



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Sir Thomas Star Lipton Regatta
August 9-10, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 Sir Thomas Lipton Star Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 ISCYRA rule 34.3.7, Format C, is changed to allow the minimum distance of a leg to be less than one nautical mile.
- 1.3 The last sentence of ISCYRA rule 34.3.7, Format C, is changed to “No more than 4 races per day”.
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty per ISCYRA rule 35.5.
- 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’.
- 1.6 The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online notice board located at <https://sbyc.org/lipton-star-regatta>.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 2.4 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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 1120 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5. Schedule of Events

5.1	Time	Event	Location
	<i>Wednesday, August 6</i>		
	2100	SBYC parking lot open for competitor boats	SBYC Parking Lot
	<i>Saturday, August 9 - Racing Day 1</i>		
	1000	Entries Close	
	1000-1100	Check-in and Race Packet Pickup	SBYC Front Desk
	1115	Competitor's Briefing	SBYC Fleet Room
	1300	Warning Signal first race	
	After Racing	Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres	SBYC Dining Room
	<i>Sunday, August 10 - Racing Day 2</i>		
	1300	Warning Signal for first race	
	1500	No warning signal for any race after this time	
	After Racing	Awards & complimentary pasta buffet	SBYC Dining Room
5.2	Number of Races: Six races are scheduled with no more than four races to be sailed on any one day. This changes ISCYRA rule 34.3.7, Format C.		

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant '1'.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will be held in Santa Barbara Channel, within two (2) miles of the entrance to the Santa Barbara Harbor.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – 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 Course numbers will be displayed on placards from the Race Committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 9.2 The starting / finishing pins will be an orange inflatable shape.
- 9.3 The windward mark "W" will be orange inflatable shape.
- 9.4 The leeward "Gate" will be a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.
- 9.4.1 In the event one of the leeward gate marks is missing, competitors shall round the gate mark that is present to port.
- 9.5 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1, will be:
- 9.5.1 A green inflatable mark to replace "W".
- 9.5.2 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 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4, and A5. [NP][DP]
- 10.4 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the finishing pin as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty per ISCYRA rule 35.5.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 Hearing request forms are available at the front desk for the SBYC clubhouse. Hearing requests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The filing time limit for protests or requests for redress about an incident observed in the racing area is within 60 minutes of the Race Committee's return to the dock. The filing time limit for other hearing requests is 60 minutes after the relevant information is available to the filing party.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing times and locations will be listed on the notice board.
- 14.4 Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board 30 minutes before the protest time limit. Any boat so notified may request a hearing, which must be in writing and delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that when fewer than six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16 SAFETY

Competitors leaving the racecourse before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or the SBYC front desk as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the SBYC front desk. [NP][DP]

17 CREW CHANGES

- 17.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the Race Committee grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board. [DP]
- 17.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

18 TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS

Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee. [DP]

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats may be hauled out each day or kept at the SBYC guest dock at the discretion of the crew.

20 TRAILER STORAGE AND MOORING

Trailers will be stored in the SBYC parking lot on days preceding the regatta. Upon launching for racing on Saturday, all trailers should be moved over to the Harbor Marine Works lot (adjacent to the SBYC parking lot) for the remainder of the event. Boats being hauled out on Saturday will be stored on their trailer in the Harbor Marine Works Lot. All boats will be derigged in the Harbor Marine Works lot after racing on Sunday. Any boat/trailer that is not leaving on Sunday evening may be put back in the SBYC lot on Sunday evening after 7pm. [NP][DP]

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top boats overall (skipper & crew) in the event.
- 21.2 The winning skipper and crew will have their names engraved on the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's Sir Thomas Lipton Perpetual Trophy to remain on display at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

22 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.

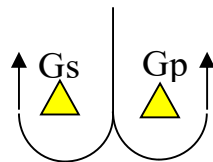
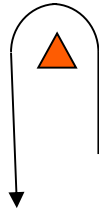
Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.



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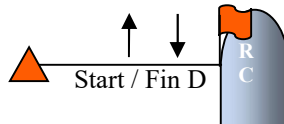
Attachment A - Course Chart

Mark 'W' (orange)



Gate (yellow) "Gs / Gp"

**Start / Finish
Pin (orange)**



Course 1: Start – W – Gt – W – Fin D

Marks W shall be rounded to port.
Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard.
Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.