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## SANTA BARBARA TO KING HARBOR RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2026 Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 &  
The King Harbor Yacht Club (KHYC), 280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

### 1. EVENT

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club and King Harbor Yacht Club take pleasure in inviting you to sail in the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race. The event is open to boats whose owners or charterers are members of a yacht club or sailing organization recognized by US Sailing holding a valid rating certificate subject to the rules stated below.

### 2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

2.2 Membership with a valid rating certificate is required for the appropriate class association.

2.2.1 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the rating authority for monohulls. Valid and current rating certificate in the online PHRF database ([www.phrfsocal.org](http://www.phrfsocal.org)) shall constitute proof of membership (except as noted in Sailing Instruction 2.3).

2.2.3 Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) is the rating authority for multihulls. Inclusion on the current ORCA rating list shall constitute proof of ORCA membership.

2.2.4 Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) is the rating authority for those boats that opt to be scored additionally in the ORR subclass. Inclusion on the current ORR or ORR-EZ list shall constitute proof of ORR membership ([https://regattaman.com/certificate\\_page.php](https://regattaman.com/certificate_page.php)).

2.3 Boats competing in a properly entered One-Design class (including those competing under an alternative rating rule) need not provide PHRF rating certificates. However, boats without certificates will not be eligible for overall PHRF scoring.

2.4 Cruising Class boats may apply a non-spinnaker offset to their PHRF rating if they will not use free-flying headsails.

2.5 Cruising Class boats may use their motors within the rules set forth in 'Attachment B - Cruising Class Motoring Rules and Log'.

2.6 PHRF and Cruising Class boats shall use their PHRF of Southern California base OWC rating.

2.7 The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person who is designated on the entry form and for the purpose of RRS 46 is the person in charge as it relates to the RRS or any matters related to the Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race. The Skipper is responsible for compliance with the rules, the boat, its handling, safety, and the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race.

2.8 In the case of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence over the Notice of Race.

2.9 Waivers: Individual boats, or boats interested in forming a class whose class rules or configuration prevents her from complying with some of the requirements of this NOR may

petition for a waiver from the OA provided such request is made at least five days prior to the start of the race.

2.9.1 Justification of any deviation and alternative means of compliance should accompany petitions to participate or establish a class.

2.9.2 The OA will respond in accordance with RRS 76.1.

2.9.3 Receipt of petitions and the subsequent decisions to grant or deny a waiver are at the sole discretion of the OA.

### 3. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

3.1 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

3.2 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. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

3.3 For other than Part 2 infractions, the Protest Committee may penalize a boat by adding additional time to her corrected time.

3.4 [DP] RRS 51, Movable Ballast is changed to allow the movement of sails that are not set however all sails not being flown must remain within a boat's lifelines.

3.5 [DP] RRS 52, Manual Power is changed to allow the positioning of movable appendages by power as designed and as rated by the rating authority. All movable appendage systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.

3.6 [DP] RRS 52, Manual Power is changed so that autopilots and steering vanes shall not be used by boats racing except that doublehanded boats may engage automatic steering system during sail changes only.

3.7 OCS EXPERIMENTAL RULE DR 21-01 will apply.

Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:

**Start** A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 10 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not the starting penalty shall be: 15 minutes added to her elapsed time.

3.8 The U.S. Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 will not apply.

### 4. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS [DP]

4.1 [DP] Boats shall comply with the current United States Coast Guard regulations and the offshore safety regulations of the fleet in which they are competing.

4.2 [DP] Boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER), except as modified by the notice of race or sailing instructions. The course is classified as a Coastal Race. The safety equipment requirements are available at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>. The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) [Coastal Category for Monohulls](#) and [Coastal Category for Multihulls](#) are changed for the following sections:

- 4.2.1 USSER 3.1.2 requirement for crotch or leg straps to be attached to Personal Flotation Devices will be waived.
- 4.2.2 USSER 3.9 requirement for AIS is waived this year's race. AIS transmission may be required in future races.
- 4.2.3 USSER 4.3.2. requirement of: *"At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single-handed, including the person in charge, shall have a valid Coastal, Offshore, or International Offshore Certificate from US Sailing, or the equivalent from another national authority"*, is waived for the Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race. The Organizing Authority strongly recommends that person(s) in charge and others take the opportunity to attend upcoming seminar(s), including, when available, the 'On-Line' version to obtain these certificates.
- 4.4 [NP] [DP] All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 16 after their start for the duration of the race. Competitors must obey directions given to them by any naval vessels.
- 4.5 [World Sailing Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility](#) replaces RRS Part 2 from civil twilight sunset until civil twilight sunrise.
- 4.6 [DP] Competitors are reminded that under the preamble of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, boats racing must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when they meet other marine traffic.
- 4.7 [NP][DP] RRS 56.2 is changed as follows:
- (a) A Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) shall be understood to mean an area shown on a nautical chart, or in the notice of race, as a TSS.
- (b) A boat shall not impede, or present a threat of impeding, the safe passage of a power-driven vessel in a TSS traffic lane. If in doubt, contact commercial vessels on VHF 16.
- (c) If a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel in a traffic lane makes five short and rapid blasts on her whistle (a danger signal, see IRPCAS rule 34(d)) and the boat causing the danger signal can be identified, then the boat is subject to protest under rule 56.2.
- (d) If an official complaint/action is lodged against a boat by a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel, by a pilot, by vessel traffic service (VTS), or by other local government authority, it shall be presumed that the boat has broken rule 56.2.
- (e) The race committee will cooperate with and provide relevant information to VTS and other governmental authorities regarding investigations of boats impeding a power-driven vessel.
- 4.8 The Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race crosses a Traffic Separation Scheme. The race committee would like to call special attention to the RRS Preamble to Part 2 and RRS 56.2 as changed herein. The IRPCAS rule 10 referenced in RRS 56.2 can be found at: (see page 22-24) <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navrules/navrules.pdf>.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the Southern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF), the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) class, Cruising Class using PHRF Cruising Offsets, and One-Design classes with five or more entries entered by the early entry deadline.

