

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Staff Sail-Off

October 22, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 SBYC Staff Sail-Off 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 the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 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.
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- 1.4 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.5 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.
- 1.6 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 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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]

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/zxYSQnh2xKkyGGYi6> 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/zxYSQnh2xKkyGGYi6>.

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 sail against 1 to 7 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.
- 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 1500 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

3:00-3:30pm – How to sail / safety briefing with Race Director, Brad in SBYC Fleet Room
3:45pm – Boat assignments and introduction to your 'coach' for the day in Fleet Room
4:30pm – 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 1500 on the day of the race.

11 RACING AREA

The racing area will be south within 1 nautical mile of the SBYC .

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 all classes, the filing time limit for protests or requests for redress about an incident observed in the racing area is within 60 minutes of the last boat's finish time in the last race. The filing time limit for other hearing requests is 60 minutes after the relevant information is available to the filing party.
- 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.

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.

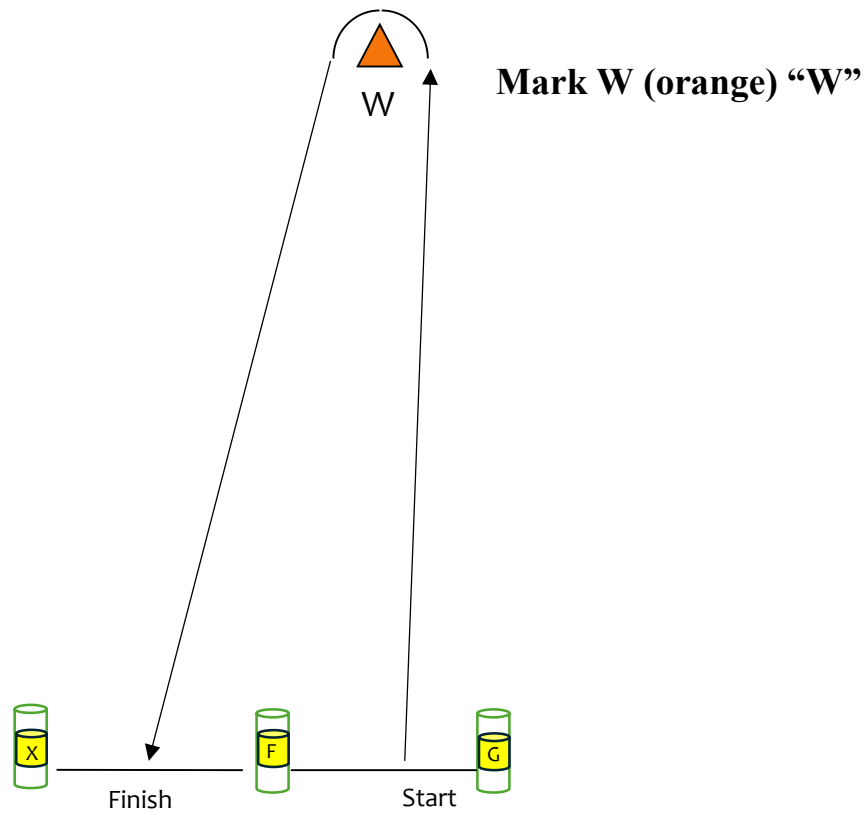
22 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the winner(s). The number of trophies will be awarded depending on participation. Results will be posted at <https://sbyc.org>.

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.**

Attachment A - Course Chart



Course = Start – W – Finish

- Mark W will be an orange tetrahedron and shall be rounded to port
- Start Line = Between Mark G and Mark F (the two closest white cylinders with a yellow band and the corresponding letter on it).
- Finish Line = Between Mark F and Mark X (white cylinders with a yellow band and corresponding letter on it).

Attachment B – Race Pairings

Round 1 (Semi-Finals)

Race 1a

Team A (1st) - advance

Team B (2nd) - advance

Team C (3rd) - advance

Team D (4th) – consolation

Team E (5th) – consolation

Team F (6th) - consolation

Race 1b

Team G (1st) - advance

Team H (2nd) - advance

Team I (3rd) - advance

Team J (4th) - consolation

Team K (5th) - consolation

Team L (6th) - consolation

Round 2 (Championship / Consolation Round)

Race 2a (Consolation)

Team D

Team E

Team F

Team J

Team K

Team L

Race 2b (Championship)

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team G

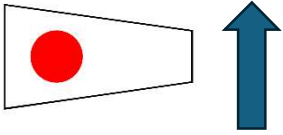
Team H

Team I

Races and formats will be adjusted depending on sign ups and number of boats, but they will be some variation of this. The final race pairings will be posted on the day of the race.

Attachment C – Start Sequence

5 minutes until start for race 1a / 2a – numeral pennant 1 goes up with a horn



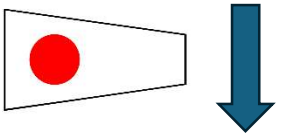
4 minutes until start for race 1a / 2a – P flag goes up with a horn



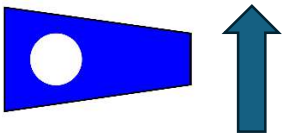
1 minute until start for race 1a / 2a – P flag goes down with a long horn



At the start for race 1a / 2a – numeral pennant 1 goes down with a horn



5 minutes until start for race 1b / 2b – numeral pennant 2 goes up with a horn



4 minutes until start for race 1b / 2b – P flag goes up with a horn



1 minute until start for race 1b / 2b – P flag goes down with a long horn



At the start for race 1b / 2b – numeral pennant 1 goes down with a horn

