

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
Centennial Trophy
2025 All-Fleet Club Championship

January 31, 2026

Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the SBYC Centennial All-Fleet Club Championship 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 [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.5 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident and Rule V2 – Post-Race Penalties will apply.
- 1.6 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]
- 1.7 The protest requirements in RRS 61.1(a) are changed to remove the red flag requirement and replace it with a raised hand and open palm while hailing the word ‘protest’. The hand need not stay raised for more than 5 seconds or until the protested boat acknowledges.
- 1.8 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to those participants qualified and invited based on the most recent Centennial Regatta Qualification Guidelines, (available in the Race Office and at <https://sbyc.org/series-explanations/>).
- 2.2 The participants will be invited in order of qualification.
- 2.3 If an eligible, fleet-winning skipper is unable to attend the Centennial Regatta, the Sail Policy Committee prescribes that an alternate skipper shall be selected from the same fleet, starting with the next highest finishing skipper from the regular fleet of the absent skipper. If the second place skipper cannot attend, the third place skipper shall be asked to sail, and so on and so forth until all skipper options from all boats have been exhausted, at which point an alternate ‘regular’ crew member that meets the deed of gift requirements from the first place boat may be asked to sail, and then the second place boat and so on and so forth. The alternate skipper must meet all other eligibility requirements. This is in accordance with the Deed of Gift, which is available at <https://www.sbyc.org/group/pages/club-trophies> or <https://www.sbyc.org/documents/10184/106655/Centennial+Cup%25281%2529.pdf>.
- 2.4 Eligible skippers may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 23:59:59 on the Tuesday (January 27, 2026) preceding the race. Race entry form is available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing>. Crew member (and any alternate crew members) must be declared by the entry deadline. Race entry forms are available at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30699
Late entries are at the discretion of the Race Committee. [DP]

3 FEES

The Entry fee will be \$75 for all boats except the Youth Fleet representative which will not have an entry fee.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

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

4.4 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

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 hours on the day it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 *Saturday, January 31*

Racing Day 1

0930	Competitor briefing & boat assignments
1000	Boat owners meet competitors at their assigned boat.
1200	Warning signal for first race
1600	No warning signal after this time
After Racing	Awards at SBYC

7.2 Up to five (5) races are scheduled.

7.3 Sunday, February 1 will be used as a reserve racing day in the event that three (3) races cannot be completed within the time limit on Saturday, January 31. If the reserve racing day is started, the scheduled five (5) races total for the regatta will remain the same. Any races completed from the first day of racing shall count towards the total of five (5) races and shall carry over to the reserve racing day. Boat drawings shall remain the same.

Sunday, February 1

Reserve Racing Day

1200	First Warning Signal
1530	No Racing after this time
After Racing	Awards at SBYC

8 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

8.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided for competing teams. Harbor 20 boat owners or owners' representative will give an orientation of their boat to competitors on the day of the race. Standing

rigging including upper battens shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the RC. Only telltales may be added to boats. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All supplied equipment shall be carried aboard while racing. [DP]

- 8.2 While reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations, including deviations from class rules, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 8.3 Boats & sails will be assigned by random drawing via the Race Committee. Teams will be assigned a boat & sails that they will sail with for the duration of the event. [DP]
- 8.4 No skipper shall sail his or her own yacht unless the race committee elects to sail the event as a round robin. This is in accordance with the Centennial Trophy deed of gift. [DP]
- 8.5 Hiking is not permitted. All crew shall keep their torsos within the confines of the cockpit at all times while racing, except in the need of immediate repair or for safety reasons. [DP]
- 8.6 Spinnakers will not be used for the regatta.
- 8.7 Clocks, timers, engines, and VHF radios are the only electronic functions permitted to be used from 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal until the end of the last race of each day. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. [DP]
- 8.8 Other items that competitors are permitted to bring:
 - Kelp Stick (each boat will have one with it, but each competitor is permitted to bring their own).
 - Tell tales
 - Non-electronic wind indicator
 - Non-electronic compass
 - Other items may be approved by the Race Committee
- 8.9 Items competitors are required to bring [NP][DP]:
 - VHF radio
 - Personal Flotation Devices for skipper and crew

9 BREAKDOWNS / DAMAGE

- 9.1 A damage deposit of \$500 per incident will be collected upon damage done to a boat after said incident. This deposit will be charged to the account of the SBYC member who is found at fault in the collision and is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident. Additional incidents resulting in damage will require additional damage deposits of \$500 per incident.
- 9.2 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the RC immediately. [DP]
- 9.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. [NP][DP]
- 9.4 If there is an equipment breakdown that was unforeseeable by the crew and prevents a boat from completing a race, the Race Committee may decide to re-sail the race or award redress.

10 CREW

- 10.1 Each qualified skipper is responsible for providing one member of his or her regular racing crew. An additional alternate crew member from their regular crew may also be listed on the entry form. All crew members should be declared and recorded on their entry form by the entry deadline. Crew members are subject to Sail Policy Committee Voting Member review and approval. [DP]
- 10.2 A request for a crew member change after the entry deadline shall be made in writing and emailed to racing@sbyc.org. A late crew member change shall only be allowed with a majority yes vote from Sail Policy Committee Voting Members. [DP]
- 10.3 A change of skipper after the entry deadline shall follow the provisions in Instruction 2.3 and shall only be allowed with a majority yes vote from the Sail Policy Committee Voting Members. No skipper replacements shall be allowed after 11:59:59 on the Thursday preceding the regatta. [DP]

11 CLASS FLAGS

All boats will sail in one class. The class flag, if any, will be numeral pennant '1'.

12 RACING AREA

The racing area will be directly in front of the SBYC clubhouse. If conditions do not allow the racecourse to be held in this area, the Race Committee may move the racecourse location at their discretion and will notify competitors accordingly.

13 THE COURSES

13.1 Courses will be a windward-leeward as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

13.2 The course number will be displayed on the race committee signal boat and may be announced on VHF channel 71.

14 MARKS

Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A'.

15 THE START

15.1 Races will be started using Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System, rule U3 as detailed below:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 second
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0

15.2 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.

15.3 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)

16 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No direction or distance to the next mark will be displayed (this changes Rule 33). Subsequent marks may be moved to maintain course shape without additional signals.

17 THE FINISH

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

17.2 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.

18. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1 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.'
- 18.2 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.

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 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.
- 19.3 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.

20 SCORING

- 20.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 20.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a series. If a series is not completed, the regatta may be continued at a later date.

21 SAFETY

All boats shall observe safety instructions from the race committee. Registered competitors shall provide adequate personal flotation for the entire crew. [NP][DP]

22 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. The Centennial Trophy will be engraved with the name of the top finisher.

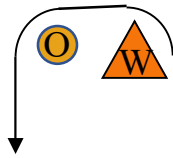
23 RISK STATEMENT

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.

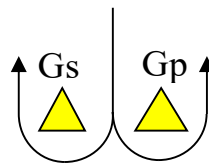
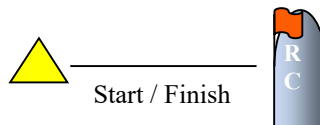
Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Attachment A - Course Chart

Mark O (orange ball) “O”



Mark W (orange) “W”



Gate (yellow) “Gs / Gp”

Course

- 1 Start – W – O – Finish**
- 2 Start – W – O – Gt – Finish**
- 3 Start – W – O – Gt – W – O – Finish**
- 4 Start – W – O – Gt – W – O – Gt - Finish**

Mark W shall be rounded to port.

Mark O shall be rounded to port.

Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard.

Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.