



SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
HARBOR 20
SINGLE-HANDED RACE
September 10, 2023
Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2023 Harbor 20 Singlehanded Race 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 will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident and Rule V2 – Post-Race Penalties will 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. [DP]

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC). Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Classes invited include: Harbor 20.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1130 on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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.

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

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 hours on the day it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 All 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

One race will be held with a 1225 warning signal.

8. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be numeral pennant '1'.

9. - RESERVED -

10. SPINNAKERS

Spinnakers will not be allowed for this race.

11. CREW

The boat shall be helmed and crewed by one single person total.

12. RACING AREA

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

13. THE COURSE

13.1 Courses will be taken from the current [SBYC Course Chart](#). The course for the race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck before the warning signal for each class.

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

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

14. MARKS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.

15. THE START

- 15.1 The start line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the current SBYC course chart.
- 15.2 The race will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the 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 will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the current 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 V, Rule V2 – Post Race Penalties will apply:
(a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
(b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

19. HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the front desk or Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.2 The protest time limit is within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 19.5 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.

20. TIME LIMIT

The first boat must finish by 1500 or the race will be abandoned.

21. SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

22. PRIZES

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

23. 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.**