



SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB
Club Handicap Racing Fleet

Hollister Race

April 22, 2017

NOR/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The Organizing Authority for the 2017 Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF) Hollister Race will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Club Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF) rules and by-laws.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, Rule T1, T2, T3, and T4 will apply.
- 1.5 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 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, & FEES

- 2.1 This race is open to members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Eligible boats will be considered entered by completing the SBYC Race Entry Form (a one-time requirement) and by the Skipper's signing in the boat with the Race Committee (RC) on the deck on the day of the race.
- 2.3 To become eligible for race trophies, a boat must first have completed three CHRF races to establish a handicap rating. In order to trophy, a boat must be "currently active and qualified."
- 2.4 There is no entry fee.

3. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Compliance with the current United States Coast Guard Regulations and the offshore safety regulations of the fleet in which they are competing is required.
- 3.2 Boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER) except as modified by the notice of race and the sailing instructions. The course is classified as a Coastal Race. The equipment requirements are available at: http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf. The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) are changed for the following sections:
 - 3.2.1 USSER 3.6.1 for SOLAS flares is changed to allow boats to carry only U.S. Coast Guard approved flares.
 - 3.2.2 Add to USSER 2.4.1: Boats not designed for persons on the foredeck (example: Melges 24) shall be exempted from bow pulpit requirement.
 - 3.2.3 USSER 2.4.4 is amended to add the sentence: For the 2017 race, lifelines may be the same as those supplied as original equipment.
 - 3.2.4 Add to USSER 2.4.8: Boats originally manufactured without toe rails shall have crew secured to jack lines when on the foredeck.
 - 3.2.5 USSER 2.5.1, 3.8.1, 3.18, and 3.33.1 are recommendations.

- 3.2.6 USSER 3.8.2 is changed to omit the final sentence requiring DSC/GPS capability.
- 3.2.7 USSER 3.1.2 requirement for crotch or leg straps to be attached to Personal Flotation Devices will be waived for the 2017 race.
- 3.2.8 USSER 4.3.2. requirement of: *At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single-handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one-day or two-day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or other courses as accepted by US Sailing or other national authority*, is waived for the 2017 Hollister Race. The Organizing Authority strongly recommends that person(s) in charge and others take the opportunity to attend upcoming seminar(s), including, when available, the 'On-Line' version.
- 3.3 Rules Part 2, "When Boats Meet" is replaced between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise by Part B—Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). Competitors are also reminded that under the preamble of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, boats racing must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when they meet other marine traffic.
- 3.4 An operating VHF radio with at least channels 12, 16, 22, 68, 71 and 78 is required.
- 3.5 The minimum crew regulations are as stated in the bylaws for the appropriate class.
- 3.6 All boats must monitor VHF Channel 16 after their start for the duration of the race. Competitors must obey directions given to them by any naval vessels on VHF Channel 16. No competitor may protest a boat for infringing this Rule. This modifies RRS 60.1.
- 3.7 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.

4 NOTICE 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.

5 MANDATORY SIGN-IN

Boats must sign in with the Race Committee on the SBYC upper deck prior to each race as described in sailing instruction 2. Boats failing to do so will not be scored. Note that it is not acceptable to sign in by radio.

6 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the start of the race on the official notice board.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race will be held on April 22, 2017 with a warning signal given at 1055.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

9 CLASS FLAG

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

10 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel as designated on the current SBYC course chart and long distance course chart.

11 THE COURSE

The Course will be: Start – K Mark – Finish at Platform Grace.

The rated course distance is: 18.24nm

Leg 1 = .960nm

Leg 2 = 17.28nm

12 MARKS

12.1 Location of marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart and Long Distance Chart and are also shown on 'Attachment A – Marks'.

12.2 Mark Coordinates are as follows:

K mark – N34 23.543 W119 42.150

Platform Grace – N34 10.770 W119 28.070

13 THE START

13.1 The start will be in accordance RRS 26:

Time	Signal	Visual	Audible Signal
1055	Warning	Class Flag- Up	Horn
1056	Preparatory	'P' Flag – Up	Horn
1059	One-Minute	'P' Flag – Down	Long Horn
1100	Start	Class Flag – Down	Horn

13.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.

13.3 The starting Line will be between F and G marks, as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

14 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Visiting Cruise Ships including a 100 yard perimeter around the vessel are classified as obstructions.

15 RECALLS

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

16 THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finish will be at Platform Grace. A boat will be considered 'finished' when any part of the boat in normal position crosses a line bearing 35°M or 48°T from the boat to the Mark Coordinates for Platform Grace stated in 12.2 and within 300 yards of the Mark Coordinates for Platform Grace.
- 16.2 Competitors shall take their own finish time and a picture of their GPS location at time of finish and email them to the CHRf Fleet Representative, Don Poppe (poppe_d@yahoo.com), no later than 0900 hours on the day following the start of the race.
- 16.3 Competitors who do not finish shall attempt to inform the race committee that they have retired from the race either on channel 71 or by calling the front desk of SBYC (805) 965-8112 or the SBYC Race Director at (310) 850-5213.

17 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish by 2200 hours on the day of the race, shall be scored DNF.

18 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1 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.'
- 18.2 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 may 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.

19 PROTESTS

- 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 or reopening shall be delivered to the front desk or Race Committee (email to racing@sbyc.org) within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.2 The protest time limit is noon on the Monday after the start of the race.

- 19.3 Appendix T – Arbitration, Rules T1, T2, T3, and T4 will apply.
- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 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.
- 19.7 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 Saturday following the race they wish to retire from unless that retirement is a subject of a protest or arbitration hearing.

20 SCORING

Scoring will be by corrected time (elapsed time - spot time).

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors. Failure to receive or hear instructions over the VHF shall not be grounds for redress.

22 TROPHIES

- 22.1 Trophies will be awarded on April 30th, 2017 in conjunction with CHRF Spring Series #4.
- 22.2 The Hollister perpetual trophy for this race will be awarded at the Club Annual Trophy Dinner.

23 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Crew taking the place of the boat owner at the helm of a boat shall be listed on the boat entry form as an 'Authorized Skipper'.

24 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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Attachment A – Marks

