



Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) SEASON FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Centennial Regatta Qualification Guidelines – 2026

The Organizing Authority for the 2026 SBYC Season Fleet Championships will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

EVENT

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club Season Championships apply to each recognized SBYC fleet. Each fleet decides which regattas and races during the calendar year will be used to make an overall series that defines their season championship. The winner of each fleet's season championship, who meets eligibility requirements, advances on to sail in the Centennial Regatta, also known as the All-Fleet Club Championship for a shot at the Centennial Trophy. SBYC recognized fleets include PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C, Melges 24, J/105, J/70, Harbor 20, Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF), SBYC Youth fleet, and SBYC Women's fleet.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions for each regatta will take precedence if there is a conflict between these guidelines and the regatta's sailing instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Eligible skippers shall be considered entered in the fleet's Season Championship by entering and competing in one of the regattas listed for its fleet's Season Championship, except that:
 - The PHRF B Fleet shall require entry and completion in two of the regattas listed for the PHRF B Season Championship. Entry forms for individual events are available at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.
- 2.2 To be eligible for any PHRF Fleet Championships, a boat must have a valid and current PHRF certificate as outlined in each event's sailing instructions.

3. FEES

There are no fees associated with entry into each fleet's SBYC Season Championship.

4. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 4.1 Each fleet's season championship will serve as the qualifying series for the final series – the 'Centennial Trophy - All Club Championship'. The skipper of each winning fleet will advance to the final series upon meeting Final Series Eligibility requirements.

Final Series Eligibility

- 4.2 The Sail Policy Committee will be responsible for determining the eligibility of each Skipper selected to participate in the Centennial Trophy – All Club Championship, as pertains to instructions 2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, and the Centennial Trophy deed of gift.
- 4.3 The skipper's name must be listed on the race entry form for races which determine eligibility, per the Centennial Trophy Deed of Gift.
- 4.4 Eligible skipper must be a member of SBYC who has skippered the yacht having the best racing record during the current year, in each fleet recognized by and raced under the auspices of the SBYC, per the Centennial Trophy Deed of Gift.
- 4.5 The Skipper must have been skippering the yacht of selection during the majority of the sailing events used to determine eligibility, per the Centennial Trophy Deed of Gift.

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- 4.6 For One Design Fleets to be eligible to qualify a Centennial Trophy – All Club Championship representative, a SBYC fleet must have three or more boats from their fleet including at least two SBYC members boats compete in ‘a majority of the events’ outlined in their season championship schedule, and that were not cancelled prior to the event starting.

a.) Example #1: Six regattas are selected for X Fleet’s championship:

Regatta #1	Regatta #2	Regatta #3	Regatta #4	Regatta #5	Regatta #6
3 boats (2 are SBYC)	5 boats (1 is SBYC)	3 boats (2 are SBYC)	0 boats	2 boats (2 are SBYC)	6 boats (4 are SBYC)

Because X Fleet only had two SBYC boats at three of six events (not a majority), they cannot qualify a centennial representative. They will however still have a scored season championship for their fleet despite not meeting the eligibility requirements for qualifying a Centennial representative.

b.) Example #2: Five regattas are selected for Y Fleet’s championship:

Regatta #1	Regatta #2	Regatta #3	Regatta #4	Regatta #5
3 boats (2 are SBYC)	1 boat (1 is SBYC)	3 boats (2 are SBYC)	1 boat (1 is SBYC)	3 boats (2 are SBYC)

Because Y fleet had at least three boats (two of which were SBYC boats) compete in a majority of their events, they can qualify a Centennial representative. Additionally, regatta #2 and regatta #4 will count towards scoring for this fleet.

5. SCHEDULE (all individual events can be viewed at <https://sbyc.org/racing>)

5.1 PHRF A Fleets’ Season Championships will consist of the following series:

Hot Rum Series (Overall series results will be used for scoring purposes)

Opening Day

Spring PHRF

Summer PHRF

Fall PHRF

Holiday

Wilson Series

5.2 PHRF B Fleets’ Season Championships will consist of the following series:

Tower Race I

Random Leg Regatta (RLC)

