



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**Centennial Trophy**  
**All-Fleet Club Championship**

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Sailing Instructions**

The Organizing Authority for the Centennial All-Fleet Club Championship will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to those participants qualified and invited based on the most recent Centennial Regatta Qualification Guidelines, (available in the Race Office and at <http://sbycracing.org/series-explanations/>).
- 2.2 The participants will be invited in order of qualification.
- 2.3 If an eligible skipper is unable to attend, the Sail Policy Committee prescribes that an alternate skipper should be the next highest finisher from the regular fleet of the absent skipper. The alternate skipper must meet all other eligibility requirements. This is in accordance with the Deed of Gift, which is available at the SBYC Race Office upon request.
- 2.4 Eligible skippers may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 0930 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at [http://sbyc.org/racing\\_calendar.php](http://sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php). Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.5 There is no entry fee for this event.

**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 1100 hours on the day it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 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 *Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Racing Day 1*

0930	Competitor meeting & boat assignments on SBYC upper deck
1100	Warning signal for first race
1515	No warning signal after this time
1600	Awards, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks at SBYC

- 6.2 Up to three (3) races are scheduled.

- 6.3 Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be used as a reserve racing day in the event that three (3) races cannot be completed within the time limit on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

### *Reserve Racing Day*

0930	Competitor meeting & boat assignments on SBYC upper deck
1100	Warning signal for first race
1515	No warning signal after this time
1600	Awards, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks at SBYC

## **7 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 7.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided for competing teams. Standing rigging including upper battens shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the RC. Only telltales may be added to boats. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All supplied equipment shall be carried aboard while racing.
- 7.2 While reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations, including deviations from class rules, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.3 Boats will be assigned at the competitor meeting and done by random drawing via the Race Committee. Teams will be assigned a boat that they will sail for the duration of the event.
- 7.4 Hiking is not permitted. Skipper and crew shall keep their bodies within the confines of the cockpit and shall not place their feet on the seats or seat cushions at any time while racing, except to affect immediate repair, adjust the jib cunningham, or for safety reasons.
- 7.5 Spinnakers will not be used for the regatta.
- 7.6 No skipper shall sail his or her own yacht unless the race committee elects to sail the event as a round robin. This is in accordance with the deed of gift.

## **8 BREAKDOWNS / DAMAGE**

- 8.1 A damage deposit of \$500 per incident may be collected upon damage done to a boat after said incident. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
- 8.2 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the RC immediately.
- 8.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 8.4 If there is an equipment breakdown that was unforeseeable by the crew and prevents a boat from completing a race, the Race Committee may decide to re-sail the race or award redress.

## **9 CREW**

- 9.1 Each qualified skipper is responsible for providing one member of his or her regular racing crew. A substitute may be made only with the approval of the other competitors, and shall be announced at the skipper's meeting.
- 9.2 A Harbor 20 boat owner or owner's representative will accompany each boat.

## **10 CLASS FLAGS**

- 10.1 All boats will sail in one class. The class flag will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

## **11 RACING AREA**

- 11.1 The racing area starting line will be near the harbor entrance.

## **12 THE COURSES**

- 12.1 Courses will be announced verbally prior to the warning signal for each race as modified windward-leeward with all marks rounded to port.

## **13 MARKS**

- 13.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys including the start/finish pin.

## **14 THE START**

- 14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given five (5) minutes before the start.

- 14.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 14.3 The committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are on course side at the starting signal verbally and on VHF channel 71. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start correctly.

## **15 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No direction or distance to the next mark will be displayed (this changes Rule 33). Subsequent marks may be moved to maintain course shape without additional signals.

## **16 THE FINISH**

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark as shown on 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 16.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

## **17 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 17.1 Rule 44.2 (Two Turns Penalty) is modified such that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing standard protest forms available at the SBYC front desk and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the Race Committee boat's docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the notice board. The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.
- 18.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) rule 61.1 is changed so that competitors do not need to fly a red flag at any point when protesting another boat.
- 18.3 Competitors shall inform the race committee after the race that the incident occurred that they will be protesting another boat.

## **19 SCORING**

- 19.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 19.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a series. If a series is not completed, the regatta may be continued at a later date.

## **20 SAFETY**

- 20.1 All boats shall observe safety instructions from the race committee. Each boat shall provide adequate personal flotation for the entire crew.

## **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).

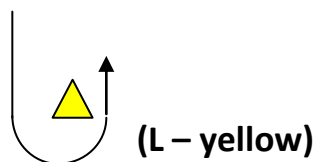
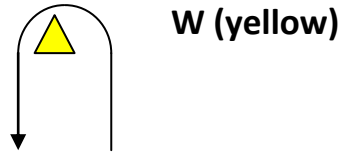
## **22 PRIZES**

- 22.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. The Centennial Trophy will be engraved with the name of the top finisher.

**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 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## Attachment A - Centennial Regatta Course Chart



Course 1: Start - W(p) – L(p) – Finish

Course 2: Start - W(p) – L(p) – W(p) - Finish

Course 3: Start - W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – L(p) – Finish

\*All marks are rounded to port.