5.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online race entry form. A link to the online registration system is available at the event webpage: <https://sbyc.org/sb-kh>. Payment of the Entry Fee and any applicable docking fees (see below) are required in order to complete registration.

5.3 **Entry deadlines are as follows:**

Sunday, July 5, 2026 – Early entry deadline to receive a discount.

Sunday, July 12, 2026 – Last day for withdraw from race with partial entry fee refund.

Sunday, July 19, 2026 – Entry deadline. All entries including rating certificates and payment, must be complete by this time. Entries accepted after this time are at the discretion of the OA.

**\*Online Entry Form is available at the event webpage:** <https://sbyc.org/sb-kh>

**\*All deadlines are end of day on the dates listed above.**

6. **FEES**

6.1 Boats 45 feet or more in length overall (LOA) will have an entry fee of \$310.

6.2 Boats under 45 feet LOA will have an entry fee of \$230.

6.3 Partial refunds will only be available to entrants who notify SBYC of their withdrawal on or before Sunday, July 12, 2026.

6.4 Entries received on or before Sunday, July 5, 2026 will receive a \$40 entry discount.

7. **CLASSES**

7.1 The race will include the following classes:

- **Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF)** - PHRF class boats are defined as those yachts having an OWC base rating of -199 thru +999, and a performance factor less than 2.95.
- **Ultra-Light Displacement Boats (ULDB)** - ULDB class boats are defined as those yachts having an OWC base rating of -199 through +999, and performance factor of 2.95 or greater. (This changes PHRF Class Rule 9 - Formulas). The OA may place boats with Performance Factors of higher than 2.95 in a PHRF fleet if they deem it necessary.
- **PHRF Cruising Class** using PHRF Cruising adjustments and a motoring allowance.
- **Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA)** – ORCA class boats are defined as those multihulls with valid and current ORCA ratings.
- **One Design Classes** – One design classes will be considered if at least five (5) boats in the class are entered by the early entry deadline. One design boats unable to establish a class shall be registered in a PHRF Class. All one design boats are required to have valid PHRF certificates in the event of failure to establish a one design class.
- **PHRF Overall** – Boats not competing in the Cruising Class or ORCA that have valid and current PHRF of Southern California rating certificates will be scored for the overall competition.

7.4 PHRF and ULDB boats will be separated into classes based on entries received. Class breaks will be published at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of the race.

7.5 There will be approximately eight to eleven classes including One Designs, PHRF, ULDB, ORCA, and PHRF Cruising Class.

