



Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Staff Sail-Off

October 17, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2024 SBYC Staff Sail-Off will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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 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 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 The regatta is open to staff members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Eligible staff members may sign up by notifying the SBYC events coordinator, Makayla Householder, of their interest in participating and filling out an entry form and liability waiver available at <https://forms.gle/N7NooS7NG9LmUuwa9> and also linked on the SBYC Racing Calendar at <https://sbyc.org/racing>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Harbor 20 Owner Representatives should also fill out an entry form and sign a liability waiver - <https://forms.gle/N7NooS7NG9LmUuwa9>.

4 FEES

There is no entry fee for this event.

5 FORMAT

SBYC staff members will be put together in groups of 1 to 3 individuals and then paired up with a Harbor 20 owner representative / coach at the competitor briefing via random drawing. Each staff member team will get some time to practice sailing and then will go

against 1 to 3 other boats in a race. The top boat(s) in each race will advance to the next round. The race pairings and start times will depend on sign ups and will be posted the day of the event and handed out to all competitors at the competitor briefing. An example of race pairings is shown in Attachment B – Race Pairings. All staff competitors must wear lifejackets (coastguard approved PFD’s) or they will be disqualified. The winner of the final match race will be crowned the SBYC Staff Champion.

6 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://sbyc.org/racing> under the SBYC Staff Sail-Off heading.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 6.4 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 races
 - On course side boats

7 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 on the day that it will take effect.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.
- 8.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than sixty (60) minutes’ in race signal AP.

9 SCHEDULE

3:15-3:45pm – How to sail / safety briefing with Race Director, Brad in SBYC Fleet Room
4:00pm – Boat assignments and introduction to your ‘coach’ for the day in Fleet Room
4:40pm – First Warning Signal
6:15pm – Awards and after racing celebration at SBYC

10 CLASS DESIGNATION & CLASS FLAGS

The order of starts and class flags will be posted on the Notice Board by 1600 on the day of the race.

11 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as designated on Attachment A – Course Chart.

12 THE COURSE

Courses will be taken from Attachment A – Course Chart.

13 MARKS

- 13.1 Marks will be as designated on the current version of the [SBYC course chart](#) and Attachment A – Course Chart. All permanent marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the course chart but are subject to natural influence.
- 13.2 Description of marks:
G, F, X, – White cylinders with a yellow band around the middle.
W – Orange tetrahedron.

14 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1 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 immediately and retire. [DP]
- 14.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100-yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions. [DP]

15 THE START

- 15.1 The race will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 15.2 The start line will be between mark ‘F’ and mark ‘G’ as shown on the SBYC course chart.

16 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The race committee will not shorten courses.

17 THE FINISH

The finish will be between mark ‘F’ and mark ‘G’, as shown on the SBYC course chart.

18 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.’

19 HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1 Hearing request forms for protests, requests for redress, and reopening of a hearing are available at the SBYC Front desk 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.
- 19.2 For each class, the protest 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.
- 19.3 Hearing 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 SCORING

Each race shall be sudden death with the boat(s) that win their races advancing to the next round until a final winner has been declared. Boats that do not advance may be paired up with other non-advancing boats in a consolation round if time allows. This format is shown in Attachment B – Race Pairings.

22 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the 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.**