



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Opening Day Race
Sunday, March 5th, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the 2017 Opening Day Race will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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” for PHRF classes.
- 1.2 Membership for the appropriate class association is required. For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, valid and current Southern Californian PHRF certificate in the online PHRF database (www.phrfsocal.org) shall constitute proof of membership for each entrant. PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for this race.
- 1.3 PHRF boats shall use Area I buoy ratings and 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 base buoy rating.
- 1.4 For PHRF boats, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.5 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 55 is changed to allow for the disposal of biodegradable material used to band spinnakers. The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1.
- 1.7 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.8 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Arbitration, Rule T1, T2, T3, and T4 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 disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1.
- 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: http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf.
The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) are changed for the following sections:
 - 2.2.1 USSER 3.8.2 is changed to omit the final sentence requiring DSC/GPS capability. It is a recommendation for the race.
 - 2.2.2 For USSER 3.19.1, the words ‘permanently mounted’ are deleted. A permanently mounted magnetic compass is a recommendation for the race.
 - 2.2.3 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

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF), PHRF, Harbor 20, J/105, J/24, J/70, and Melges 24 classes. New classes not listed and wishing to be considered for a separate start must notify the SBYC Race Director (racing@sbyc.org) one week prior to the race. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club but are not eligible for the R.W. Caspers Trophy.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no

later than 1230 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at <http://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 3.3 Eligible boats shall have valid PHRF Certificates, or in the case of Harbor 20's, J/105's, J/24's, J/70's, Melges 24's, and CHRF, shall have applicable fleet membership and sail in class legal configurations. Valid PHRF rating certificates or proof of application for a certificate for PHRF boats must be on file with PHRF of Southern California (<http://phrfsocal.org>) no later than the entry deadline.
- 3.4 One design fleets must have a minimum of three (3) entries on file before 1230 hours to qualify for an independent start. One design classes with less than three (3) entries may be started together with other classes. This will be indicated on the order of starts.
- 3.5 Eligible competitors for CHRF shall notify the CHRF Race Committee of intention to race by 1300 hours on the day of the race.

4. FEES

There is no entry fee for this event.

5. SCHEDULE

1130	Fleet Parade
1230	PHRF and One Design Registration Closes
1230	Order of starts will be posted
1300	CHRF Registration Closes
1355	First Warning
1400	First Start
1630	Trophy Presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. They may also be posted to <http://sbyc.org/racing-calendar> prior to the event.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.
- 7.2 The areas defined by lines commencing at the nearest shores and connecting each contiguous City of Santa Barbara swim buoy are classified as obstructions. Boats crossing these lines shall exit immediately and retire immediately.

8. THE COURSE

Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 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.'
- 9.2 Appendix T, Rule T1 – 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 take 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.

10. SCORING

The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. PHRF scores shall be based on corrected times using PHRF Area I Buoy handicaps. CHRF scores shall be based on corrected times using current CHRF ratings.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats are asked to monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

12. PRIZES

The Casper PHRF Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Casper II trophy will be awarded to the CHRF boat with the lowest corrected time for the race. The Opening Day Trophy will be awarded to the winning J/24 boat. Individual trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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 regatta.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the SBYC Race Director at, (805) 965 8112 x14, racing@sbyc.org. Information is also available at <http://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>.