



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club*  
**Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy &  
Star Class District 5 Championship**  
August 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2012



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Sir Thomas Lipton Star Regatta will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
Star District 5 Committee

### **1 Rules:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 This event shall qualify as a Green Star District 5 Championship (STCR 23.5.4) open to all District 5 Novices (STCR 23.7.1 and 23.7.2).
- 1.3 Under rule 87, the last line of rule(s) 34.3.7, Format C of the Star Class Rules (STCR) is deleted and replaced with: No more than 4 races per day.
- 1.4 Star Class Rule 34.3.7 Format C is changed to allow the minimum distance of a leg to be .5 nautical miles and a combined start and finish line in the middle of the course.

### **2 Notices to Competitors:**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of the SBYC clubhouse.

### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions:**

- 3.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 1000 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 Signals Ashore:**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the SBYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

### **5 Schedule:**

#### 5.1 On Shore Schedule

Registration:

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>                      1700-1900 hours

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>                    0900-1000 hours

Competitor's Briefing:

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>                    1100 hours

- 5.2 The Race Committee may change the schedule. No more than four races per day.

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300 hours.

- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours on Sunday.

### **6 Class Flag:**

- 6.1 The Class Flag shall be a red flag with a white letter 'A'.

### **7 Racing Area:**

- 7.1 Racing will be held in Santa Barbara Channel, within three miles of the entrance to the Santa Barbara Harbor.

**8 Course:**

8.1 Courses will be run as described in the attached course chart. This modifies STCR 34.3.

8.2 Course numbers will be displayed from the RC boat on red and white placards prior to the warning signal for each race.

**10 Marks:**

10.1 The windward mark "W" will be an 8 foot yellow 'tear-drop' shaped inflatable.

10.2 The leeward "Gate" will consist of a pair of 5 foot yellow tetrahedrons.

10.3 The offset mark "O" be a 5 foot orange inflatable tetrahedron.

10.4 A new mark, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12, will be a 5 foot red inflatable tetrahedron. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with the original mark.

**11 The Start:**

11.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat an orange tetrahedron.

11.2 RRS A4 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

**12 Change of Position of the Next Mark:**

12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (described in SI 10.4). The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg by displaying code flag 'C' with several sound signals. No additional directions will be given.

12.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

12.3 Marks to be rounded after the changed mark may be moved without further signal to maintain the course configuration.

**13 The Finish:**

13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and a 5 foot orange tetrahedron.

**14 Time Limit:**

14.1 The time limits will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format C.

14.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

**15 Protests and Redress Requests:**

15.1 Protest forms are available from the front desk for the SBYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 Protests and requests for redress must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing times and locations will be listed on the notice board.

15.4 Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board 30 minutes before the protest time limit. Any boat so notified may request a hearing, which must be in writing and delivered to the Race Office within protest time limit.

15.6 On the last 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

15.7 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

**16 Scoring:**

16.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. This is changed so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score if more than four (4) races are completed (this changes the NOR). Up to six races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series.

**17 Liability and Safety:**

17.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

17.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or the SBYC front desk as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the SBYC front desk.

**18 Crew Changes:**

18.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the Race Committee grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.

18.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

**19 Team and Private Support Boats:**

19.1 Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee or jury.

19.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.

19.3 The Penalty for breaking 19.1, 19.2, or 19.3 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

**20 Haul out Restrictions:**

20.1 All boats may be hauled out each day or kept at the SBYC guest dock at the discretion of the crew.

**21 Radio Communication:**

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.

**22 Prizes:**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats overall (skipper & crew) in the event.

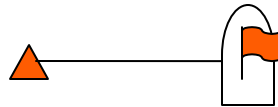
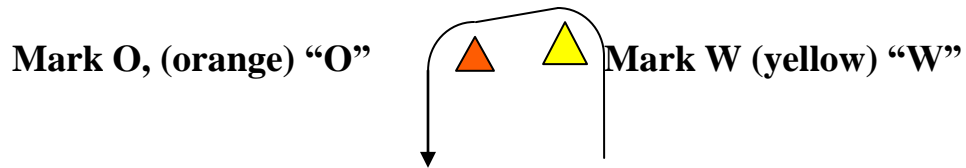
22.2 The winning skipper and crew will have their names engraved on the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's Sir Thomas Lipton Perpetual Trophy to remain on display at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

22.3 District Champion shall receive a Green Star.

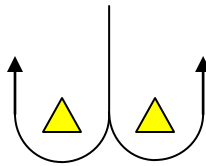
**23 Disclaimer of Liability:**

Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

# Course Chart



**Start/Finish (orange)**



**Gate (yellow) "Gt"**

## Courses:

**Course 1:** Start, W(p), O(p), Gate, Finish

**Course 2:** Start, W(p), O(p), Gate, W(p), O(p), Finish

**Course 3:** Start, W(p), O(p), Gate, W(p), O(p), Gate, Finish

*Marks W and O shall be rounded to port. Boats may pass through the start/finish line at any time while racing.*