



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**Wilmot Hughes Ladies Race**  
Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

## **NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2016 Wilmot Hughes 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 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4 RRS 55 will be changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.'
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.8 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections A, B, and D will apply.
- 1.10 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 ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter the race by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1100 hours on the day of the race. Race Entry Forms are available at the front desk of SBYC or online on the racing calendar at <http://sbyc.org>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1100 on the day of the race.
- 2.3 One design boats in recognized SBYC classes may enter without PHRF certificates using the local class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.  
Harbor 20 = 204; J/24 = 168; J/70 = 114; J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90
- 2.4 The skipper of the boat entered in the Wilmot Hughes must be a SBYC female flag member, a wife of a SBYC flag member, a SBYC female junior flag member, or a daughter of a SBYC flag member and be designated on the race entry form.

### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

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### 4 COMPETITOR MEETING

A mandatory competitor meeting will be held at 1130 hours on the upper deck of SBYC. The current SBYC Course Chart will be made available at the front desk. Each boat will receive a starting time sheet calculated on the basis of the course lengths and the boat's PHRF handicap.

### 5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on race day.

### 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

### 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

1100 Registration closes

1130 Competitor Meeting on upper deck of SBYC

1255 Warning signal

Awards After Racing

One race is scheduled.

### 8 CLASS FLAGS AND DESIGNATIONS

Unless otherwise indicated at the competitor meeting, there will be only one class. The class flag will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

### 9 SPINNAKERS

Boats that register as non-spinnaker with the race committee by 1100 hours on the day of the race may use their PHRF non-spinnaker offset allowance as listed on their PHRF certificate. The offset will be used for corrected time calculations.

### 10 CREW

The skipper of the boat must be a woman, be designated on the race entry, and meet the guidelines of Sailing Instruction 2.4. There is no other restriction on crew. The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, disqualify boats that race without the designated woman skipper at the helm.

### 11 RACING AREA

11.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.

### 12 THE COURSE

12.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck prior to the warning signal.

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

12.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the current SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and

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mark 'X'.

### 13 MARKS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Marks may be yellow, white or orange cylinders except that: 'BB' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and Mark 'C' & Mark 'M' are white city anchorage boundary buoys with lights on top. Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice.
- 13.3 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

### 14 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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.

### 15 POSTPONEMENT

In the event of a postponement, instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee over VHF channel 71. Flag AP will come down one minute prior to the new starting signal. Competitors are responsible for computing their new scheduled start time. Any incorrect calculations made by the competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

### 16 THE START

- 16.1 The start line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.
- 16.2 All boats will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start.
- 16.3 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors immediately after the competitor meeting.
- 16.4 A boat's starting time shall be as indicated on the 'Start Times' sheet. This sheet will be made available at the competitor meeting.
- 16.5 Boats whose start time is more than two minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 16.6 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for one minute or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for one minute or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).
- 16.7 OCS boats that do not return within one minute must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

### 17 CHANGE OF 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.

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- 17.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate. For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole. For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.
- 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 line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

### 19 TIME LIMIT

The first boat must finish within 2.5 hrs of the starting time or the race will be abandoned.

### 20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 20.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing standard forms available at the SBYC front desk and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.
- 20.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.
- 20.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

### 21 SCORING

Boats will be scored based on their corrected finish times. The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply, except that each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

### 22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.
- 22.2 The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

### 23 PRIZES

The Wilmot Hughes Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest overall corrected time for the race. Individual trophies will be awarded to the class winners on the day of the race. The number of trophies to be awarded will depend on participation.

### 24 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.