



*SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB*  
**WOMEN'S SKIPPER CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2017 Women's Skipper Championship will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 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.

**2 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 All participants (skippers and crews) must enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) no later than 1200 on the Wednesday preceding the regatta. Entries received after this time may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee pending boat availability. Race entry forms are available at the front desk of the clubhouse or online at: <https://www.sbyc.org/racing-calendar>.
- 2.2 The driver/skipper shall be a woman who is a member of a yacht club, the spouse or family member of a yacht club member, or she may be a sailor who is authorized by a yacht club member to be the driver/skipper.
- 2.3 There is no entry fee for this event.

**3 BOATS & SPINNAKERS**

- 3.1 Boats will be Harbor 20's provided by the Harbor 20 fleet. Boats may be reserved via contacting Ann Hutchins: [ann@abhutchins.com](mailto:ann@abhutchins.com).
- 3.2 Spinnakers will not be allowed for this regatta.

**4 CREW**

The skipper(s) of the boat must be a woman who meets the guidelines of SI 2.2, and she must be designated on the race entry. Each boat shall have at least two total people and no more than three people on board. All crew members shall be female and at least one woman on board must be a member or spouse of a member in good standing of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, though it need not be the skipper.

**5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Santa Barbara Yacht Club lower deck.

**6 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTION**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1600 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC flagpole.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

**8 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 8.1 *Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>*  
1600 – Competitor meeting on upper deck of SBYC  
1700 – Warning signal for first race  
1840 – No warnings shall be given after this time  
1915 – Hors D'oeuvres at SBYC
- 8.2 Four (4) races are scheduled.

**9 CLASS FLAGS**

There will be one class and the class flag will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

**10 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

**11 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 11.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided for competing teams. Standing rigging including upper battens shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the RC. Only telltales may be added to boats. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All supplied equipment shall be carried aboard while racing.
- 11.2 While reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations, including deviations from class rules, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 11.3 Boats will be assigned ahead of time by the regatta chair and will be sailed for the duration of the event. Boat Assignments will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.4 Hiking is not permitted. Skipper and crew shall keep their bodies within the confines of the cockpit and shall not place their feet on the seats or seat cushions at any time while racing, except to affect immediate repair, adjust the jib Cunningham, or for safety reasons.
- 11.5 Spinnakers shall not be used for this regatta.

**12 BREAKDOWNS / DAMAGE**

- 12.1 A damage deposit of \$250 per incident may be collected upon damage done to a boat after said incident. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 12.2 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the RC immediately.
- 12.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.4 If there is an equipment breakdown that was unforeseeable by the crew and prevents a boat from completing a race, the Race Committee may decide to re-sail the race or award redress.

**13 THE COURSE**

Courses will be taken from 'Attachment A - Course Chart'. The course for the race will be hailed on VHF channel 71 and posted on placards on the Race Committee Signal boat.

**14 MARKS**

Marks will be as shown on 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

**15 THE START**

- 15.1 The Start line will be between an orange tetrahedron at the pin end and an orange flag flown from the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 15.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

15.3 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).

15.4 As a courtesy, the race committee may attempt to hail on course side boats on 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.

## 16 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

Marks may be moved without signal to maintain course configuration provided that no boat has begun the preceding leg.

## 17 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange tetrahedron at the pin end and an orange flag flown from the committee boat.

## 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 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 AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC clubhouse and shall be turned in to the front desk of SBYC within the protest time limit.

19.2 Protests and requests for redress must be filed within 45 minutes of the Race Committee's return to the dock.

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 hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## 20 SCORING

20.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

20.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

## 21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors may monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

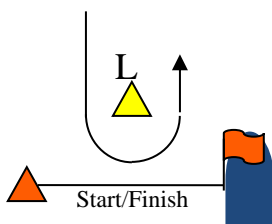
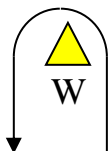
**22 PRIZES**

The Women's Skipper Championship Trophy (perpetual) will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score for the regatta. Take-home trophies will be awarded to the top finishers. This regatta also counts towards SBYC's Centennial Regatta Qualification for the SBYC Women's Fleet.

**23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

## Attachment A – Course Chart



Course 1: Start – W – finish

Course 2: Start – W – L – W – Finish

Course 3: Start – W – L – W – L – W – Finish

- Turning marks will be yellow inflatable shapes that shall be rounded to port
- Start/Finish pin will be an orange inflatable shape