Wet Wednesday Season

Spring PHRF

Summer PHRF

Channel Race

Fulmor / Homeward Bound Races Combined

Fall PHRF

Holiday Regatta

5.3 PHRF C Fleets’ Season Championships will consist of the following series:

Opening Day

Tower Race I

Spring PHRF

Summer PHRF

Fall PHRF

Holiday Regatta

Spring Wet Wednesday Series

Summer Wet Wednesday Series

Fall Wet Wednesday Series

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- 5.4 **Melges 24** Fleet Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Spring One Design
Spring Wet Wednesday Series
Summer Wet Wednesday Series
Fall Wet Wednesday Series
Fiesta Cup
Holiday Regatta
- 5.5 **J/105** Fleet Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Hot Rum Series (Overall series results will be used for scoring purposes)
Opening Day Race
Spring Wet Wednesday Series
Summer Wet Wednesday Series
Fall Wet Wednesday Series
Charity Regatta
- 5.6 **J/70** Fleet Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Cinco De Mayo Regatta
J/70 US National Championship
Goblin Regatta Spring One Design
Spring One Design
Summer One Design
Fall One Design
Holiday Regatta
Spring Wet Wednesday Series
Summer Wet Wednesday Series
Fall Wet Wednesday Series
- 5.7 **Harbor 20** Fleet Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Official List of Harbor 20 Fleet 4 Championship events:
<https://www.harbor20.org/category/meeting-minutes/>
Spring Regatta
SBSC Cinco De Mayo (Saturday only)
Summer Regatta
Fall Regatta
Goblin Regatta (Saturday only)
Holiday Regatta (Saturday only)
- 5.8 **CHRF** Fleet Season Championship will consist of the following series:
CHRF High-Point Competition (<https://sbyc.org/chrf> for full schedule)
H Fleet Wet Wednesday Season (<https://sbyc.org/wet-wednesday> for full schedule)
- 5.9 **SBYC Women's Fleet** Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Shalhoob Regatta
Women's Skipper Championship
Wilmot Hughes
- 5.10 **SBYC Youth Fleet** Season Championship will consist of the following series:
Santa Barbara Scholastic Championship (multi-date series to be defined by SBYSF)

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5.11 **New One Design Fleets'** Season Championship will consist of the following series:

Spring One Design
Summer One Design
Fall One Design
Goblin Regatta
Holiday

*New fleets must have at least three boats compete in a majority of the listed regattas to be eligible for a separate club championship. A new class is not eligible to create an alternative scoring system in its first season.

5.12 All regatta dates are subject to change. Visit <https://sbyc.org/racing> for current event dates.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race for all events comprising fleet season championships will be available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing> and on the first day of each event.

7. **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

7.1 An entrant may skipper more than one boat in a fleet during counting regattas in the same year. His or her scores will count for scoring and qualification purposes provided that the boats do not compete against each other in these regattas.

7.2 Crew changes are permitted between regattas but are subject to any restrictions outlined in the Sailing Instructions for the individual regattas.

8. **PHRF CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

For the purposes of SBYC PHRF fleet season scoring, established fleets will be defined as follows:

PHRF A fleet = Area I Buoy Rating of 70 and less.

PHRF B fleet = Area I Buoy Rating of 69-126.

PHRF C fleet = Area I Buoy Rating of 127 and greater.

9. **SCORING**

9.1 **PHRF A Scoring**

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than six (6) series listed under the PHRF Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.

(ii.) When six (6) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.

(iii.) When seven (7) or more of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

(b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

(c) For the purpose of fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including non-SBYC boats.

(d) Any series in the fleet's season championship schedule that is abandoned or not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats in the PHRF fleet that did not race for the purposes of the fleet's season championship.

(e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

(f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

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9.2 PHRF B Scoring

(a) The PHRF B fleet will use a high-point scoring system following this formula:

$$A \text{ Boat's Score} = \# \text{ of eligible boats they beat in a regatta} + 1$$

i.e. The top placing boat will receive a score equal to the number of boats competing in that particular event, while the last place boat to compete in that event will receive a score of '1'.

A boat that did not compete will receive a '0' as a score.

(b) A boat's series score will be the sum of all her scores.

(c) For the purpose of fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to other boats in the PHRF B rating band.

(d) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

(e) Any series in the fleet's season championship schedule that is abandoned or not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats in the PHRF fleet that did not race for the purposes of the fleet's season championship.

(f) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

9.3 PHRF C Scoring

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than seven (7) series listed under the PHRF C Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.

(ii.) When seven (7) to eight (8) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.

(iii.) When nine (9) or more of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst two scores.

(b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

(c) For the purpose of fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including non-SBYC boats.

(d) Any series in the fleet's season championship schedule that is abandoned or not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats in the PHRF fleet that did not race for the purposes of the fleet's season championship.

(e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

(f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

9.4 Melges 24 Scoring

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than four (4) series listed under the Melges 24 Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.

(ii.) When four (4) or more of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.

(b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

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(c) For the purpose of the Melges 24 fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including boats who are not part of the Santa Barbara Melges 24 fleet.

(d) Any series in the fleet's season championship that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the fleet season championship.

(e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

(f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

9.5 J/105 Scoring

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than five (5) series listed under the J/105 Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.

(ii.) When five (5) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.

(iii.) When six (6) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

(b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

(c) For the purpose of fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including boats that are not part of the J/105 Santa Barbara Fleet.

