Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Channel Race

June 18, 2022

NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2022 Channel Race will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of a *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 This 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 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 will not apply.

1.3 A yacht's Area I Random Leg Course (RLC) rating shall be used for the race.

1.4 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident and Rule V2 – Post-Race Penalties will apply.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Boats shall comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard and adhere to US Coast Guard Regulations. 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. [DP]

2.2 Boats shall conform at all times to regulations regarding commercial traffic. Any boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

2.3 Boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) except as modified by the notice of race and these sailing instructions. The course is classified as a Near Shore Race. The equipment requirements are available at: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/. [DP]

The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) are changed for the following sections:

2.3.1 For USSER 3.19.1, the words 'permanently mounted' are deleted. A permanently mounted magnetic compass is a recommendation for the race.

2.3.2 All boats must comply with the with USSER 2.4.1 through 2.4.7 regarding lifelines. All vessels shall also comply with USSER 3.7.2 regarding man overboard equipment.

2.3.3 Boats using a 'One Design' PHRF configuration may use that One Design classes' published safety standards, however, they must additionally comply with Sailing Instruction 2.3.2.

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

3.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC). Members of other clubs belonging to the US Sailing Association may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

3.2 Classes invited include: PHRF.

3.3 At least three boats must enter the race prior to the entry deadline to establish a class.

3.4 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the PHRF office of Southern California no later than 0900 hours on the day of the race.

3.5 Participants may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 0900 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available online at https://sbyc.org/racing or https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=24752 . Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.6 There is no entry fee for this event.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH 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 of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

4.2 The race office is located at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club - 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, on the southwest corner of the building.
Telephone – (805) 965-8112, ext 114. Email – racing@sbyc.org.

4.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

4.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF radio channel 71:

- Course number
- Count downs to warning, preparatory, and start signals
- Abandonment of one or more fleets
- On course side boats or general recalls

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 *Saturday, June 18*

0930	Registration closes
1055	Warning signal
1100	Start signal
After Racing	Awards (location to be announced)

7.2 Number of Races: One (1) race is scheduled.

8. CLASS FLAGS & CLASS DESIGNATIONS

The class flag shall be numeral pennant '1'. Classes and rating breaks (if any) will be posted on notice board at 0945.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy are designated as obstructions. Boats crossing these lines shall exit the area immediately and retire from the race. [DP]

10.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100 yard perimeter around the vessel are designated as obstructions. [DP]

11. THE COURSES

11.1 **Course '1' will be:** Start – A to port – SB Mid Channel Buoy to port – Platform Habitat to port – Platform Hogan to port – E buoy to port – Finish.
The rated course distance is: 37.35 nautical miles.
Leg 1 = 1.57 nm
Leg 2 = 10.60 nm
Leg 3 = 12.73 nm
Leg 4 = 3.84 nm
Leg 5 = 7.76 nm
Leg 6 = 0.85 nm

12. MARKS

12.1 Mark A, Mark E, and Mark K will be as shown on the current SBYC Course Chart. Additional mark coordinates are listed below.

12.2 Mark Coordinates are as follows:

Start/Finish (Mark F and G):	N34 23.876	W119 41.442
A (White cylinder with yellow band):	N34 23.229	W119 43.167
MCB (Yellow NOAA Weather Buoy):	N34 14.433	W119 50.333
(https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46053)		
Pltf Habitat (Oil Platform):	N34 17.192	W119 35.333
Pltf Hogan (Oil Platform):	N34 20.267	W119 32.55
E (White cylinder with blue band):	N34 24.305	W119 40.560
K (white cylinder with blue band):	N34 23.543	W119 42.150

13. START

13.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for each class shall be made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

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

14. SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START

The course will not be shortened.

15. FINISH

15.1 The finish shall be between mark 'F' to port and mark 'G' to starboard, as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

15.2 Boats shall attempt to contact the race committee on VHF Channel 71 to notify them that they have rounded the mark preceding the finish line. [NP][DP]

15.3 Boats shall record their own GPS finish time on the finish sheet of Attachment A, and shall email their finish sheet to the Race Committee (racing@sbyc.org) at their earliest opportunity once on shore. ADDITIONALLY, UPON CROSSING THE FINISH LINE, BOATS SHALL RECORD THEIR LOCATION AND FINISH TIME ELECTRONICALLY, AS BY SETTING A WAYPOINT ON A GPS NAVIGATIONAL DEVICE. THE RACE COMMITTEE MAY ASK TO SEE THIS INFORMATION TO VERIFY THE REPORTED FINISH TIME, AND IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE THE RACE COMMITTEE MAY PROTEST A BOAT'S FINISH TIME. US Sailing prescribes that, "If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should at the first reasonable opportunity report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats." [NP][DP]

16. TIME LIMIT

The first boat must have finished by 2030 on the day of the race, or the race will be abandoned.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Appendix V, Rule V1 will apply: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

17.2 Appendix V, Rule V2 – Post Race Penalties will apply:

(a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

(b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

(c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

18.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the virtual notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses as soon as practicable.

18.4 Hearings may happen on the Wednesday following the completion of the race.

19. SCORING

19.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class. The number of prizes awarded will be dependent on the number of competitors in each class.

20.2 In addition to being part of the Wilson Series, this regatta is part of the annual fleet championships for the following fleets: PHRF A & PHRF B.

21. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing it the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chair: Larry Leveille – larry.leveille@pacinfotech.com

SBYC Race Director: Brad Schaupeter – racing@sbyc.org / (805) 965-8112

ATTACHMENT A - FINISH SHEET

BOAT NAME:_____

SAIL NUMBER:_____

FINISH LINE: Between Mark ‘F’ and Mark ‘G’

FINISH TIME:_____
(GPS TIME) Present to Race Committee at earliest convenience once ashore.