Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Fiesta Cup Regatta

July 21st & 22nd, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Fiesta Cup Regatta 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*.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower deck at SBYC.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 on the day they 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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

5. Schedule

Friday, July 20th

1630-1830	Registration and weigh-in

Saturday, July 21st

0830-1030	Registration and weigh-in
0900	Racers' Breakfast available at SBYC
1100	Competitor meeting on SBYC upper deck
1300	Warning signal for first race
After racing	Fiesta Beach party at SBYC with live music

Sunday, July 22nd

0900	Racers' Breakfast available at SBYC
1300	Warning signal for first race
1645	No warning signal after this time
After racing	Appetizers and awards at SBYC

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Farr 40:	Red flag with a white 'A'.
J/105:	Green flag with a white 'B'
Melges 24:	Yellow flag with a black 'C'
Harbor 20:	Orange flag with a black 'D'

7. Racing Area

7.1 The racing area for the Farr 40 and J/105 fleets will be the Santa Barbara Channel, within 3 miles of SBYC and will be described in further details at the competitor meeting.

7.2 The racing area for the Melges 24 and Harbor 20 fleets will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.

8. Courses

8.1 **Farr 40 & J/105** – Courses for the Farr 40 and J/105 fleets will be taken from 'Attachment A - Course Chart'. Course numbers will be displayed on the race committee boat using red and white placards.

8.2 **Melges 24 & Harbor 20** – Courses for the Melges 24 and Harbor 20 fleets will be taken from the current version of the SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck.

8.2.1 When a letter 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side listed on the course chart.

8.2.2 When a letter 'T' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed two times around. The start/finish line will be required at the beginning of the second lap.

9. Marks

9.1 **Farr 40 & J/105** – Marks Gp and Gs will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. Mark W1 will be a yellow, 8 foot 'teardrop' shaped inflatable. Mark W2 will be an orange, 8 foot 'teardrop' shaped inflatable.

9.2 **Melges 24 & Harbor 20** – Marks will be as designated on the current version of the SBYC course chart. All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the course chart, but are subject to natural influence.

10. Start

10.1 For the Farr 40 and J/105 fleets, the start will be between an orange tetrahedron at the pin 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.

10.2 For the Melges 24's and Harbor 20's, the start will be between marks 'F' and 'G', as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

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

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). This changes rule A4.1.

10.5 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).

10.6 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.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 **Farr 40 & J/105** – To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark of different color (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. The signal will be code flag 'C' with several sounds. No additional directions will be given (this changes rule 33). Any mark to be rounded after the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

11.2.1 **Melges 24 & Harbor 20** – The race committee may shorten a course. The shortened course shall be signaled by displaying code flag 'S' with two sound signals and displaying the class placard(s) for the classes to be shortened.

11.2.2 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate.
i.) For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole.
ii.) For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.
iii.) For legs to the gate, boats will be finished between mark 'X' and mark 'F'.

12. Finish

12.1 For the Farr 40 and J/105 fleets, the finish will be between an orange tetrahedron and an orange flag flown from the race committee boat.

12.2 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.

12.3 For Melges 24 and Harbor 20 fleets, the finish line will be between marks 'F' and 'G' as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

13. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 outside the zone of any rounding, starting or finishing mark, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 Protests and requests for Redress must be filed within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock. Forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC clubhouse and should be turned in at the race office. Protest times and locations will be listed on the official notice board.

14.2 Breaches of instruction 10.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rules 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of 10.3 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

15. Scoring

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.

16. Radio Communication

16.1 Farr 40 and J/105 fleets shall monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

16.2 Melges 24 and Harbor 20 fleets shall monitor VHF Channel 69 for instructions from the Race Committee.

17. Prizes

Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

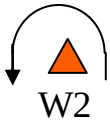
18. Disclaimer of Liability

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.

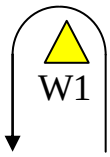
19. Amendments to these Instructions

The organizing authorities reserve the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments of these instructions made prior to July 20th at 2000 hours will be posted on the Fiesta Cup event website (http://sbycracing.org/2012-fiesta-cup) in addition to the official notice board. Amendments made after this time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at the front desk of SBYC.

Attachment A - Course Chart



Mark W2, (orange) "W2"



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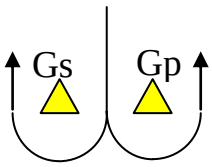
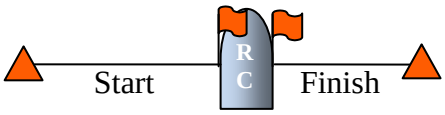


Gate (yellow) "Gs / Gp"



Course #

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.