



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**2018 Winter Wet Wednesday #1**  
**January 17, 2018**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 Winter Wet Wednesday (WWW) will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The race 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”.
- 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](http://www.phrfsocal.org)) shall constitute proof of membership for each entrant. PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for this series.
- 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](http://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/Offshore/SAS/US\\_SER\\_2017.0.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.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 This series is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as a guest of Santa Barbara Yacht Club a maximum of two times during the course of the year before they must adhere to the fee schedule listed in instruction 4.
- 3.2 Invited classes include PHRF, H fleet, Harbor 20, J/24, J/70, J/105, and Melges 24.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to the first race sailed by that boat in the series. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at: <https://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>. Changes made in sail number or PHRF rating during the course of the series must be communicated to the SBYC Race Director ([racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org)) 24 hours in advance of the first warning signal in the race in which the changes will occur. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the race committee. Entry forms must include current and valid boat insurance information.

### **4. FEES**

There is no entry fee.

### **5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck bulletin board of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club the day they will take effect.

### **6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the warning signal for the first class to start on the day of the race.

### **7. SIGNALS**

All signals will be displayed from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club yardarm on the upper deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

### **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

One race is scheduled on January 17<sup>th</sup> with a first warning signal at 14:40. There will be an informal awards ceremony in the bar at SBYC after racing.

### **9. CLASSES, FLAGS, AND PLACARDS**

- 9.1 Classes, class flags, class placards, and start times, will be posted one hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal based on the number of boats signed up for the race.
- 9.2 Class flags shall be used for the starting system as described in RRS 26. Class Placards shall be used to signal the course for each class and for signaling classes to be shortened as referenced in Sailing Instruction 15.
- 9.3.1 A Wet Wednesday Fleet boat's Area I PHRF buoy rating shall determine her fleet.
- 9.3.2 PHRF fleet breaks, if any, will be posted one hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

### **10. SPINNAKERS**

Non-spinnaker rating adjustments will be given to boat's requesting this on their entry form or with the Race Committee at least one hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

## 11. RACING AREA

The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart, which is available on the SBYC website or at the front desk of SBYC.

## 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 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 the area immediately and retire from the race.
- 12.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100 yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions.

## 13. THE COURSE

- 13.1 Courses will be taken from the current version of the SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck with the preparatory signal for each class.
- 13.2 When a letter 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side listed on the course chart.
- 13.3 When a letter 'T' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed two times around. The start/finish line will be required at the beginning of the second lap.
- 13.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.
- 13.5 For classes sharing a start sequence, the course placards will be posted adjacent to the corresponding class' fleet placard.
- 13.6 All courses will be hailed over VHF channel 71. Failure for a radio to transmit or a competitor to hear the course hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## 14. MARKS

- 14.1 Marks will be as designated on the current version of the SBYC course chart. All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the course chart, but are subject to natural influence.
- 14.2 Description of marks:
  - A, D, K, H, G, F, X – White cylinders with a yellow band around the middle.
  - E – White cylinder with a yellow / blue band around the middle
  - C, M – White city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top.
- 14.3 Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice. When Mark 'C' is not present, the white, cylindrical outfall buoy that is situated the closest to the GPS coordinates of Mark 'C' shall be rounded instead.
- 14.4 In the event of a missing mark with no temporary mark replacement, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

## 15. THE START

- 15.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 15.2 The starting line shall be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the SBYC course chart.
- 15.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be at 14:40. A full list of start times will be posted on the notice board one hour prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

## 16. GENERAL RECALLS

- 16.1 After a general recall is signaled, the 'First Substitute' flag shall remain flying and will be lowered with the Preparatory flag of the following class's start sequence. A general recall in any class shall not affect the start times of the remaining classes to start.
- 16.2 Warning Signals for recalled classes shall be made as follows:
- i.) The warning signal for the first recalled class shall be made with the start of the last regularly scheduled class.
  - ii.) The warning signal for the second recalled class shall be made with the start of the first recalled class.
  - iii.) The warning signal for the third recalled class shall be made with the start of the second recalled class.
  - iv.) Subsequent recalled classes will receive their warning signals with the start of the class that was recalled ahead of them.
  - v.) The warning signal for the recalled class shall be made five (5) minutes prior to its starting signal.

## 17. SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START

- 17.1 The race committee may shorten a course. A shortened course will be signaled from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck before the leading boat has finished the leg.
- 17.2 The shortened course shall be signaled by displaying code flag 'S' with two sound signals and displaying the class placard(s) for the class or classes to be shortened.
- 17.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate.
- i.) For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole on the SBYC deck.
  - ii.) For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.
  - iii.) For legs to the gate, boats will be finished between mark 'X' and mark 'F'.
- 17.4 In the event of an abandoned race, the race committee may notify competitors on VHF Channel 71 following the raising of code flag 'N' with the class placards of the abandoned classes. Separate announcements will be made for each class abandoned. Abandonment of one class does not constitute abandonment of other classes.

## 18. THE FINISH

The finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G', as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

## 19. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 19.1 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.'
- 19.2 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.

## **20. TIME LIMIT & ABANDONMENT**

- 20.1 The first boat in each class must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 20.2 The time of sunset will be taken from a reliable public source and may be posted at the discretion of the race committee.

## **21. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & RETIREMENT**

- 21.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on US Sailing standard forms located at the SBYC front desk. Protests and Requests for Redress or reopening shall be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in its class' finish time.
- 21.2 Appendix T – Arbitration, Rules T1, T2, T3, and T4 will apply.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, protests may be heard on a subsequent Wednesday.
- 21.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within 24 hours of the protest committee decision being posted on the official notice board. This changes rule 66.
- 21.6 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.
- 21.7 Breaches of instruction 15.4 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of instruction 15.4 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 21.8 Boats wishing to retire from a race shall notify the race committee of their desire to do so no later than 1700 hours on the Tuesday following the race they wish to retire from unless that retirement is a subject of a protest or arbitration hearing.

## **22. SCORING**

- 22.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 22.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICAITON**

The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 71, and may announce start signals or recalls on this channel. Failure to hear any hails made by the Race Committee over radio shall not be grounds for redress.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Participants in this event compete 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.