

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

2012 HOT RUM SERIES

JANUARY - 7 & 21 FEBRUARY 11

For information: http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php



Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Hot Rum Series will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1 RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors are reminded that under the preamble of Part 2 of the RRS, boats racing must comply with Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS) when they meet other marine traffic.
- 1.3 For PHRF classes, the Regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.4 A yacht's PHRF Buoy rating shall be used for the series.
- 1.5 Competing yachts shall designate one PHRF rating configuration for the entire series.
- 1.6 For PHRF classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California will not apply to this series.

2 ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter the series by completing a registration form with the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1030 hours on the first day of the series. This can be done in person at the front desk of SBYC or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/Contact/>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates and be equipped for Category IV Races. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1030 hours on February 10, 2012.
- 2.3 One design boats in recognized classes may enter without PHRF certificates, using the local class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.
Harbor 20 = 204; J-24 = 168; J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 84
- 2.4 SERIES ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FEE OF \$50.00 FOR BOATS 30' OR UNDER LENGTH OVERALL OR \$75.00 FOR BOATS OVER 30' LENGTH OVERALL.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the SBYC lower deck.
- 3.2 A competitor meeting will be held at 1100 hours each race day. The current SBYC Course Chart will be made available at the front desk. Each boat will receive a starting time sheet calculated on the basis of the Hot Rum course lengths and the boat's PHRF handicap.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1120 hours on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will be displayed from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club yardarm.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled with the Warning signal at 1225 hours.

7 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Class breaks will be announced at the skipper's meeting on January 7, 2011. A minimum of 3 boats is required for a separate class. Class breaks will remain the same for subsequent races. The class breaks shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be directly in front of SBYC.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on red placards from the SBYC deck prior to the warning signal.

9.2 If a letter 'R' is displayed on a blue placard following the course number, the course shall be sailed in reverse. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side read on the course chart.

9.3 If the letter 'T' is displayed from a Blue placard the course will be sailed twice around, with boats passing through the start/finish line at the beginning of the second lap.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC Course Chart.

10.2 In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor Channel 71.

11 THE START

11.1 The start line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.

11.1 All classes will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start. The class flag shall be a red flag with a white 'A'.

11.2 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors immediately after the skipper's meeting.

11.3 A boat's starting time shall follow the Start signal by the amount of time listed on the daily Start Sheet for the posted course. This sheet will be made available at the skippers meeting each day.

11.4 Boats whose start time is more than three minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.

12 OCS NOTIFICATION

12.1 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for one minute or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for one minute or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).

12.2 OCS boats that do not return within one minute must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

13.1 The race committee may shorten the course with a signal from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has finished the shortened leg.

13.2 When the course is to be shortened, the shortened course will be signaled by the display of code flag 'S', accompanied by two sound signals.

13.3 For shortened courses, the finish will be between mark X and the SBYC flagpole. If the shortened leg is to the Gate (Gt) the finish will be between the gate marks. If the shortened leg is to the start/finish line on a twice around course the finish will be between marks F and G as shown on the course chart.

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be lodged on US Sailing standard forms available at the SBYC front desk, and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

15.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

15.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

16 SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply, except that each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.

17.2 The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher(s) for each race. Prizes for the top overall finishers each day will be awarded based on the number of boats that start a race that day.

18.2 The Hot Rum Series Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series.

19. 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 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments of these instructions made prior to January 6th, 2012 will be posted on the Hot Rum website (<http://sbycracing.org/2012-hot-rum/>). Amendments made after January 6th, 2012 will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at the Race Office.