



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 PHRF SoCal Regional Championship 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 is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for this series.
- 1.3 Windward-Leeward (WL) PHRF Area ratings will be used for Saturday's races. Random Leg Course (RLC) PHRF Area ratings will be used for Sunday's races.
- 1.3 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall be configured as represented on their rating certificate. Competitors, the OA, or the Race Committee may call for an inspection of a boat.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website – <https://sbyc.org/2025-phrf-socal-regional-championship>.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

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- 3.4 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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

| 5.1 Time | Event | Location |
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| Saturday, July 19 | | |
| Racing Day One – W-L Races | | |
| 1000-1100 | Check-In | SBYC Lower Deck |
| 1115 | Competitor Briefing | SBYC Lower Deck |
| 1300 | First Warning Signal | |
| Post racing | Beach Party – food & live music | SBYC Beach |
| *A total of four windward-leeward (WL) races are scheduled for all fleets. | | |

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| Sunday, July 20 | | |
| Racing Day Two – RLC Races | | |
| 1100 | Competitor Briefing | |
| 1230 | First Warning signal | |
| 1600 | No warning signal after this time (this changes the NOR) | |
| Post racing | Hors d'oeuvres and awards | SBYC |
| *A total of two random leg (RLC) races are scheduled for all fleets. | | |

5.2 The first day of racing will be up to four windward-leeward (WL) races using WL ratings. The second day of racing will be up to two random leg course (RLC) races using RLC ratings.

6 CLASS DESIGNATIONS, FLAGS, AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 Class designations and class flags will be as shown in 'Attachment C – Class Designations'.
- 6.2 Class flags shall be:
PHRF A – Numeral Pennant '1'
PHRF B – Numeral Pennant '2'
- 6.3 The order of starts for the first race of each day is anticipated to be PHRF A followed by PHRF B. The race committee will start fleets in subsequent races based on which fleet is ready to race at the starting area. The race committee may change the order of starts and will announce their intent to do so on VHF channel 71. The race committee will notify competitors if they are rolling into the next fleet's warning signal on VHF channel 71.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area for all races will be the Santa Barbara Channel, within 2 miles of SBYC as shown on 'Attachment B – Racing Area' and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

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8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment D – W-L Course Chart' show the windward-leeward (WL) courses for Saturday's races, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The diagrams in 'Attachment E – RLC Course Chart' show the random leg courses (RLC), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 Course numbers for Saturday's races will be displayed on placards from the race committee signal boat no later than the preparatory signal.
- 8.4 Course numbers for Sunday's races will be displayed from the SBYC deck prior to the preparatory signal on red and white placards.

9 MARKS

Turning marks will be shapes, colors, and descriptions consistent with those as shown in 'Attachment D – W-L Course Chart' and 'Attachment E – RLC Course Chart'.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara (SB) swim buoy are designated as obstructions:
 - a. City of SB swim buoys located in the vicinity to the south and within an estimated distance of 300 yards of Ledbetter Beach and Ledbetter Point.
 - b. City of SB swim buoys immediately adjacent to Point Castillo at the SB harbor entrance.

Boats crossing these lines shall exit the area immediately and retire from the race. [DP]

Competitors are reminded that crossing any other government designated swim area lines not listed in these Sailing Instructions may result in citations from the coast guard, SB Harbor Patrol, or other government authority.

- 10.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100-yard perimeter around the vessel are designated as obstructions. [DP]

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 For Saturday's races, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 For Sunday's races, the starting line will be between marks 'G' and 'F' as shown on 'Attachment E – RLC Courses'.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The change will be

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- signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.
- 12.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.
- 12.3 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes rule 33.
- 12.4 New marks as provided in instruction 12.1, will be:
- a.) A green inflatable mark to replace 'W2'
 - b.) A red inflatable mark to replace 'W1'
 - c.) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 For Saturday's races, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment D – W-L Course Chart'.
- 13.2 For Sunday's races, the finishing line will be between marks 'G' and 'F' as shown on 'Attachment E – RLC Courses'.

14 TARGET TIMES

The target time for WL races will be approximately 40-50 minutes. The target time for RLC races will be 60-100 minutes.

15 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.'

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms for protests, requests for redress, and reopening of a hearing are available at the front desk of SBYC. 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.
- 16.2 For each class, the filing time limit for protests or requests for redress about an incident observed in the racing area is 60 minutes 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. The filing deadline for other hearing requests is 60 minutes after the relevant information is available to the filing party.
- 16.3 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.

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17 SCORING

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the SBYC Race Committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. A valid measurement certificate shall be presented upon request by any regatta or fleet representative.

20 SUPPORT TEAMS [NP][DP]

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [NP][DP]

All boats shall be afloat by 1200 on the first day of racing and shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except with prior written consent from the race committee.

22 PRIZES

Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finisher(s) in each class, based 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.**