



**SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB**  
**DOCK PARTY RC SAILBOAT RELAY RACE**  
**March 16, 2024**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2024 Dock Party RC Sailboat Relay Race will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**1. RULES**

The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Appendix E will not apply.

**2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Any notices to competitors, changes to the sailing instructions, or signals made ashore will be done aurally at End Tie D by the Cruise Fleet Captain. No additional signal will be made.

**3. FORMAT**

Two teams of the same number of people will be established by the Cruise Fleet Captain. Each team will be given a remote-control sailboat. Each team member will be required to complete one lap of the course and then hand the remote-control over to the next team member to complete another lap until all team members have completed a lap. The first team to have all members complete a lap of the course will be the victor.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**4.1 Saturday, March 16**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1500	Teams will made by the Cruise Fleet Captain	End Tie D
1520	Competitor Briefing	End Tie D
After meeting	Start of the relay race	End Tie D

4.2 One relay race is planned, however the Cruise Fleet Captain may decide to run additional races.

**5. ROTATIONS / BOATS**

5.1 Boats used will be provided by the Cruise Fleet Captain.

5.2 After a team member completes a by sailing through the finish line, they must hand over the remote-control for their sailboat to the next member of their team immediately and no longer than 10 seconds after they complete their lap.

5.3 Any issues with or damage to the boats should be reported to the Cruise Fleet Captain as soon as practicable.

**6. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be adjacent to the SBYC End Tie D in the Santa Barbara harbor.

**7. COURSES**

The course is as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'. The course is not intended to be square to the wind.

**8. MARKS**

Turning marks are foam floating poles as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

**9. THE START**

9.1 The starting line will be between two marks near End Tie D as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

9.2 Races will be started using Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System, rule U3 as detailed below:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 second
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0

**10. ON COURSE SIDE (OCS)**

Should a boat be over, they must return and restart. This only applies to the first team member to start the race. The line will be sighted by the Cruise Fleet Captain. No flag will be displayed to signal the OCS.

**11. CHANGE OF COURSE**

Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. (Changes RRS 32.2 and 33)

**12. THE FINISH**

The Finish will be as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

**13. PENALTIES**

Any boat that breaks a rule of the RRS shall complete a one turn penalty of one tack and one jibe. Additionally, any boat that hits a dock or a boat in its slip shall complete one turn penalty.

**15. HEARING REQUESTS**

Protests and requests for redress will be a 3-minute justice format. A discretionary penalty may be imposed.

**16. SCORING**

The first team that has had all members of their team complete a lap (going through the start/finish line at the beginning of each lap) will be the winner.

# Attachment A – Course Chart

