



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Opening Day Race
Sunday, March 6th, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the 2016 Opening Day 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 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 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4 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.’
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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). Competitors from outside Area I shall use their PHRF base buoy rating.
- 1.7 For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.8 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections A, B, and D will apply.
- 1.10 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 The regatta is open to all boats of the Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF), PHRF, Harbor 20, J/105, J/24, J/70, and Melges 24 classes. New classes not listed and wishing to be considered for a separate start must notify the SBYC Race Director (racing@sbyc.org) one week prior to the race. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club but are not eligible for the R.W. Caspers Trophy.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1230 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Eligible boats shall have valid PHRF Certificates, or in the case of Harbor 20’s, J/105’s, J/24’s, J/70’s, Melges 24’s, and CHRF, shall have applicable fleet membership and sail in class legal configurations. Valid PHRF rating certificates or proof of application for a certificate for PHRF boats must be on file with PHRF of Southern California (<http://phrfsocal.org>) no later than the entry deadline.
- 2.4 One design fleets must have a minimum of three (3) entries on file before 1230 hours to qualify for an independent start. One design classes with less than three (3) entries may be started together with other classes. This will be indicated on the order of starts.
- 2.5 Eligible competitors for CHRF shall notify the CHRF Race Committee of intention to race by 1300 hours on the day of the race.

3. FEES

- 3.1 There is no entry fee for this event.

4. SCHEDULE

1130	Fleet Parade
1230	PHRF and One Design Registration Closes
1230	Order of starts will be posted
1300	CHRF Registration Closes
1355	First Warning
1400	First Start

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. They may also be posted to http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php prior to the event.

6. VENUE

- 6.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.
- 6.2 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 immediately.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 Appendix T, Rule T1 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 a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 8.2 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.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. PHRF scores shall be based on corrected times using PHRF Area I Buoy handicaps. CHRF scores shall be based on corrected times using current CHRF ratings.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 All boats are asked to monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 The Casper PHRF Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Casper II trophy will be awarded to the CHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Opening Day Trophy will be awarded to the winning J/24 boat. Individual trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact the SBYC Race Director at, (805) 965 8112 x14, racing@sbyc.org. Information is also available at http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php.