



*Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:*  
**Mercury Class National Championship**

August 22-24, 2014



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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](http://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: 60, 63.2, 63.4, 82.
- 1.3 The following rules of US Sailing Prescription, Appendix T will apply:
  - 1.3.1 Section A, Penalties At The Time of the Incident
  - 1.3.2 Section B, Post Race Penalties
  - 1.3.3 Section D, Arbitration

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals Made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC Yardarm.

**5. SCHEDULE**

**5.1 Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Measurements**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1300-1800	Registration, boat inspection & new sail measurement	SBYC Fleet Room
1800-2100	Cocktails and dinner with competitors & Santa Barbara Fleet Alumni	SB Mesa Café

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Racing Day 1**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1030	Competitor Meeting	SBYC Upper Deck
1155	First Warning Signal	
After Racing	Hors d'oeuvres, beer & no host bar	SBYC Upper Deck

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Racing Day 2**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1155	First Warning Signal	
1800	Regatta Dinner & Awards	SBYC Dining Room

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (Reserve Racing Day)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be an orange flag with a black 'M' on it.

## **7. RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be within one nautical mile of the harbor entrance but is subject to change depending on wind and weather conditions.

## **8. COURSES**

8.1 The courses are described in 'Attachment A – Course Chart', 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 The course designation will be displayed by a placard on the Race Committee (RC) Signal boat and may be announced on VHF channel 71.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

9.2 The start and finish pins will be yellow inflatable shapes.

9.3 The windward mark will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.4 The offset mark will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of orange inflatable shapes.

9.5 New marks as provided for in instruction 11.1 will be a green inflatable shape to replace the weather mark and an orange inflatable shape with a black band to replace a gate mark.

## **10. START**

10.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 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.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of a course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. New marks will be a different color. When in a subsequent change a new mark is placed, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **12. FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the pin end as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

12.2 If no boat has finished within two hours, the race will be abandoned.

12.3 A boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish, at the discretion of the Race Committee, will be scored Finished in Place provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty, is changed as described in US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Section A, Penalties at the time of the incident.

13.2 Post race penalties shall apply as described in US Sailing Prescription T, Section B.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS.**

14.1 Protest forms will be available at the front desk of SBYC.

14.2 All forms must be delivered to the SBYC front desk within one hour of the time the Race Committee boat reaches the dock.

14.3 Notices will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the lower deck of SBYC within 30 minutes of the deadline for filing, stating the time and place of the hearing and the parties involved. This will constitute official notice to all parties under Rule 63.2.

14.4 All protests involving a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 are subject to non-binding arbitration as described in US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Section D.

**15. SCORING**

15.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score shall be the sum of all her race scores.

15.2 Five races are scheduled. Three completed races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

17.1 Participating boats shall remain in the water from when launched on the first day of racing through the conclusion of the regatta.

17.2 Haul-out for repair or any other reason must have prior approval of the PRO.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitutions shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

19.1 The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF Channel 71.

**20. PRIZES**

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher(s) based on participation.

20.2 The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

20.2.1 Nunes Championship Series Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the National Championship.

20.2.2 Ray Johnson Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the first race of the National Championship.

20.2.3 Park & Lynn Densmore Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the second race of the National Championship.

20.2.4 Matt & Mimi Jenkins Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the third race of the National Championship.

20.2.5 Holden Sanford Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the fourth race of the National Championship.

20.2.6 John Koenig Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the fifth race of the National Championship.

20.2.7 Jack & Jill Trophy will be awarded to the top placing Male-Female team.

20.2.8 Silver Fleet National Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Silver Fleet.

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

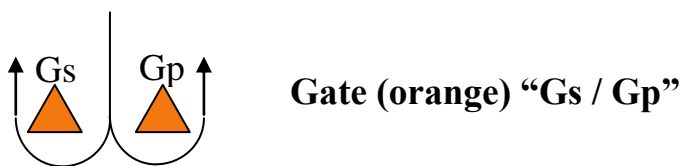
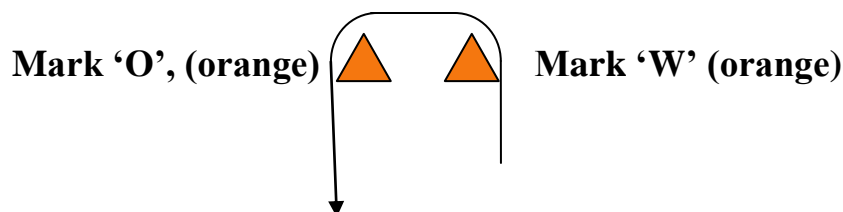
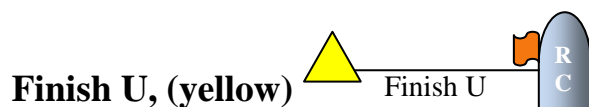
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## Attachment A - Course Chart



### Courses:

**Course 2:** Start – W/O – Finish D

**Course 3:** Start – W/O – Gt – Finish U

**Course 4:** Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Finish D

**Course 5:** Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – Finish U

**Course 6:** Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – W/O – Finish D

\* Marks W and O shall be rounded to port.