



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
**2020 SBYC Virtual Racing
Winter Wednesday Series**

Wednesdays, November 18 – December 16
NOTICE OF RACING / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2020 Virtual Racing Winter Wednesday Series 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 used in Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI).
- 1.2 Protests are not allowed.
- 1.3 Lifejackets are not required.

2 ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This series is open to anyone with the Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI) Application, who has been invited by the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Invited competitors include any sailor from Santa Barbara Yacht Club or Santa Barbara Sailing Club (member or non-member crew participants). It is also open to members and their non-member crew of any other club belonging to the US Sailing Association.
- 2.3 Eligible competitors may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club prior to 1400 on the day of the first race sailed by that competitor in the series. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21532
Changes made in VRI username during the course of the series must be communicated to the SBYC Race Director (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 VRI username. Entrants can be viewed at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=21532&customer_report_id=176.

3 FEES

- 3.1 There is no entry for this event.
- 3.2 Each entrant is permitted to purchase any 'helps' they want in the Virtual Regatta Inshore app.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and amendments to these NOR/SI will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://sbyc.org/racing>.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the NOR/SI will be posted by noon on the on the day of the race that it will affect.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Virtual Racing Winter Wednesday Series will be sailed over the course of five Wednesday evenings on the following dates: November 18, November 25, December 2, December 9, December 16.

7 CLASSES & FLAGS

7.1 Classes will be as follows: A fleet, B/C fleet, Sports Boat Fleet, and Easy Street Fleet.

7.2 There will be no class flags.

8 BOATS

The virtual boats preferred shall be either “Day Boat Racer” or “Offshore Racer”. A different boat being selected is not grounds for redress.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be within Virtual Regatta Inshore and will be selected by the PRO from the list of available options.

10 THE COURSE

The course will be as shown in Virtual Regatta Inshore upon entering into each race and will be a windward-leeward configuration.

11 MARKS

Marks will be as shown in Virtual Regatta Inshore upon entering into each race.

12 OPENING OF RACE & THE START

12.1 A race is opened and five minutes later the start sequence is started by a SBYC designated PRO. There will be a code that is required to enter an opened race and a five-minute window for each competitor to enter into that race.

12.2 The warning will be given 1 minute 15 seconds prior to the start signal. There will be no flags or sound signals.

12.3 The race opening and warning signal times are as follows:

Race	Open for Entry	Warning signal
Race 1	5:30pm	5:35pm
Race 2	5:45pm	5:50pm
Race 3	6:00pm	6:05pm
Race 4	6:15pm	6:20pm

12.4 If a fleet’s race is not open, a competitor may enter a different fleet’s race, but they will be scored only in the race in which they compete.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be as shown on Virtual Regatta Inshore.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system will be as defined by Virtual Regatta Inshore. A boat that chooses not to do their penalty turns after committing a foul will automatically be slowed down by VRI until they have been cleared of their penalty.

15 TIME LIMIT & ABANDONMENT

Boats that take longer than 10 minutes to finish a race may be scored as a DNF.

16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & RETIREMENT

Protests, requests for redress, and retirement are not allowed.

17 SCORING

Individual Nights:

- 17.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for each Virtual Racing Winter Wednesday evening, except a competitor's score shall be the sum of all their race scores.

VWW Series:

- 17.2 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that:
- (i.) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their race scores.
 - (ii.) When 4-6 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their races excluding their worst score.
 - (iii.) When 7-9 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their races scores excluding their worst two (2) scores.
 - (iv.) When 10-12 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their race scores excluding their worst two (3) scores.
 - (v.) When 13-15 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their race scores excluding their worst four (4) scores.
 - (vi.) When 16-18 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of their race scores excluding their worst five (5) scores.

18 PRIZES

Awards will be announced live on <https://www.facebook.com/sbycracing> at approximately 7:00pm after racing.

19 COMMUNICATION

Each fleet is encouraged to create a group text or group chat application to communicate with each other and organize additional practice races. Beyond that, each fleet is encouraged to set up a zoom meeting to be able to talk to one another while racing each other.

20 DISCLAIMER

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.