



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**2016 California Offshore Race Week**  
**Santa Barbara Wet Wednesday Race**  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016



The Organizing Authority for the 2016 Wet Wednesday (WW) Series will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

*Welcome California Offshore Race Week competitors! The Santa Barbara Yacht Club is pleased to invite out of town boats to compete in our 'Wet Wednesday' beer-can style races. Due to the fact that boats from up and down the coast are competing together, we will be assigning visiting boats without a SoCal PHRF certificate a rating if they do not already have one. We hope you enjoy this fun race and opportunity to sail with our local fleet!*

**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)) with the exception of out of area Northern California boats who will be assigned a rating for the race via 'Attachment A – CORW PHRF Ratings'. Competitors from outside Area I shall use their PHRF base buoy rating. Ratings assigned to out of area boats shall not be grounds for redress.
- 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 This series is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing.
- 2.2 Invited classes include PHRF, H, Harbor 20, J/24, J/70, J/105, and Melges 24.
- 2.3 Boats may enter this race either by registering for the California Offshore Race Week or by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk.

**3. FEES**

- 3.1 There is no entry fee.

## 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 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.

## 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 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.

## 6. SIGNALS

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

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The California Offshore Race Week - Wet Wednesday Race will take place on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## 8. CLASSES, FLAGS, AND PLACARDS

- 8.1 Class flags and placards shall be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG	PLACARD	RATING
H Fleet	Yellow with black 'H'	Black with white 'H'	Per H Fleet Rules
PHRF A	Red with white 'A'	Black with white 'A'	54 and less
J/105	Black with white 'S'	Black with white 'S'	One Design (90)
Melges 24	Orange with black 'M'	Black with white 'M'	One Design (90)
J/70	Green with white 'C'	Black with white 'C'	One Design (114)
PHRF B	Blue with white 'B'	Black with white 'B'	55 and greater
J/24	Brown with white 'J'	Black with white 'J'	One Design (168)
Harbor 20	Purple with white 'D'	Black with white 'D'	One Design (204)

- 8.2 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.

- 8.3.1 For PHRF fleet, the buoy rating shall determine her fleet.  
 8.3.2 PHRF A fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 54 and less.  
 8.3.3 PHRF B fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 55 to 119.  
 8.3.4 PHRF C fleet will consist of boats with a buoy rating of 120 and greater

## 9. SPINNAKERS

- 9.1 Non-spinnaker rating adjustments will not be given.

## 10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 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.  
 10.2 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.  
 10.3 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100 yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions.

## 11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.
- 11.5 For classes sharing a start sequence, the course placards will be posted adjacent to the corresponding class' fleet placard.
- 11.6 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.

## 12. MARKS

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26, except as changed by the following:
  - a.) The warning signal for the H fleet, PHRF A and J/105 fleet shall be made five (5) minutes prior to their starting signal.
  - b.) The warning signal for the Melges 24, J/70, PHRF B, PHRF C, J/24, and Harbor 20 fleets shall be made three (3) minutes prior to their starting signal. The preparatory (P) flag shall be displayed two (2) minutes prior to their start.
- 13.2 The starting line for H fleet, J/105, Melges 24, J/70, J/24, and Harbor 20 shall be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the SBYC course chart.
- 13.3 The starting line for all PHRF fleets will be between marks 'F' and 'X' as shown on the SBYC course chart.
- 13.4 The start times are as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
16:50	Warning Signal for H fleet
16:55	H Fleet Start
17:00	Warning Signal for A fleet
17:05	PHRF A Start
17:10	J/105 Start
17:13	Melges 24 Start
17:16	J/70 Start
17:19	PHRF B and PHRF C combined Start
17:22	J/24 Start
17:25	Harbor 20 Start

13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## 14. GENERAL RECALLS

14.1 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.

14.2 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 three (3) minutes prior to its starting signal.

## 15. SHORTENED COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 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'.

15.4 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.

## 16. THE FINISH

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

## 17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Appendix T, Rule T1 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 a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

17.2 Appendix T, Section B – Post Race Penalties will apply:

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be

- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or

- (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**18. TIME LIMIT & ABANDONMENT**

- 18.1 The first boat in each class must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class with the exception of the H (club handicap) fleet; the first two boats in the H fleet must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 18.2 The time of sunset will be taken from a reliable public source and may be posted at the discretion of the race committee.

**19. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & RETIREMENT**

- 19.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on US Sailing standard forms located at the SBYC front desk. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in its class' finish time.
- 19.2 Appendix T, Section D – Arbitration will apply.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, protests may be heard on a subsequent Wednesday.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 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.
- 19.7 Breaches of instruction 13.4 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of instruction 13.4 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 19.8 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.

**20. SCORING**

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

**21. RADIO COMMUNICAITON**

- 21.1 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.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 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.