



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*

## **Opening Day Race**

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php). Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Eligible PHRF 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. 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 of SBYC.

**5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

5.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted by 1245 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 sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

**7. 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  
One race is scheduled.

**8. CLASS DESIGNATION & CLASS FLAGS**

8.1 The order of starts and class flags will be posted on the Notice Board at 1230.

8.2 PHRF class breaks, if any, will be posted on the notice board at 1230.

8.3 One design fleets must have a minimum of three (3) entries present before 1230 to qualify for an independent start. One design boats with less than three entries may be started with another fleet.

**9. RACING AREA**

9.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.

**10. THE COURSE**

10.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for the race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for each class. The class that is starting will be posted on black placards from the SBYC deck.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

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

**11. MARKS**

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

11.2 Marks may be yellow, white, blue or orange cylinders except that: 'BB' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and Mark 'C' & Mark 'M' are white city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top. 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.
- 11.3 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.
- 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
- 12.1 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.
- 13. THE START**
- 13.1 The race will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 The start line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the SBYC course chart.
- 14. GENERAL RECALLS**
- 14.1 After a general recall is signaled, the 'First Substitute' flag shall remain flying for 4 minutes 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 following classes.
- 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.
- 15. CHANGE OF 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.
  - 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 will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the SBYC Course Chart.
- 17. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 17.1 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.'
- 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. PROTESTS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC club house and shall be turned in at the SBYC front desk.
- 18.2 Protests and requests for Redress must be filed within one hour of the protesting boat's finish.
- 18.3 Appendix T, Section D – Arbitration will apply.
- 18.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1 Scores shall be based on corrected times using PHRF Area I Buoy handicaps for PHRF and current CHRF ratings for CHRF. Established one design fleets shall be scored in order of finish. One race constitutes a series.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.
- 20.2 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).

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1 Trophies will be awarded to the fleet winner(s). The number of trophies will be awarded depending on participation. 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.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 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.