



Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:
Mercury Class National Championship

August 22-24, 2014



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the 2014 Mercury Class National Championship is:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 &
The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA), www.mercury-sail.com

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Constitution of the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the United States national authority will not apply: rules 60, 63.2, 63.4, and 82.
- 1.3 Appendix T Section A, Penalties While Racing, rule T1 will apply. This changes Rule 44.1
- 1.4 Appendix T Section B, Post Race Penalties, Rule T2 and T2.1 will apply. This changes Rule 44.3

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to class rules.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to eligible boats of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members of the MCYRA.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying applicable fees by August 21st at 1800. A link to online entry may be found online at <http://sbycracing.org/2014-mercury-nationals/>. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4. Fees

- 4.1 The fee for entries received before August 13 will be \$100 per boat.
- 4.2 The fee for entries received on or after August 13 will be \$120 per boat.
- 4.3 Entry fee includes two regatta dinners on Saturday night at SBYC.

5. Schedule

5.1 *Thursday, August 21st – Measurements*

Time	Event	Location
1300-1800	Registration, boat inspection & new sail measurement	SBYC Fleet Room

Friday, August 22nd – Racing Day 1

Time	Event	Location
1030	Competitor Meeting	SBYC Upper Deck
1155	First Warning Signal	
After Racing	Hors d'oeuvres & no host bar	SBYC Upper Deck

Saturday, August 23rd – Racing Day 2

Time	Event	Location
1155	First Warning Signal	
1800	Regatta Dinner & Awards	SBYC Dining Room

Sunday, August 24th (Reserve Racing Day)

Time	Event	Location
1155	First Warning Signal (if applicable)	
1500	No Warning Signal after this time	
1630	Awards Ceremony (if applicable)	SBYC Dining Room

- 5.2 Five races are scheduled for the regatta. If five races have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, Sunday will be used as a reserve racing day.

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6. Measurement & Equipment Check

- 6.1 All Boats to be sailed in this event shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 The certificate shall be presented to the Class Measurer during the measurement process.
- 6.3 Measurement may include weighing of the hull as well as the items designated by the class measurement committee.

6.4 Safety Equipment

- 6.4.1 Safety equipment as outlined in Section VIII page 18 of the MCYRA Year Book will be checked.
- 6.4.2 An anchor with a minimum of 100 feet of ¼” diameter nylon or Dacron line attached. Anchor may not weigh less than 4 pounds or more than 30 pounds.
- 6.4.3 Each boat shall have a personal floatation device for each person aboard and one US Coast Guard approved throwable buoyant cushion or life ring.
- 6.4.4 One oar or paddle shall be carried
- 6.4.5 A signal horn or whistle shall be carried by each boat.
- 6.4.6 Each boat shall carry a workable bilge pump or bailing can. An additional electric bilge pump is allowed.

6.5 Sails

- 6.5.1 No more than two suits of sails will be allowed each contestant at the championship.
- 6.5.2 Sails shall be measured and hulls may be weighed prior to the first race. Sails previously measured at a championship and unchanged need not be re-measured. All measured sails shall be marked in a distinctive fashion and only measured sails may be used.
- 6.5.3 Please make every effort to have sails measured prior to arrival.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing instructions and complete regatta schedule will be available at Check in on Thursday, August 21 and on line at the SBYC and MCYRA websites.

8. Venue

- 8.1 The race course will be approximately within two (2) nautical miles of the harbor entrance but is subject to change depending on conditions.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1 Rule 44.1 of the RRS is changed as described by US Sailing prescription Appendix T1.
- 9.2 Scoring penalties as described in US Sailing prescription T2 shall apply. This changes RRS 44.3.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A, A4, shall apply except that no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.2 Five (5) races are scheduled. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. Berthing and Haul-out Restrictions

- 11.1 Participating boats shall remain in the water from when launched on the first day of racing through the conclusion of the regatta. Should a boat need to be removed from the water for repair, prior approval must be received from the Regatta Chair.
- 11.2 Berthing for the regatta will be at the SBYC Visitors’ end tie at the end of D finger in Marina 1 adjacent to the main channel as shown in ‘Attachment A – SB Harbor Map’. Additional berthing will be assigned at check in on an as needed basis. Participants must be prepared to raft.
- 11.3 The hoist key is available at the front desk of SBYC.
- 11.3 Boats wishing to have their own slip may contact the harbor department upon arrival to Santa Barbara and arrange for mooring of their boat for the duration of the event. All applicable slip fees for competitors wishing to moor their boat in an individual slip are this are the sole responsibility of said competitor.

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12. Radio Communications

- 12.1 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 to make any announcements.
- 12.2 Except in an emergency, a competitor shall not make radio transmissions while racing or receive radio communications not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 12.3 Failure of a boat to have a working VHF radio, misinterpretation of the courtesy broadcast or failure of the Race Committee to provide the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

13. Prizes

- 13.1 Mercury Class Championship Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.
- 13.2 Gold Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 5 and Silver Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 3 will receive trophies.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Each participating boat shall present valid proof of coverage by a liability insurance company at the time of registration.

15. Right To Use Name and Likeness

- 15.1 By participating in the Mercury Class Championship a competitor automatically grants the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

16. Parking and Trailer Storage

- 16.1 Limited vehicle parking is available in the SBYC lot on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 for boat setup only. Vehicle parking will be primarily in the adjacent municipal lot as shown in 'Attachment A – SB Harbor Map'. Parking fees are the responsibility of each individual competitor. There is free parking available to the northwest of 'Pershing Park' as shown in 'Attachment A – SB Harbor Map'.
- 16.2 Boats may be brought to the SBYC lot beginning on August 21 between 0900 and 1700. Extended storage on a space available basis may be requested in advance by contacting the SBYC Race Office – racing@sbyc.org / (805) 965-8112.
- 16.3 Trailer storage for the duration of the regatta will be in the City of Santa Barbara Maintenance yard adjacent to the Municipal parking lot as shown in 'Attachment A – SB Harbor Map'.

16. Coach Boats

- 16.1 There is limited docking available for coach boats at the University of California Santa Barbara sailing facility. For information, please email, racing@sbyc.org.

17. Further Information

- 17.1 Further information can be found by contacting the SBYC Race Office at:
Phone – (805) 965-8112
Email – racing@sbyc.org
Event Page - <http://sbycracing.org/2014-Mercury-Nationals/>