



Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Spring Regatta

One Design Classes – March 25th, 2017

PHRF Classes – March 26th, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2017 Spring Regatta 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 Membership with a valid rating certificate is required for the appropriate class association. For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, valid and current Southern Californian PHRF certificate in the online PHRF database (www.phrfsocal.org) shall constitute proof of membership for each entrant. PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for this race.
- 1.3 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). Competitors from outside Area I shall use their PHRF base buoy rating.
- 1.4 For PHRF boats, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule of PHRF shall not be in effect.
- 1.5 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 55 is changed to allow for the disposal of biodegradable material used to band spinnakers. 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.
- 1.7 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.8 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Arbitration, Rule T1, T2, T3, and T4 will apply.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Boats shall comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard and adhere to US Coast Guard Regulations. 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.
- 2.2 Boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) except as modified by the notice of race and these sailing instructions. The course is classified as a Near Shore Race. The equipment requirements are available at: http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf.
The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) are changed for the following sections:
 - 2.2.1 USSER 3.8.2 is changed to omit the final sentence requiring DSC/GPS capability. It is a recommendation for the race.
 - 2.2.2 For USSER 3.19.1, the words ‘permanently mounted’ are deleted. A permanently mounted magnetic compass is a recommendation for the race.
 - 2.2.3 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.

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC). Members of other clubs belonging to the US Sailing Association may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club but are not eligible for the overall Challenge Cup Series or Challenge Cup Trophy.
- 3.2 Classes invited include: PHRF, Harbor 20, J/105, J/24, J/70, Melges 24.
- 3.3 At least one boat must enter the regatta to establish a fleet for the classes listed in 3.2. Additional One Design classes not listed in 3.2 may be establish a fleet with two or more entries.

- 3.4 Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with PHRF of Southern California no later than 1100 hours on the day of the race.
- 3.5 Participants may enter 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 SBYC front desk or online at <https://www.sbyc.org/racing-calendar>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.6 There is no entry fee for this event.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of SBYC.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the sailing instructions made prior to the day of racing will also be posted on the event page at <https://sbyc.org/2017-spring-regatta>.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 *Saturday, March 25th – One Design Classes - Harbor 20, J/105, J/24, J/70, & Melges 24*

- 1000-1100 Check-in at SBYC upper deck & no host breakfast available at SBYC
- 1100 Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck
- 1230 Warning signal for first race
- 1600 No warning signal after this time
- After Racing Awards and hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

7.2 *Sunday, March 26th – PHRF Classes*

- 1000-1100 Registration and check-in at SBYC upper deck
- 1000-1100 No host breakfast available at SBYC
- 1100 Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck
- 1230 Warning signal for first race
- 1600 No warning signal after this time
- After Racing Awards and hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

7.3 Number of Races: No more than four (4) races will be raced on any given day.

8. CLASS FLAGS & CLASS DESIGNATIONS

CLASS	FLAG	
PHRF A	Red flag with white 'A'	Rating Breaks will be announced at competitor meeting
PHRF B	Green flag with a white 'B'	
Melges 24	Orange flag with a black 'M'	
J/105	Black flag with a white 'S'	
J/70	Yellow flag with a black 'C'	
J/24	Brown flag with a white 'J'	
Harbor 20	Purple flag with a white 'D'	

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be within two (2) miles of SBYC and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 The course number will be displayed on placards on the race committee boat and may be announced on VHF channel 71.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.
- 11.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 11.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.
- 11.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.
- 11.5 New marks as provided in instruction 12.1, will be:
- (a) A green inflatable mark to replace 'W2'
 - (b) A red inflatable mark to replace 'W1'
 - (c) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

12. START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 An inflatable mark may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered part of the Starting Mark for the purposes of rule 28 and rule 31.
- 12.4 If when rule 30.1 or 30.2 is in effect any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.5 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.
- 13.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

14. FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 14.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix V, Rule V1 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 one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 15.2 Appendix T, Rule T1 – Post Race Penalties will apply:
- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
 - (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
 - (c) A boat take a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 16.3 Appendix T – Arbitration, Rules T1, T2, T3, and T4 will apply.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF channel 71.

19. PRIZES

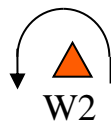
- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class. The number of prizes awarded will be dependent on the number of competitors in each class.

- 19.2 The winner of the Challenge Cup Series shall have their boat name engraved on the SBYC Challenge Cup.
- 19.3 In addition to being part of the Challenge Cup Series, this regatta is part of the annual fleet championships for the following fleets: PHRF A, PHRF B, Melges 24, J/105, J/24, J/70, and Harbor 20

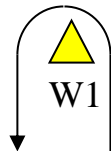
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

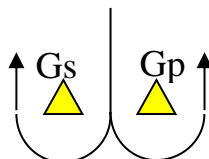
Attachment A - Course Chart



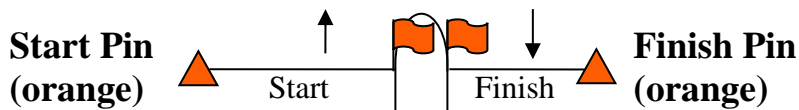
Mark W2, (orange) “W2”



Mark W1 (yellow) “W1”



Gate (yellow) “Gs / Gp”



Course #

1	<i>(2 legs)</i>	Start – W1 – Finish
2	<i>(2 legs)</i>	Start – W2 – Finish
3	<i>(4 legs)</i>	Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish
4	<i>(4 legs)</i>	Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish
5	<i>(4 legs)</i>	Start – W2 – Gt – W1 – Finish
6	<i>(6 legs)</i>	Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish
7	<i>(6 legs)</i>	Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish

Marks W1 and W2 shall be rounded to port.

Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard. Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.