

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Fiesta Cup

& Harbor 20 North-South Challenge

July 21-23, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE



The Organizing Authority for the 2023 Fiesta Cup Regatta 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 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

[DP] Advertising is limited as defined in the class rules of each fleet.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members in good standing of an approved one-design class and of a US Sailing member club or equivalently recognized sailing organization. Approved one-design classes include: J/70, Melges 24, and members of the Santa Barbara Harbor 20 Fleet 4 and their invited challengers.
- 3.2 Six Harbor 20 teams from the North and six Harbor 20 teams from the South (12 boats total) will be entered as arranged by the two fleets. Each team will consist of three crew – two team members and a boat owner representative. Team members are to be considered co-skippers who may trade off steering.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available at <https://sbyc.org/fiesta-cup> and submitting the required entry fee to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club by the entry deadline of July 21 at 1000.

4. CREW

[DP] Crew members shall meet class requirements regarding ISAF competitor classification.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry Fees are as follows:
 - Harbor 20: \$285 (includes Harbor 20 Friday evening Dock Party and boat)
 - J/70: \$135
 - Melges 24: \$135
- 5.2 Entries submitted prior to end of day on July 19, 2023 shall receive a \$25 early entry discount. Entry fee includes Saturday Beach Party with live music and dinner.
- 5.3 Additional tickets for Saturday Beach Party are \$25 per person.



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6. FORMAT & BOATS FOR THE HARBOR 20 NORTH-SOUTH CHALLENGE

- 6.1 The Harbor 20 North-South Challenge will be sailed in provided Harbor 20's with spinnakers in a fleet race style format. Scores will be tallied for individual competitors. Additionally, 'North' competitors' individual race scores will be combined as a 'team' and South competitors' race scores will be combined as a 'team' to determine a North versus South winner.
- 6.2 Harbor 20 boats will be provided. 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Boats will be assigned at the competitor meeting and done by random drawing via the Race Committee. Teams will be assigned a boat for Saturday and a boat for Sunday at each day's boat drawing. A team shall not sail the same boat on both Saturday and Sunday and they shall not sail their skipper's own boat.
- 6.5 [DP] Hiking is not permitted. All crew shall keep their torsos within the confines of the cockpit at all times while racing, excepting in the need of immediate repair or for safety reasons.
- 6.6 [DP] Watches and timers, digital compasses, and VHF radios are the only electronics permitted to be used from 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal until the end of the last race of each day.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 [DP] 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.
- 6.9 [DP] Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Time	Event	Location
Thursday, July 20		
0900	Trailers allowed in the SBYC lot after this time	
Friday, July 21		
Practice Day (Melges 24, J/70, Harbor 20)		
1400	Harbor 20 Spinnaker Clinic & Practice Sail	To Be Determined
1530	Practice Starts & Races for all fleets	SB Channel
1800	Complimentary hors d'oeuvres	SBYC Beach
1800-2000	Harbor 20 Dock Party hosted by Al Salzar for Harbor 20 North-South Competitors, H20 Fleet 4 members and their guests	
Saturday, July 22		
Racing Day One (Melges 24, J/70, Harbor 20)		
1000-1100	Check-In / Packet Pick Up & Regatta Shirt Sales	SBYC Lower Deck
1100	Competitor meeting & Harbor 20 Boat Draw	SBYC Lower Deck
1300	First Warning Signal	
Post racing	Fiesta Cup Beach Party – food & live music	SBYC Beach
*A total of four races are scheduled for all fleets.		



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Sunday, July 23	Racing Day Two (Melges 24, J/70, Harbor 20)	
1045	Harbor 20 Boat Draw	SBYC Lower Deck
1230	First Warning signal	
1530	No warning signal after this time	
Post racing	Hors d'oeuvres and awards	SBYC

*A total of three races are scheduled for all fleets.

8. MEASUREMENT

[DP] A valid measurement certificate shall be presented upon request by any regatta or fleet representative. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at <https://sbyc.org/fiesta-cup> approximately two weeks prior to the event and at registration.

10. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 10.1 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 next to the Race Office.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 10.4 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
 - Shortened course for one or more fleets
 - Abandonment of one or more fleets
 - On course side boats or general recalls

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The Santa Barbara Harbor, the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, and its end tie dock are as shown in 'Attachment B – Harbor Map'.
- 11.2 The racing venue shall be the Santa Barbara Channel within 2 miles of SBYC.

12. COURSES

A course chart will be attached to the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be a windward-leeward buoy configuration as described therein.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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.'



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14. SCORING

- 14.1 For the Melges 24 and J/70 classes, the low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that when fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.2 For the Harbor 20 class, the low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that a competitor's series score shall be the total of their race scores.
- 14.3 The North-South team winner will be decided by totaling all scores for each team (North & South). The team with the lower total score is the winner. In the event of a tie, scores for all boats on each team from each individual race shall be tallied and compared. This tally will be used as that team's 'race score' as pertains to Rule A8.1. Rule A8.1 will be used to break ties between the teams, except that the word 'boats' is replaced with the word 'teams'.
- 14.4 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1 [NP][DP] Dry Storage - Out of town boats and trailers may be stored at the west end of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club parking lot starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, July 20 through Wednesday, July 26 in the morning. Guest vehicles will be allowed in the SBYC parking lot for brief duration while loading and unloading trailers and equipment. Upon arrival to SBYC, call the front desk at (805) 965-8112 or use the telecom for entrance into the lot. Park trailers in designated areas. When boats are ready to be launched, a hoist key is available at the front desk of SBYC. ****Information on available hoists is described in detail under 'logistics' on the event page*** <https://sbyc.org/fiesta-cup>. Trailers may need to be dense packed once boats are launched.

Once equipment is unloaded, guests are asked to park in the Santa Barbara Public Parking Lot (fees may apply). Locations of both lots and additional parking options are shown in 'Attachment B – SB Harbor Map'.

- 15.2 [NP][DP] Wet Storage - Once boats have been launched, they may be rafted off of end tie D as shown on 'Attachment B – Harbor Map'. Boats may be rafted four deep and four long. Additional rafting storage may be available off of the Youth Foundation dock and assigned at check in.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[NP][DP] Boats shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except with prior written consent from the race committee for repairs.

17. PRIZES

Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finisher(s) in each class, based on participation. The Fiesta Cup Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the winner from each class. The Harbor 20 North-South Challenge Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

18. 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



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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.**

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate limits for this event, or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information please contact the following:

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

Regatta Chair, Jane Watkins: (805) 886-9212 / janevatkinssb@gmail.com

Harbor 20 North-South Chair, Geoff Slaff: (805) 796-3100 / gflaff@gmail.com

Event Website: <https://sbyc.org/fiesta-cup>

Santa Barbara Yacht Club: 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

Other Events

SBYC invites Fiesta Cup competitors to participate in SBYC's famous 'Wet Wednesday' races the Wednesdays preceding and following the Fiesta Cup (information available online at <https://www.sbyc.org/wet-wednesday> – there is no entry fee for guest boats). [The Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race](#) takes place the Friday following the Fiesta Cup (two events with only one delivery).