



Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Holiday Regatta

December 1st-2nd, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Holiday Regatta 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)*.
- 1.2 For PHRF classes, the regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.3 For PHRF classes, a yacht's Area I PHRF buoy rating shall be used for the race. Competitors from outside Area I shall use their standard PHRF rating.
- 1.4 For PHRF classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California shall not apply.
- 1.5 J-24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.
- 1.6 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC). Members of other clubs belonging to US Sailing may race as guests of Santa Barbara Yacht Club but are not eligible for the overall Championship Series or Challenge Cup Trophy.
- 2.2 Classes invited include: Harbor 20, J/105, J/24, Melges 24, and PHRF classes.
- 2.3 Eligible PHRF competitors shall have valid PHRF Certificates and be equipped for Category 4 races. Valid PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1030 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.4 Participants may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1030 hours on the day of the race. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/Contact/>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.5 There is no entry fee for this event.

3. 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.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A competitor meeting will be held the day of the regatta at 1030 hours on the upper deck of SBYC.
- 6.2 Up to three races are scheduled each day, with the first warning at 1200 hours both days. The warning signal for each race shall be made as soon as practicable after completion of the preceding race.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1530.

7. CLASS FLAGS & CLASS DESIGNATIONS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>Rating</u>
PHRF A	Red flag with a white 'A'	74 and Less
Melges 24	Orange flag with a black 'M'	84
J/105	Black flag with a white 'S'	90
PHRF B	Green flag with a white 'B'	75 and Greater
J/24	Brown flag with a white 'J'	168
Harbor 20	Purple flag with a white 'D'	204

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

9. COURSE

9.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course number will be displayed on placards on the Race Committee Signal boat, and may be announced by VHF.

10. MARKS

Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with the Course Chart. Marks Gp and Gs will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. Mark W1 will be a yellow 'teardrop' shaped inflatable. Mark W2 will be an orange 'teardrop' shaped inflatable.

11. START

11.1 The Start line will be between an orange tetrahedron at the pin end and an orange flag flown from the committee boat. A yellow 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.

11.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start signal for one class may be made in conjunction with the warning signal for the next class.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 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).

11.5 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.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The finish will be between an orange tetrahedron and an orange flag flown from the race committee boat.
- 13.2 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.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Rule 44.2 is changed so that if a boat may exonerate an infringement of a Part 2 Rule by completing a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress must be delivered to the front desk of SBYC within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock. Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protest times and locations will be listed on the official notice board.
- 15.2 All protests involving Part 2 Rules are subject to non-binding arbitration using the Santa Barbara Yacht Club Arbitration guidelines. Boats accepting an arbitrated penalty will be assessed a 40% penalty with scores of .5 or above rounded to the next whole number. Two boats may have the same points for a given race.
- 15.3 Breaches of instruction 11.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of instruction 11.3 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

16. SCORING

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

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF channel 71.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 The winner of the Championship Series shall have their boat name engraved on the SBYC Challenge Cup.
- 18.3 The Holiday Regatta, in addition to being part of the Championship Series, is part of the overall annual championships for the following fleets: PHRF classes, Melges 24, J/105, J/24, and Harbor 20.

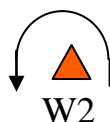
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

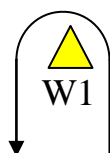
20. AMENDMENTS TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority reserves the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments to these instructions made prior to November 30th, 2012 at 2000 hours will be posted on the Holiday Regatta website (<http://sbycracing.org/2012-championship-series/2012-holiday-regatta/>) and may additionally be posted on the Official Notice Board. Amendments made after this time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at the Race Office of SBYC.

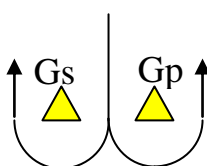
Attachment A - Course Chart



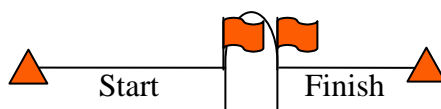
Mark W2, (orange) “W2”



Mark W1 (yellow) “W1”



Gate (yellow) “Gs / Gp”



Course #

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| 1 | (2 legs) | Start – W1 – Finish |
| 2 | (2 legs) | Start – W2 – Finish |
| 3 | (4 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 4 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish |
| 5 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 6 | (6 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 7 | (6 legs) | 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.