



MELGES²⁴
International Melges 24 Class Association



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Fiesta Cup Regatta
July 12th & 13th, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2014 Fiesta Cup Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 This race will be an Area J qualifier for the US Sailing Adult Championship for the J/70 class. More information is in 'SI Addendum #1 – J/70 Area J US Sailing Adult Championship Qualifier'.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

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3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes 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 OF RACES

5.1 *Friday, July 11th*

1700 Hors d'oeuvres upstairs at SBYC

Saturday, July 12th

0830-1030 Registration
0900 No host 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 13th

0900 No host racers' breakfast available at SBYC
1300 Warning signal for first race
1600 No warning signal after this time
After racing Appetizers and awards at SBYC

- 5.2 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.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

J/105: Black flag with a white 'S'
Melges 24: Red flag with a white 'A'
Viper 640: Green flag with a white 'B'
J/70: Yellow flag with a black 'C'
Harbor 20: Purple flag with a white 'D'

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel, within 3 miles of SBYC and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 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.
8.2 Course numbers will be displayed on placards from the race committee signal boat.

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9. MARKS

- 9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 9.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.
- 9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.
- 9.5 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.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.
- 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. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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. THE FINISH

- 12.1 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'.

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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.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 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 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC club house. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office, located on the southwest corner of SBYC, within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

14.6 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.

15. SCORING

15.1 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.

15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes the Notice of Race.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Competitors may monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions from the Race Committee.

17. PRIZES

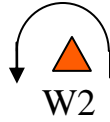
17.1 Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

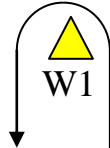
18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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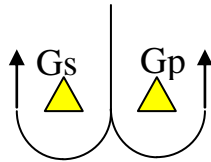
Attachment A - Course Chart



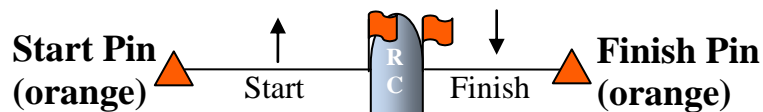
Mark W2, (orange) "W2"



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.