



*RSanta Barbara Yacht Club*  
**Staff Commodore's Regatta**  
June 12, 2026

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organizing Authority for the 2026 Staff Commodore's Regatta will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and applicable rules for One Design and Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes.
- 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.
- 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 rules 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.5 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 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'.
- 1.7 The red flag requirement is waived for protests.

### **2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

All 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 up to disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1. [DP]

### **3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND FEES**

All SBYC Staff Commodores may enter by filling out a SBYC Race Entry online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=31375](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=31375). Entries will be accepted up until the competitor meeting on the day of the event, however a Harbor 20 is only guaranteed for those who have entered on or before Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Competitors who enter after this time will get a boat on a first come-first serve basis.

### **4. FORMAT**

Commodores will sail borrowed Harbor 20's (main and jib only) from the SBYC fleet. A commodore will be paired with other commodores as a scored team of boats. Teams will be made by the regatta chair as equitably as possible and announced at the competitor briefing based on sign-ups. If there are an odd number of commodores, then the current commodore shall sail a boat to make teams even. If the current commodore is unavailable, the berth shall be allocated to the vice commodore. If the current vice commodore is unavailable, the berth shall be allocated to the rear commodore. Team placement is not grounds for redress.

## 5. SCHEDULE

### ***Wednesday, June 10, 2026***

Competitors must enter by midnight on Wednesday, June 10 to assure they have a Harbor 20 for the event. Competitors entering after this time will be given a Harbor 20 on a first come-first serve basis.

### ***Friday, June 12, 2026***

1500	Registration closes
1500	Mandatory Competitor meeting on the lower deck of SBYC
1645	First warning
1820	No Warning Signal after this time
After Racing	Awards and hors d'oeuvres

## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at <https://sbyc.org/racing> approximately two weeks prior to the event and will be available at registration.

## 6. VENUE

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara channel directly in front of the SBYC.

## 7. COURSES

Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration.

## 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 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 and done 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. [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 Timers, digital compasses, and VHF radios are the only electronics permitted to be used from 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal until the end of the last race of each day. [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
  - 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 [DP]**

- 9.1 A damage deposit of \$500 per incident may be collected upon damage done to a boat after said incident. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
- 9.2 In an incident that caused damage, the damage deposit will be collected from the boat found to be in the wrong in that incident. If no protest is filed and no boat/competitor admits fault, the damage deposit will be equally charged to all boats involved in the incident. Damage deposits will be charged to the corresponding Staff Commodore(s) SBYC account.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.5 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 [DP]**

- 10.1 Each qualified skipper is responsible for providing at least one and no more than two additional crewmembers.
- 10.2 A Harbor 20 boat owner or owner's representative may accompany each boat.

## **11. 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.'

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that a team's series score will be the total of all their race scores. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 Each commodore will sail their own boat but will be teamed up with at least one other commodore's boat for a combined team score for each race. (Example: Team A finishes 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the race = 5 points and team B finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the race = 5 points).
- 12.3 In the event of a tie between two or more teams, series ties will be broken using the following method (changes A8): Individual race scores for every boat on a team shall be

listed in order from best to worst with the same being done for the other tied team(s). These individual boat scores for each team shall then be compared and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the team with the best score. If a tie still remains, the team with the boat that finished first in the last race of the regatta shall be declared the winner.

**13. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in the regatta. The top finisher will win the Deardorff perpetual trophy.

**14. 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.**