(d) Any series in the fleet's season championship that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the fleet season championship.

(e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

(f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

9.6 J/70 Scoring

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:

(i.) When fewer than five (5) series listed under the J/70 Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.

(ii.) When six (6) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.

(iii.) When eight (8) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

(iv.) When ten (10) or more of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.

(b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.

(c) For the purpose of the J/70 fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including boats who are not part of J/70 Fleet 11.

(d) Any series in the fleet's season championship that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the fleet season championship.

(e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

(f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

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9.7 Harbor 20 Scoring

- (a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:
- (i.) When fewer than six (6) series listed under the Harbor Schedule (instruction 5) have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.
 - (ii.) When six (6) of the series have been completed, a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores excluding her worst score.
- (b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.
- (c) For the purpose of the Harbor 20 fleet 4's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including boats who are not part of Harbor 20 Fleet 4.
- (d) Any series in the fleet's season championship that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the fleet season championship.
- (e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".
- (f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

9.8 CHRF/H Fleet Scoring

- (a) The CHRF fleet will have a CHRF High-Point Competition where a qualified boat's total score will be the sum of the scores for the boat's ten best races. In each CHRF race, the 1st place boat will receive 20 points, the 2nd place boat will receive 17 points, 3rd place will receive 15 points, 4th place will receive 14 points, and so on. Boats finishing 13th and later will receive 5 points. Boats not completing a race shall not receive any points for that race. Each boat's finish in the CHRF High-Point Competition will be combined with their overall season finish from the H fleet Wet Wednesday Series and the boat with the lowest combined score of those two events will determine the fleet winner. Any ties shall be broken in favor of the boat with the highest CHRF High-Point Competition score.

9.9 Women's Fleet Scoring

- (a) The Women's fleet will use a high point scoring system following this formula:

$$\text{A Sailor's Score} = \text{A Boat's Score} = \# \text{ of eligible boats they beat in a regatta} + 1$$

- i.e. The top placing sailor will receive a score equal to the number of boats competing in that particular event, while the last place sailor to compete in that event will receive a score of '1'. A sailor that did not compete will receive a '0' as a score.
- (b) A sailor's series score will be the sum of all her scores.
- (c) To be scored for a series, the sailor must be at the helm of the boat except for at brief times and the sailor must be listed on the entry form as the skipper.
- (d) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.
- (e) Any series in the fleet's season championship schedule that is abandoned or not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats in the PHRF fleet that did not race for the purposes of the fleet's season championship.
- (f) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".

9.10 Youth Fleet Scoring

- (a) The Youth fleet scoring system will be decided by the SBYSF program director.

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9.11 New One Design Fleet Scoring

- (a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:
 - (i.) a boat's season championship series score will be the sum of her series scores.
- (b) At least half of the events listed for the fleet's season championship shall be completed to constitute a series.
- (c) For the purpose of fleet's season championship scoring, a boat's place in each regatta series shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including non-SBYC boats.
- (d) Any series in the fleet's season championship that is abandoned or is not raced (due to lack of participation, or inability to establish a class, or for any other reason) will result in no scores for that series (i.e. no DNC's) for any of the boats for the purposes of the fleet season championship.
- (e) Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8, "Series Ties".
- (f) Rule A5.3 will apply.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 10.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one week of the end of the final event on the fleet's scheduled season championship.
- 10.3 Protest times and locations will be communicated to the involved boats. Requests for redress will be communicated to the entire fleet and its fleet representative.
- 10.4 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) no later than 24 hours after the requesting party was informed of the decision.
This changes rule 66.
- 10.5 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 24 hours after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

11. ALTERNATIVE FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each fleet may bring proposals for revisions of their season championship guidelines to the Sail Policy Committee for review, approval, and implementation in the following year. The proposal must be submitted prior to the December Sail Policy meeting preceding the year the proposal would be implemented.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet at the annual awards banquet.
- 12.2 PHRF A fleet overall season champion will be engraved on the R.W. Caspers Perpetual Trophy.
- 12.3 PHRF B fleet overall season champion will be engraved on the Graham George Perpetual Trophy.
- 12.4 PHRF C fleet overall season champion will be engraved on the 'Santa Barbara Citizens Cup – Dean Brown' Trophy
- 12.5 J/105 overall season champion will be engraved on the J/105 Season Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 12.6 J/70 overall season champion will be engraved on the Michael Baran Memorial Trophy.
- 12.7 Harbor 20 overall season champion will be engraved on the Santa Barbara Harbor 20 Season Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 12.8 Melges 24 overall season champion will be engraved on the Melges 24 Season Championship Trophy.
- 12.9 CHRF/H fleet overall winner will be engraved on the Dick Reichel Perpetual Trophy.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.