



SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
Club Handicap Racing Fleet
Spring Series 2016



31 JAN, 21 FEB, 13 MARCH, & 1 MAY
NOR/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF) Spring Series 2016 will be governed by rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible boats will be considered entered into the Spring Series by completing the SBYC Race Entry Form (a one-time per year requirement) and by the Skipper signing in the boat with the Race Committee (RC) on the deck on the day of the race. Boats may sign in beginning two hours before the scheduled start of the race.
- 2.2 To become eligible for race trophies, a boat must first have completed three CHRF races to establish a handicap rating.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted in Fleet e-mail, on the SBYC website, or on the official notice board located on the SBYC lower deck.

4 MANDATORY SIGN-IN

Boats must sign in with the RC on the deck before the race per 2.1 above. Boats failing to do so will not be scored. Note that it is not acceptable to sign in by radio.

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the SBYC lower deck and posted one hour prior to the start of the race.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

7 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be yellow with a black 'H' in the center.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 One race each will be held on each of the following dates:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Start / Start Time</u>
# 1	January 31	Staggered Start @ 13:00 Hrs.
# 2	February 21	Staggered Start @ 13:00 Hrs.
# 3	March 13	Staggered Start @ 14:00 Hrs.
# 4	May 1 (Platform C Option)	Mass Start @ 14:00 Hrs.

8.2 Individual boat starting times will be available for participants from the RC, and are available on the CHRF web site. Starting times are recalculated after each event. First time competitors will be assigned a start time by the CHRF handicap committee.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel near SBYC.

9.2 The area defined by a line commencing at the nearest shore connecting each contiguous City swim buoy is classified as an obstruction. Boats that cross this line shall exit immediately and retire. This applies to all swim buoys, including the harbor mouth and beaches.

10 THE COURSE

10.1 Course to be sailed will be taken from the current CHRF Start Time Course Chart. Courses are also plotted on the current SBYC Course Chart (always check the website to be sure you have the current chart).

10.2 The course will be displayed from the upper deck of the SBYC clubhouse on red placards.

10.3 Reversing a Course: 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. At the discretion of the Race Committee, any available CHRF course may be reversed should the predominant wind direction be between 0 and 180 degrees within and up to 30 minutes prior to race time.

10.4 Courses may not be shortened.

11 MARKS

11.1 Location of marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart.

11.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall notify the RC and return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart. All such restarts will be Mass Starts.

11.3 When orange or yellow inflatable marks are used, these shall take precedence over any other appearing marks.

12 THE START

12.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

January 31 & February 21 signals:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Visual</u>	<u>Audible Signal</u>
1255	Warning Signal	Class Flag – Up	Horn
1256	Preparatory Signal	“P” Flag – Up	Horn
1259	One-Minute	“P” Flag - Down	Long Horn
1300	Start	Class Flag - Down	Horn

March 13 & May 1 signals:

Time	Sequence	Visual	Audible Signal
1355	Warning Signal	Class Flag – Up	Horn
1356	Preparatory Signal	“P” Flag – Up	Horn
1359	One-Minute	“P” Flag - Down	Long Horn
1400	Start	Class Flag - Down	Horn

- 12.2 Signals will be made from the SBYC yardarm.
- 12.3 The Starting Line will be between marks F and G on the current SBYC Course Chart.
- 12.4 The SBYC time clock will be used by the RC as the official timing device and will be made available for skippers to set their timers.
- 12.5 Individual start times alluded to in 8.2 above that occur after the 1400 or 1300 audible and visual shall not be occasioned by either audible or visual signal from the RC.
- 12.6 A boat is considered racing from that point four minutes before her individual start time and when she clears the finishing area. Yachts not yet racing shall stay clear of the starting area.

13 RECALLS

The RC will signal a premature start by displaying Code Flag ‘X’ with one sound. The RC may attempt to identify the over-early boat(s) on Channel 71. Failure to receive or hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between marks G and F as shown on the current Course Chart (Always check the website for the current course chart). The RC will sound a horn identifying qualified finishers.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Rule 44.2 is modified such that a boat may exonerate an infringement of a Part 2 Rule by completing one penalty turn, including one tack and one gybe.

16 TIME LIMIT

The first qualified boat in the race must finish by sunset or the race will be abandoned. If a qualified boat finishes by sunset, all other boats may continue to race until they finish. For staggered start races, the final finishing place will be based on order of finish. For mass start races, finish place will be determined by corrected time based on when the boat actually finishes. For all boats finishing under sail after sunset, handicaps calculations for the next race will be based on the time of sunset. This modifies rules 35 and A4.1.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protests shall be lodged on US Sailing standard forms available in the SBYC hallway and delivered to the RC within one hour of the protesting boat’s finish time.
- 17.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules will be subject to nonbinding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.
- 17.3 The arbitration committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 With a staggered start sequence, the order of finish will determine the scoring sequence.

- 18.2 The Series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System except that a boat providing RC duty will be awarded 1½ points.
- 18.3 A boat receiving credit for providing RC duty for a race, but which nevertheless sails the course, shall not have her finish scored or her time recorded.
- 18.4 RRS Appendix A9, "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta", shall not apply to this Series.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 71.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Race day trophies will be awarded at SBYC.
- 20.2 The overall Series Trophy will be awarded at the annual trophy dinner. Each race in the Series also qualifies toward the Annual High Point Trophy.

21 SAFETY

- 21.1 Boat Owners participating in SBYC racing events must accept responsibility for the suitability of their vessel for each event entered; taking into consideration the distance, worse case sea conditions, the design and sea worthiness of the vessel for those conditions. Boat owners are expected to maintain their vessels in a commensurate manner.

Boat owners accept the responsibility to provide all safety equipment required by the Coast Guard, and such additional safety equipment it deems advisable for the conditions reasonably expected to occur during the race.

Boat owners are encouraged to become knowledgeable with safety equipment and rescue procedures by familiarizing themselves with the recommendations of national (US Sailing) and / or international racing authorities (ISAF) including the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements as stated in <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/> When local educational safety seminars are held, all boat owners are expected to attend to insure the highest level of safe racing knowledge.

Immediately prior to any race, the decision to race or not race is the sole responsibility of the boat owner or the owner's designee. At all times during a race, it is the boat owner's responsibility to continue or to retire based on unexpected conditions or equipment failure. Boat owners must advise crew members of their responsibility to decide for themselves whether to race or not based on their own competence level.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.