



Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents: Double-Handed / Short-Handed Race

November 8, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 Double-Handed / Short-Handed Race 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), applicable rules for One Design and PHRF classes and the US Safety Equipment Requirements "Near Shore".
- 1.2 Membership with a valid rating certificate is required for the appropriate class association. For PHRF classes, PHRF of Southern California is the Rating Authority (RA) for this event. Valid and current PHRF of Southern Californian certificate in the online database (www.phrfsocal.org) shall constitute proof of membership.
- 1.3 PHRF boats shall use Area I windward-leeward ratings and shall have current and valid PHRF rating certificates on the PHRF of Southern California website (www.phrfsocal.org). Competitors from outside Area I shall use their PHRF regional windward-leeward rating.
- 1.4 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).
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.7 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident and Rule V2 – Post-Race Penalties 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 penalty up to 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.
 - 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.

3 ENTRY, ELIGIBILITY, AND FEES

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club as well as members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing.
- 3.2 Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file and listed online with SoCal PHRF (<http://phrfsocal.org>) no later than 1000 on the day of the race.
- 3.3 One design boats in recognized SBYC classes may enter without PHRF certificates using the local class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.

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3.3.1 One design rating (standard configuration):

Harbor 20 = 216; J/70 = 114; J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90

3.3.2 One design ratings (no-spinnaker):

Harbor 20 = 239; J/70 = 158; J/105 = 111; Melges 24 = 110

3.4 Eligible boats may enter the race by submitting a completed race entry form available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

3.5 There is no entry fee.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than one hour prior to the start of the race.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club outside the Race Office.

5.2 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.

5.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

5.4 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

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC flagpole.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 *Saturday, November 8*

1200 Competitor's Briefing on the SBYC Lower Deck

1330 First Warning Signal

After Racing Awards and post-race hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

7.2 One race will be held simultaneously for the two divisions (double-handed & short-handed). The race will be started in reverse handicap order. The starting time for each boat will be as shown in 'Attachment A – DH-SH Start Times' and will be available at the SBYC front desk and online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

8 ON THE WATER POSTPONEMENT

In the event of an on the water postponement, instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee over VHF channel 71. Flag AP will come down one minute prior to the new warning signal. Competitors are responsible for computing their new scheduled start times. Any incorrect calculations made by the competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

9 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be numeral pennant '1'.

10 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

- 10.1 PHRF class breaks, if any, will be announced at the competitor meeting and posted on the notice board.
- 10.2 The Harbor 20 one design class shall be established with four or more entries and will start at their scheduled spinnaker start time. Any Harbor 20 that starts at their non-spinnaker start time shall not be scored in the Harbor 20 one design class and instead shall be scored in the appropriate PHRF class.
- 10.3 Class breaks shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

11 CREW

- 11.1 Double-Handed Division: Crewmembers are limited to two persons per boat. Any boat sailing with two persons or less total shall be scored in the double-handed division regardless of what division they signed up for.
- 11.2 Short-Handed Division: Crewmembers and boat size are limited in numbers to that which is indicated below.
 - Boats 30 to 38 feet 3 crew
 - Boats 38.1 to 50 feet 4 crew
 - Boats 50.1 to 65 feet 5 crew
 - Boats 65.1 and over 6 crew
- 11.3 Boats that race with more than the prescribed number of crew will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.2.

12 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart, which is available on the SBYC website at <https://www.sbyc.org/documents/10184/15928/SBYCCourseChart.pdf> or at the front desk of SBYC.

13 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 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.

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

14 THE COURSE

- 14.1 Courses will be taken from the current version of the SBYC Course Chart available online at <https://www.sbyc.org/documents/10184/15928/SBYCCourseChart.pdf>. The course for the race

will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for each class.

- 14.2 When a letter 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side listed on the course chart.
- 14.3 When a letter 'T' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed two times around. The start/finish line will be required at the beginning of the second lap.
- 14.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.

15 MARKS

- 15.1 Marks will be as designated on the current version of the [SBYC course chart](#). All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the course chart but are subject to natural influence.
- 15.2 Description of marks:
 - A, D, K, H, G, F, X – White cylinders with a yellow band around the middle.
 - C, M – White city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top.
 - E – Outfall buoy. White cylinder with orange stripes and orange diamond on it with the words 'No Mooring' and 'Outfall'.
- 15.3 Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice. When Mark 'C' is not present, the white, cylindrical outfall buoy that is situated the closest to the GPS coordinates of Mark 'C' shall be rounded instead.
- 15.4 In the event of a missing mark with no temporary mark replacement, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

16 START & RECALLS

- 16.1 The start line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.
- 16.2 All boats will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start.
- 16.3 A boat's starting time shall be as indicated in 'Attachment A – DH-SH Start Times'. This attachment will be made available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing> and at the SBYC front desk.
- 16.4 Boats whose start time is more than two minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.
[NP][DP]
- 16.5 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for four minutes or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for an additional four minutes after the latest OCS start or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).
- 16.6 On Course Side boats that do not return within four minutes must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

17 SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START

- 17.1 The race committee may shorten a course. A shortened course will be signaled from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck before the leading boat has finished the leg.
- 17.2 The shortened course shall be signaled by displaying code flag 'S' with two sound signals and displaying the class placard(s) for the class or classes to be shortened.
- 17.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate.
 - i.) For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole on the SBYC deck.

- ii.) For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.
- iii.) For legs to the gate, boats will be finished between mark 'X' and mark 'F'.
- iv.) For legs to mark 'F', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'F' and the flagpole on the SBYC deck.

17.4 In the event of an abandoned race, the race committee may notify competitors on VHF Channel 71 following the raising of code flag 'N'.

18 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between marks 'F' and 'G' as shown on the attached SBYC course chart.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM

19.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).

19.2 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.'

19.3 Appendix V, Rule V2 – Post Race Penalties will apply:

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

20 TIME LIMIT

20.1 The first boat must finish by 1545 or the race will be abandoned.

20.2 All boats must finish within one hour of the first boat to finish, or they will be scored DNF.

21 HEARING REQUESTS

21.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on US Sailing standard forms located at the SBYC front desk. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in its classes' finish time.

21.2 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.

22 SCORING

22.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

22.2 Boats will be scored by order of finish with the exception of a shortened course, in which case boats will be scored by corrected time on distance according to each boat's handicap rating.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the double-handed and short-handed division. The Bill Daffron Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the double-handed division. The Harbor 20 Double-Handed Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Harbor 20 one design class.

24 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.**