



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**2021 SBYC Virtual Racing**  
**Winter Wednesdays**

**Wednesdays, January 20 – February 17**  
**NOTICE OF RACING / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for 2021 Virtual Racing – Winter Wednesdays will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as used in Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI).
- 1.2 Protests are not allowed.

**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 sailing organization 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 online at:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=21768](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21768)  
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=21768&customer\\_report\\_id=176](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=21768&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 Wednesdays will be sailed over the course of five Wednesday evenings on the following dates: January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, February 17

## **7 CLASSES & FLAGS**

7.1 Each class will be no more than 20 participants based on the limitations of Virtual Regatta Inshore. Therefore, classes will be as follows:

- Experienced (if more than 20 participants sign up and race, we will expand to more fleets as necessary)
- Beginner (for those new to virtual racing)

7.2 There will be no class flags.

## **8 BOATS**

The virtual boats to be used will be one of the following:

- J/70
- Offshore Racer
- FAREAST 28R
- Barcolana 50

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 three 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 three-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:

<b><u>Race</u></b>	<b><u>Open for Entry</u></b>	<b><u>Warning signal</u></b>
Race 1	5:30pm	5:33pm
Race 2	5:45pm	5:48pm
Race 3	6:00pm	6:03pm
Race 4	6:15pm	6:18pm

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**

17.1 Each night of racing will be scored independently of the others.

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.

**18 PRIZES**

Awards will be announced via email to competitors and/or 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.