



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**2024 California Offshore Race Week**  
**Wet Wednesday Race**  
May 29, 2024



## **Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**

The Organizing Authority for the SBYC California Offshore Race Week In-Port Race will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

*Welcome California Offshore Race Week competitors! The Santa Barbara Yacht Club is pleased to invite out-of-town boats to compete in our Wet Wednesday pursuit race. We will be assigning visiting boats without a SoCal PHRF certificate a rating if they do not already have one. You will be able to find course charts at the front desk of SBYC and online at <https://sbyc.org/documents/10184/15928/SBYCCourseChart.pdf>. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to sail with our local fleet!*

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 SBYC CORW Wet Wednesday Race 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” for PHRF classes.
- 1.2 Boats shall use Area I windward-leeward ratings and have current and valid PHRF rating certificates on the PHRF of Southern California website ([www.phrfsocal.org](http://www.phrfsocal.org)), except that California Offshore Race Week boats, Santa Barbara Yacht Club recognized One Design classes, and Club Handicap Racing Fleet will be given provisional SBYC ratings as listed in ‘Attachment B – Provisional Ratings’.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.4 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.
  - 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**

3.1 Eligible boats may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1100 hours on the day of the first race they wish to compete in. Race Entry Forms are available at the front desk of SBYC or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/racing> or at

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=27428](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=27428).

Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.2 Classes invited include: PHRF.

3.3 Eligible boats shall have valid PHRF Certificates or be a California Offshore Race Week boat, SBYC recognized one design class boat, or a member of the Club Hand Rating Fleet (CHRF). California Offshore Race Week boats, SBYC recognized one design classes, and CHRF boats are eligible for provisional SBYC ratings as listed in 'Attachment B – Provisional Ratings'.

### **4. FEES**

There is no entry fee for California Offshore Race Week Competitors.

### **5. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

5.1 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 and online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

5.2 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](mailto:racing@sbyc.org).

5.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

5.4 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

### **6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 hours on the day it will take effect.

### **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

All signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

### **8. SCHEDULE**

8.1 The California Offshore Race Week – Wet Wednesday Race will take place on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

8.2 There will be no competitor briefing.

### **9. ON THE WATER POSTPONEMENT**

In the event of an on the water postponement, instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee over VHF channel 71. Flag AP will come down one minute prior to the new warning signal. Competitors are responsible for computing their new scheduled start times. Any incorrect calculations made by the competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

**10. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be numeral Pennant '1'.

**11. CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

11.1 Class breaks will be posted on the notice board.

11.2 Class breaks shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

**12. RACING AREA**

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

**13. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

13.1 The areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy are classified as obstructions. Boats crossing these lines shall exit the area immediately and retire from the race.

13.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100-yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions.

**14. THE COURSE**

14.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

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

**15. MARKS**

15.1 Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart. All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the current SBYC course chart but are subject to natural influence.

15.2 Marks may be yellow, white or blue cylinders except that: 'B' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and mark C and mark M are white and yellow city anchorage boundary buoys with a light on top. Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice.

15.3 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

15.4 A boat's starting time for each race's posted course is listed on the 'Attachment A – CORW WW Start Times'. This sheet will be made available at the SBYC front desk and online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

**16. THE START**

16.1 All boats will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start.

16.2 The start line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.

16.3 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors.

- 16.4 A boat's starting time for each race's posted course is listed on the 'Attachment A – CORW Wet Wednesday Start Times'.
- 16.5 Boats whose start time is more than three minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.  
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## **17. OCS NOTIFICATION**

- 17.1 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for four minutes or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for one minute or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).
- 17.2 OCS boats that do not return within four minutes must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

## **18. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate. For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole. For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.
- 18.4 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 placards of the abandoned classes. Separate announcements will be made for each class abandoned. Abandonment of one class does not constitute abandonment of other classes.

## **19. THE FINISH**

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

## **20. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 20.1 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.'
- 20.2 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.

## **21. PROTESTS**

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 The protest time limit is within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 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.
- 21.5 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.

## **22. SCORING**

- 22.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 22.2 Boats will be scored in their individual classes for each individual race and for the overall finish in PHRF.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.
- 23.2 The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

## **24. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to class and overall winners.

## **25. 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.**