- 7.6 **Subclasses** - In addition to the classes notes above, competitors may also register to compete in the following subclasses: ORR (Offshore Rating Rule), ORR-EZ, and Doublehanded. A subclass will be established if at least five completed entries are received by the early entry deadline. Exceptions are at the discretion of the OA.
- 7.6.1 Doublehanded subclass boats will race in their assigned class and shall have two crewmembers total.
- 7.6.2 ORR and ORR-EZ subclass boats will race in their assigned class and shall have current and valid ORR or ORR-EZ rating certificates.
- 8. DOCKAGE & PARKING**
- 8.1 **SBYC Docking** - Dockage will be available for pre-registered boats at the fee of \$50 plus \$2.10 per foot per night for boats under 65 feet length and \$4.10 per foot for boats 65 feet or more in length. Fixed sprits or other extensions must be included in the length of the boat when reserving dockage; **any incorrectly reported length may result in denial of dockage upon arrival to Santa Barbara.** The boat arrival date and accurately calculated fees must be included with each entry. Unpaid entries will not receive dock space. Rafting may be necessary; **refusal to raft may result in denial of dockage.** Slip assignments will not be issued prior to a boat's arrival. Boats with heads will be required to receive a dye-tab in their tank. This is typically done at the accommodation dock at the west end of the harbor (adjacent to the harbor department), however in the cases of large vessels, they may be sent directly to their slip and then administered a dye-tab there.
- 8.1.1 **Main Arrival Window** - Boats arriving on Thursday, July 23, 2026 between 0800 and 1730 should check in with the SBYC docking committee on VHF Channel 78. All boats will be asked to proceed to the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol at the accommodation dock at the west end of the harbor to receive a dye-tab in their tank (if applicable). After checking in, slip assignments will be given and the SBYC docking committee will direct boats to their assigned slip.
- 8.1.2 **Early or Late Arrival** – Boats arriving outside of the main arrival window referenced in 8.1.1 should call the Santa Barbara Harbor Department at (805) 564-5531 or VHF channel 12 upon arrival to the Santa Barbara harbor and follow instructions given.
- 8.2 **KHYC Docking** - Upon finishing in Redondo Beach, boats needing guest moorage should hail KHYC docking committee on Channel 78. Boats should be equipped and prepared to anchor immediately if necessary. KHYC offers free overnight guest moorage for racers on its docks Friday, Saturday and Sunday. KHYC will do its best to accommodate boats on their docks; rafting may be necessary. There are also City owned moorings next to KHYC available to reserve on **Dockwa** website at very reasonable rates: <https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/7ecmvr-redondo-beach-marina?form=transient> KHYC will have free shuttle pick up and drop off at moorings between the hours of Friday 6:00pm to Saturday 10:00am. Hail shuttle on Ch. 78
- 8.3 **SBYC Parking** - Public parking lots are available for long-term parking. Short term drop-off of equipment and sails may be allowed in the SBYC parking lot. Please contact (805) 965-8112 to request permission to enter the lot to drop off equipment. The SBYC parking lot is reserved for members only.
- 8.4 **KHYC Parking** - KHYC offers free parking in its club parking lot for members and racers. Complimentary overnight parking passes are also available at the KHYC Office for

racers needing to drop off their vehicles before the race. If the KHYC lot is full, there are also public parking lots for a fee available throughout the King Harbor Marina.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, July 22:

1200 Competitor Briefing 1 (remote) will be emailed out via pre-recorded video. Questions about the briefing or related to the event may be submitted via text, or email to: Brad Schaupeter – [racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org) / (310) 850-5213. Answers to questions may be shared with all registrants via email as appropriate.

1645 SBYC's famous Wet Wednesday Races and no host post-race dinner

### Thursday, July 23:

**1300-1800 Registration desk open / packet pick-up**

1600 Racer's cocktail party starts with live music on the beach

1700 Competitor Briefing 2 (in person) and kickoff for the Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race at SBYC on the beach

1700-2000 No host BBQ and buffet available (SBYC)

### Friday, July 24:

**0800-1000 Registration desk open / packet pick-up**

0730-1000 SBYC Racers Breakfast (SBYC)

1155 First Warning Signal

Upon arrival Complimentary post-race bites on KHYC Upper Deck; bar open until 2:00am

### Saturday, July 25:

0730 Bloody Mary bar, breakfast, and lunch available for purchase until 1400

1500 Awards Party – Complimentary appetizers at KHYC

1630 Awards Presentation at KHYC

## 10. MERCHANDISE

Regatta apparel and merchandise will be available for purchase at the event.

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available upon check-in at the registration desk. They will also be available online approximately two weeks prior to the event.

## 12. COMMUNICATION

12.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to the notice of race or sailing instructions will be posted on the online official notice board located at <https://sbyc.org/sb-kh>.

12.2 The Santa Barbara Harbor Department monitors VHF channel 12 and 16.

12.3 The SBYC 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](mailto:racing@sbyc.org).

12.4 The KHYC race office is located at the King Harbor Yacht Club – 280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. KHYC finish line may be contacted on VHF Channel 78.

12.5 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors during racing on the following VHF radio channels:

- Before and during start – VHF Channel 71
- After Start and during racing on the course – VHF Channel 16
- At the finish line – VHF Channel 78

### 13. THE COURSE

The racecourse will start in Santa Barbara, California, round Anacapa Island to port, and finish at King Harbor in Redondo Beach, California. For scoring purposes, the rated distance of the course is 79.69 nautical miles.

### 14. TRACKING [NP][DP]

Each boat shall carry a YB Tracker (active position transponder) as supplied by the organizing authority. Further details regarding pickup and return of the YB Tracker will be supplied in the Sailing Instructions.

### 15. SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

### 16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the King Harbor Yacht Club on Saturday, July 26 at 1600 hours. Classes will be awarded take home trophies based upon the number of entrants. Subclasses will be awarded one trophy for the winner of each subclass.

### 17. 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.** The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be directed to the following:

- SBYC Regatta Chair: Robert Miller - [robert@cvcgroup.org](mailto:robert@cvcgroup.org)
- KHYC Regatta Chair: Scott Haisman – [scott.haisman@gmail.com](mailto:scott.haisman@gmail.com)
- SBYC Race Office: Brad Schaupeter - (805) 965-8112 / [racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org)

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