



SBYC Charity Regatta

September 9, 2023



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2023 SBYC Charity 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 This event 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".
- 1.2 Membership for the appropriate class association is required. For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, valid and current Southern Californian PHRF certificate in the online PHRF database (www.phrfsocal.org) shall constitute proof of membership for each entrant. PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for this series.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – 'Penalties at the time of the incident', and V2 – 'Penalty taken after a race' will apply.
- 1.5 US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 will not apply.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Boats shall comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard and adhere to US Coast Guard Regulations. 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. [DP]
- 2.2 Boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) except as modified by the notice of race and these sailing instructions. The course is classified as a Near Shore Race. The equipment requirements are available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>. [DP]
The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) are changed for the following sections:
 - 2.2.1 For USSER 3.19.1, the words 'permanently mounted' are deleted. A permanently mounted magnetic compass is a recommendation for the race. [DP]
 - 2.2.2 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.

3. ENTRY, ELIGIBILITY, AND FEES

- 3.1 This event is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club as well as members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing.
- 3.2 Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be displayed online at phrfsocal.org no later than 1000 on the day of the race.
- 3.3 One design boats in recognized classes may enter without PHRF certificates using the local class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.

Harbor 20 = 204; J/24 = 168; J/70 = 114 J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90

- 3.4 One design boats may establish their own fleet and start if there are four or more entries in that class and by informing the Race Committee of their desire to do so by 1000 on the day of the race. One design boats shall indicate on their entry form whether they will be entering the PHRF or CHRF fleet in the event they are unable to establish their own one design fleet.
- 3.5 CHRF class rules apply with regard to eligibility and trophies.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may enter the race by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1300 on the day of the race. Race Entry Forms are available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.7 There is no entry fee for this event.
- 3.8 CHRF boats will be considered 'registered to race' and 'entered in a race' by completing either a) and b) for a "qualified" boat or c) for a new boat.

a.) FLEET REGISTRATION: Register online via the FLEET REGISTRATION entry form at (https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=25605). Fleet registration need only be done one time per calendar year and must be completed at least three days prior to the start of the first race they wish to compete in. It is the sole responsibility of the member to verify that the boat is listed as entered in the CHRF series on the Santa Barbara Yacht Club website, at least three days prior to the first race, of the calendar year, they wish to compete in.

b.) RACE DAY ENTRY: Eligible boats shall be entered in a race when the Skipper or crew member of the boat signs the boat in with the Race Committee (RC) [via the online form](#) on the day of the race and lists the name of the Skipper and the name of the SBYC member onboard for the race, if the skipper is not a member of SBYC.

c.) FIRST QUALIFIER: A member may register and enter for the first qualifying race on the day of the race. The registration must be complete, including insurance information, prior to signing up for the race. If the member is requalifying a previously qualified boat, the last handicap shall be used, if available. If the boat has not been previously qualified or if the last handicap is not available, the Race Committee or the Fleet Representative shall assign the initial start time for the first qualifying race.

- 3.9 One design boats that are unable to establish a fleet and do not indicate on their entry form what fleet they would like to start with (CHRF or PHRF) will automatically be entered into and scored with the PHRF fleet.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH 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 the Santa Barbara Yacht Club next to the race office and online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

4.4 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

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than one hour prior to the start of the race.

6 SIGNALS

All signals will be displayed from the yardarm on the upper deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

7 SCHEDULE

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| 7.1 | 1300 | Registration Closes |
| | 1300 | Order of Starts and Class Flags posted on Notice Board |
| | 1430 | Warning signal for the first start |
| | 1435 | First Start |
| | After racing | Awards Ceremony |
- 7.2 The order of starts and class flags will be posted on the Notice Board after 1300 and posted online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.
- 7.3 The start of one class will be the warning signal for the next class.

8 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 This race will include PHRF fleet(s), CHRF fleet, and any one design classes that have four or more entries indicating their desire to sail in that one design class.
- 8.2 One Design boats that have not established a fleet will be incorporated into and scored with the PHRF or CHRF fleet based on what their entry form indicates. Entries not indicating a fleet to be entered into will automatically be entered into and scored with the PHRF fleet.
- 8.3 PHRF class splits, if any, will be listed on the Notice Board at 1300.
- 8.4 Class flags for all established classes will be listed on the Notice Board at 1300.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as designated on the current [SBYC course chart](http://www.sbyc.org), which is available on the SBYC website – <http://www.sbyc.org>.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy are designated as obstructions. Boats crossing these lines shall exit the area immediately and retire from the race. [DP]
- 10.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100-yard perimeter around the vessel are designated as obstructions. [DP]

11 THE COURSE

- 11.1 Courses will be taken from the current version of the SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for each class.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 Marks will be as designated on the current version of the [SBYC course chart](#). All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the course chart but are subject to natural influence.
- 12.2 Description of marks:
 - A, D, K, H, G, F, X, E – White cylinders with a yellow band around the middle.
 - C, M – White city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 In the event of a missing mark with no temporary mark replacement, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

13 START

- 13.1 The start sequence shall be in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning given 5 minutes before the start for each class.
- 13.2 The start line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the SBYC course chart.
- 13.3 The order of starts and class flags will be posted on the Notice Board after 1300 and posted online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.
- 13.4 The start of one class will be the warning signal for the next class.

14 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee may attempt to hail any over-early boat(s) on Channel 71. Failure to hail or failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the yacht's sole responsibility to start correctly.

15 GENERAL RECALLS

- 15.1 After a general recall is signaled, the 'First Substitute' flag shall remain flying 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 remaining classes to start.
- 15.2 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.

v.) The warning signal for the recalled class shall be made five (5) minutes prior to its starting signal.

16 SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 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 on the SBYC deck.

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'.

iv.) For legs to mark 'F', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'F' and the flagpole on the SBYC deck.

16.4 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 flags of the abandoned classes. Abandonment of one class does not constitute abandonment of other classes.

17 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between marks 'F' and 'G' as shown on the attached SBYC course chart.

18 PENALTY SYSTEM

18.1 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.'

18.2 Appendix V2 – 'Penalty Taken After a Race' will apply: After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty if taken before the protest time limit or a 40% Scoring Penalty if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

19 TIME LIMIT

The first boat must finish by 1630 hours or the race will be abandoned.

20 HEARING REQUESTS

20.1 Hearing request forms for protests, requests for redress, and reopening of a hearing are available at the front desk of SBYC or through the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing App. Hearing request forms may be emailed to racing@sbyc.org or delivered to the SBYC Race Office and shall be

submitted within the appropriate time limit.

- 20.2 For each class, the filing time limit is one hour after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 20.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 20.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, protests may be heard on a subsequent Wednesday.
- 20.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within 24 hours of the protest committee decision being posted on the official notice board. This changes rule 66.
- 20.6 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 24 hours after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

21 SCORING

- 21.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 21.2 PHRF fleet shall be scored by corrected order of finish, based on Area I WL ratings.
- 21.3 CHRF fleet shall be scored by corrected order of finish, based on current CHRF handicaps. To be eligible for CHRF race trophies, a boat must first have completed three CHRF races to establish a handicap rating.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet.

23 CREW / REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Rule 23.1 only applies to CHRF boats: Crew taking the place of the boat owner at the helm of a boat for longer than a brief period of time, shall be listed on the boat entry form, by the boat owner (either online or paper entry form) as an Authorized Skipper. There must still be a SBYC member on board at all times. The CHRF committee may choose to not score or disqualify boats that are found to have broken this rule without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

24 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.**