



Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Holiday Regatta

December 7th-8th, 2013



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2013 Holiday 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 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 For Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) classes, the regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.4 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 buoy rating.
- 1.5 For PHRF classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California shall not apply.
- 1.6 J/24 Class Rules are modified so that GPS devices may be used.

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, J/70, Melges 24, and PHRF classes.
- 2.3 At least two boats must enter the regatta and leave the dock to establish a class.
- 2.4 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 1015 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.5 Participants may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1015 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.
- 2.6 There is no entry fee for this event.

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 lower deck of SBYC.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the sailing instructions made prior to the day of racing will also be posted on the event page at <http://sbycracing.org/2013-championship-series/2013-holiday-regatta/>.

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 sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 *Saturday, December 7th*

0900-1015	Registration and check-in at SBYC upper deck
0900-1100	No host breakfast available at SBYC
1030	Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck
1200	Warning signal for first race
1530	No warning signal after this time

After racing Holiday party at SBYC with DJ music
Sunday, December 8th
 0900-1100 No host breakfast available at SBYC
 1200 Warning signal for first race
 1530 No warning signal after this time
 After racing Awards and hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

6.2 Number of Races: Six (6) races are scheduled for each class, with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

7. CLASS FLAGS & CLASS DESIGNATIONS

CLASS	FLAG	Rating
PHRF A	Red flag with a white 'A'	50 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'	51 and Greater
J/70	Yellow flag with a black 'C'	114
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 within 3 miles of SBYC and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

9. COURSE

- 9.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, 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 boat and may be announced on VHF channel 71.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 10.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.
- 10.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.
- 10.5 New marks as provided in instruction 12.1, will be:
 - (a) A red inflatable mark to replace 'W2'
 - (b) A green inflatable mark to replace 'W1'
 - (c) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

11. START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 An 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.
- 11.4 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 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. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.
- 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.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 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

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 15.3 All protests involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 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.
- 15.4 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 hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled 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 of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee 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 of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 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 In addition to being part of the Championship Series, this regatta is part of the overall annual championships for the following fleets: PHRF classes, Melges 24, J/105, J/24, J/70, and Harbor 20.

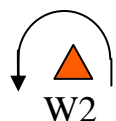
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

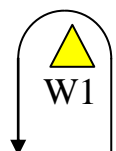
20. AMENDMENTS TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- 20.1 The organizing authority reserves the right to amend these instructions. Any amendments to these instructions made prior to December 6th, 2013 at 2000 hours will be posted on the regatta website (<http://sbycracing.org/2013-championship-series/2013-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.

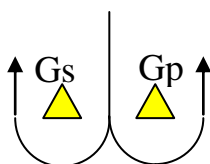
Attachment A - Course Chart



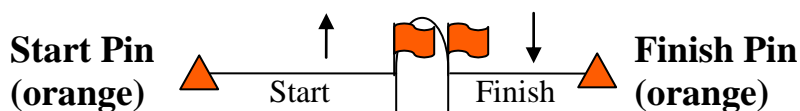
Mark W2, (orange) “W2”



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.