



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Harbor 20 East-West Challenge
August 30th & August 31st, 2014



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2014 Harbor 20 East-West Challenge 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 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the sailing instructions and one in the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections B (post race penalties), and D (arbitration) will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1120 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 yardarm.
- 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, August 29th

1330-1400	Registration & check in
1400	Spinnaker clinic and practice sail (weather permitting). Meet at SBYC upper outdoor deck
1800	Kick off Dinner at the home of Rich & Cheryl Miller: 980 Paseo Los Santos, Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Saturday, August 30th

930-1100	Registration & check in on SBYC upper deck
930-1100	Breakfast buffet at SBYC
1100	Competitor meeting & boat assignments on SBYC upper deck
1230	Warning signal for first race
1800	Beach party dinner and no host bar at SBYC

Sunday, August 31st

900-1100	No host breakfast available at SBYC
1100	Competitor meeting & boat assignments on SBYC upper deck
1230	Warning signal for first race
1500	No warning signal after this time
1600	Awards, buffet, & no host bar at SBYC

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5.2 Number of Races: Seven (7) races total are scheduled, with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

6. BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

6.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided for competing teams. Standing rigging including upper battens shall not be adjusted, unless directed by the RC. Only telltales may be added to boats. Running rigging and fittings shall be used for their intended purposes only. All supplied equipment shall be carried aboard while racing.

6.2 While reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations, including deviations from class rules, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

6.3 Boats will be assigned at the competitor meeting and done by random drawing via the Race Committee. Teams will be assigned a boat for Saturday and a boat for Sunday at each day's competitor meeting. A team shall not sail the same boat on both Saturday and Sunday and they shall not sail their skipper's own boat.

6.4 Hiking is not permitted. Skipper and crew shall keep their bodies within the confines of the cockpit and shall not place their feet on the seats or seat cushions at any time while racing, except to affect immediate repair, adjust the jib cunningham, or for safety reasons.

7. BREAKDOWNS / DAMAGE

7.1 A damage deposit of \$500 per incident may be collected upon damage done to a boat after said incident. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.

7.2 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the RC immediately.

7.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be a Red flag with a white 'A' for the Harbor 20 fleet.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel, within 1 mile of SBYC and will be described in further details at the competitor meeting.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 Courses will be taken from 'Attachment A - Course Chart'. Course numbers will be displayed on the race committee boat using red and white placards.

11. MARKS

11.1 The starting and finishing pin will be a yellow inflatable shape.

11.2 The windward mark 'W' will be an orange inflatable shape.

11.3 The offset mark 'O' will be an orange inflatable shape.

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

11.5 New marks as provided in instruction 13.1, will be:

(a) A green inflatable mark to replace 'W'

(b) An orange inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

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12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 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 as shown on 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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).
- 12.5 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)

13. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

14. FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be as shown on 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.
- 14.2 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.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 Appendix T, Section B – Post Race Penalties will apply:
 - T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
 - T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
 - (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

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16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the SBYC club house and shall be turned in at the SBYC front desk.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for Redress must be filed within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 16.3 Appendix T, Section D – Arbitration will apply.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 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.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area during or between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 The Race Committee may decide to postpone on shore due to adverse conditions – high winds or big seas. If sustained wind of 18-20 knots is observed in conjunction with large seas, the Race Committee may choose to postpone or cancel racing. However, it is the responsibility of each competitor to decide when they are able to navigate the conditions; see Rule 4 – Decision to Race.
- 17.4 Boats shall not use spinnakers at any time while a black flag with an 'S' on it is flying. This flag will be put up with one horn and it's presence announced over the designated VHF channel.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except that series scores will be the total of all a team's race scores.
- 18.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Competitors should monitor VHF Channel 69 for instructions from the Race Committee.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Take home trophies will be awarded to the top finishers.

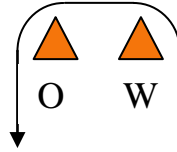
21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

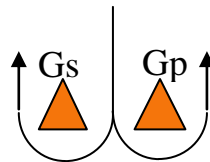
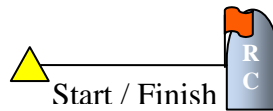
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Attachment A - Course Chart

Mark O (orange)



Mark W (orange) "W"



Gate (orange) "Gs / Gp"

Course

- 1 Start – W/O – Gt – Finish
- 2 Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Finish
- 3 Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – Finish
- 4 Start – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – W/O – Finish

Mark W shall be rounded to port.
Mark O shall be rounded to port.
Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard.
Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.