19.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, protests may be heard on a subsequent Wednesday.
- 19.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within 24 hours of the protest committee decision being posted on the official notice board. This changes rule 66.
- 19.6 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 24 hours after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 19.7 Breaches of instruction 13.4 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of instruction 13.4 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 19.8 Boats wishing to retire from a race shall notify the race committee of their desire to do so no later than 1700 hours on the Tuesday following the race they wish to retire from unless that retirement is a subject of a protest or arbitration hearing.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for each segment (Spring, Summer, Fall). One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for each segment.
- 20.2 For the Wet Wednesday Class perpetual trophies, Appendix A will apply. A boat's series score shall be the sum of all individual scores in the Spring, Summer, and Fall segments excluding each boat's worst six scores. WW Fun Races scores shall not be used. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3 Race Committee duty will be scored as a first place if the race for R/C boat's class is completed, except, if the R/C boat races, the boat's score for that race will be used. Race committee duty will count only once during the series.
- 20.4 Boats that register for a segment but fail to compete shall be excluded from that segment's scoring.
- 20.5 The number of boats to compete in each segment shall be counted independently of the other segments.
- 20.6 Boats that compete in more than one fleet shall be scored as a separate boat in each fleet, and shall receive a 'DNC' in each race missed.
- 20.7 If a race is not raced for any reason or a race is abandoned for a class, no boat in that class will receive a score (including no DNC's) for that race per RRS 90.3.

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICAITON**

- 21.1 The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 71, and may announce start signals or recalls on this channel. Failure to hear any hails made by the Race Committee over radio shall not be grounds for redress.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 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.