



MELGES²⁴
International Melges 24 Class Association

Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Fiesta Cup

July 21-22, 2018



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 Fiesta Cup Regatta 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).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced with "If there is a conflict between a rule in the sailing instructions and one in the Notice of Race, the sailing instructions shall apply".
- 1.4 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, rule V1 – 'Penalties at the time of the incident', and rule V2 – 'Penalty taken after a race', will apply.
- 1.5 For the J/70 class, the option to remove winches from the builder specified location, shall be allowed provided the winches are stowed on board below the deck.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of SBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| Time | Event | Location |
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| Thursday, July 19 | | |
| 0900 | Trailers allowed in the SBYC lot after this time *For boats competing in Wet Wednesday, trailers will be allowed in earlier. | |
| Friday, July 20 | | |
| 1200-1730 | Check-In and Packet Pick Up | SBYC Front Desk |
| 1730 | Complementary hors d'oeuvres | SBYC Bar |
| Saturday, July 21 Racing Day One | | |
| 0930-1030 | Check-In and Packet Pick Up | SBYC Front Desk |
| 1000-1130 | No-Host Racers' Breakfast available | SBYC Bar |
| 1100 | Competitor meeting | SBYC Upper Deck Outside |
| 1300 | First Warning Signal | |
| Post racing | Fiesta Beach Party – food & live music | SBYC |
| Sunday, July 22 Racing Day Two | | |
| 1000-1130 | No-Host Racers' Breakfast available | SBYC Dining Room |
| 1230 | First Warning signal | |
| 1530 | No warning signal after this time | |
| Post racing | Hors d'oeuvres and awards | SBYC Upper Deck |

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5.1 For all classes, a total of seven (7) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Melges 24: Numeral Pennant '1'

J/70: Numeral Pennant '2'

Harbor 20: Numeral Pennant '3'

7. RACING AREA

The racing area for all races will be the Santa Barbara Channel, within 2 miles of SBYC and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Course numbers will be displayed on placards from the race committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

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

9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.

9.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.

9.5 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1, will be:

9.5.1 A green inflatable mark to replace 'W2'

9.5.2 A red inflatable mark to replace 'W1'

9.5.3 A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 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.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

10.4 If when rule 30.1 or 30.2 is in effect any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and 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).

10.5 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)

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11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.
- 11.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing 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 finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 12.2 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.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 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.'
- 13.2 Appendix V2 – 'Penalty Taken After a Race' will apply: After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty if taken before the protest time limit or a 40% Scoring Penalty if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC club house. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office, located on the southwest corner of SBYC, within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

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15. SCORING

- 15.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores when fewer than five (5) races have been sailed. This changes RRS A2 and the Notice of Race.
- 15.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Crew limitations for the J/70 class are listed in Part II, C.3.1.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A valid measurement certificate shall be presented upon request by any regatta or fleet representative. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

There are no haul out restrictions.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors may monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

20. PRIZES

Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finishers. The winning boat of each fleet will be engraved on the Fiesta Cup Perpetual Trophy.

21. 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.

22. INSURANCE

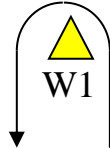
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate limits for this event, or the equivalent.

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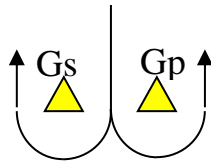
Attachment A - Course Chart



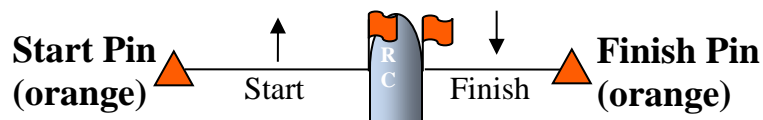
Mark W2, (orange) "W2"



Mark W1 (yellow) "W1"



Gate (yellow) "Gs / Gp"



Course

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|---|----------|---|
| 1 | (2 legs) | Start – W1 – Finish |
| 2 | (2 legs) | Start – W2 – Finish |
| 3 | (4 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 4 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish |
| 5 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 6 | (6 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 7 | (6 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish |

Marks W1 and W2 shall be rounded to port.

Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard.

Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.