



SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB WILSON SERIES

2023 Format

INTRODUCTION

In order to foster inter-harbor PHRF competition, SBYC invites PHRF member boats from Ventura, Channel Islands, and beyond to compete in a series of ‘ocean races’. The A class winner of this series will receive the SBYC Wilson Perpetual, which was gifted in 1976 for blue water ocean racing around the Channel Islands. The B class winner of the series will receive the SBYC Iddings-Anniversary Trophy.



1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following regattas comprise the Wilson Series (dates may change and should be confirmed on the SBYC Racing calendar at <https://sbyc.org/racing>):

1. **Tower Race I** (April 8)
2. **Hardway** (May 13) –
 - a. PHRF A fleet – Hardway course only for Wilson points.
 - b. PHRF B fleet – Coastal Spinnaker Course only for Wilson points.
3. **Channel Race** (June 17)
4. **Santa Barbara to King Harbor** (July 28)
5. **Fulmor** (August 19)
6. **Tower Race II** (October 14)

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2 PHRF rating type to be used for scoring for each race will be defined by each race’s Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for each race will be defined by each race’s Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 The penalty system and crew limitations will be described in the sailing instructions for each race.

3 COMMUNICATION

The online official notice board is located at <https://sbyc.org/series-explanations>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Valid PHRF of Southern California class member boats may be entered by a member of any US Sailing recognized yacht club or equivalent sailing organization.
- 4.2 Eligible boats will be automatically entered when they complete entry and sail in at least three of the included events. If fewer than five races are completed, eligible boats will be considered entered if they complete entry and sailed in half the completed races.

5 FEES

There is no entry fee for the Wilson Offshore Series, however any individual race entry fees will apply.

6 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Class splits will be as follows:

PHRF A – Boats with an area windward-leeward rating (W-L) rating of 69 & less.

PHRF B – Boats with an area windward-leeward rating (W-L) rating of 70 & greater.

7 COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions for each race.

8 SCORING FOR THE SERIES

8.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS, Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.

(ii.) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst score.

8.2 Ties not decided under Appendix A will be broken in favor of the yacht with the lowest combined corrected time for all races sailed by both tied boats.

8.3 Any race in the Wilson Series that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that race (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the Wilson Series.

8.4 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.5 A boat's place in each race shall be defined as the order of finish relative to other boats in their class rating band, detailed in instruction 4. If no boat in that class finished the race, there shall be no scores for that race per RRS 90.3(a).

8.6 RRS rule A5.3 shall apply.

9 PRIZES

9.1 The Wilson Cup trophy will be awarded to the PHRF A class boat with the lowest overall score for the series.

9.2 The Iddings Anniversary trophy will be awarded to the PHRF B class boat with the lowest overall score for the series.

9.3 Individual trophies and perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top overall winners for each race, but all perpetual trophies will reside at the host clubs.

10 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Boats shall conform at all times to regulations regarding commercial traffic and International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, boats shall exercise caution while sailing legs that cross the shipping channel north of the Channel Islands.

11 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 is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact SBYC Race Director:

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