



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**Santa Barbara Spring Dinghy Regatta**  
May 17-18, 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 Spring Dinghy Regatta 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 RRS 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the sailing instructions and one in the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it 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 & COACHES

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board located at <https://sbyc.org/spring-dinghy>.
- 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](mailto:racing@sbyc.org).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to communicate with competitors via megaphone.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee:
  - 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
- 3.5 Race Committee communication on the water with coaches will be done via VHF radio channel 71.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be announced verbally at the launch ramp to competitors.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- | Time                          | Event   | Location |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Friday, May 16</b><br>1200 | Competitor briefing #1 will be sent out via pre-recorded video. Questions about the briefing or related to the regatta may be submitted via text, or email to: Brad Schaupeter – <a href="mailto:racing@sbyc.org">racing@sbyc.org</a> / (310) 850-5213. Answers to questions may be shared with all registrants via email as appropriate. |          |

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## **Saturday, May 17**

1100	Competitor briefing #2 (in person)	SB Launch Ramp
1230	First warning signal	SB Channel
After racing	Post-race snacks	SB Launch Ramp

## **Sunday, May 18**

1230	First warning signal	SB Channel
1530	No warning signal after this time	
After racing	Awards and post-race snacks	SB Launch Ramp

5.2 For all classes, a total of ten (10) races are scheduled with no more than six (6) races to be sailed on any one day.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
29er	Numeral Pennant '1'
ILCA Radial	Numeral Pennant '2'

## **7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the Santa Barbara Channel within 1 nautical mile of the Santa Barbara Harbor entrance as shown in 'Attachment B – Racing Area'.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The Diagrams in 'Attachment C – Course Chart' show the courses, 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 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number on a large placard.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment C - Course Chart'.

9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.

9.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.

9.5 New marks as provided in instruction 13.1, 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.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 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.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her. Failure to hail her, failure of her to hear such

a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 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.

## 12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish will be between an orange flag flown from the race committee boat and a finish mark consistent with 'Attachment C – Course Chart'.

12.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system shall be as described in Rule 44.1.

## 14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 Hearing request forms are available online at: <https://forms.gle/5ALuLBNSQHvRsohi6>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted online within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat arrives at the dock.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This will constitute notification required by rule 63.1. Hearing locations and times will be posted online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a6CjDDyhd8L3KO9ldxq0AuEbQbLDA4vEkfOaDm8-nK4/edit?usp=sharing>.

14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 61.2.

## 15. SCORING

15.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that when fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.2 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

## 16. SAFETY

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [NP][DP]

16.2 Competitors shall either wear a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. [DP]

16.3 It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of any competitor under the age of eighteen (18), or in the instance of the competitor who is eighteen (18) or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. [DP]

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16.4 Parents of competitors under the age of eighteen (18) not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child. [DP][NP]

16.5 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

## **18. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers (skipper and crew) in each class.

## **19. 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.**