

SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

**2015 HOT RUM SERIES**  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, and February 7<sup>th</sup>  
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## Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2015 Hot Rum Series will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 For PHRF classes, the Regatta will be a Category 4 event as defined by Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) of Southern California.
- 1.3 A yacht's Area I PHRF buoy rating shall be used for the series. Yachts from outside of Area I will use their standard buoy rating.
- 1.4 Competing yachts shall designate one PHRF rating configuration for the entire series.
- 1.5 For PHRF classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California will not apply.
- 1.6 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

### 2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter the series by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club no later than 1030 hours on the first day of the series. Race Entry Forms are available at the front desk of SBYC or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/Contact/>. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible 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 prior to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2.3 One design boats in recognized classes may enter without PHRF certificates using the local class ratings listed below, at the discretion of the race committee.

#### Standard Ratings:

Harbor 20 = 204; J/24 = 168; J/70 = 114 J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90

#### Non-Spinnaker Ratings:

Harbor 20 = 234; J/24= 183; J/70 = 152; J/105 = 120; Melges 24 = 106

- 2.4 One design boats may establish a separate class if five or more boats are entered for the series. This is in addition to being entered into the overall series scoring.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1 SERIES ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FEE OF \$50.00 FOR BOATS 30' OR UNDER LENGTH OVERALL OR \$75.00 FOR BOATS OVER 30' LENGTH OVERALL.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of SBYC.

### 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1120 hours on the day it will take effect.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 A competitor meeting will be held at 1100 hours each race day on the upper deck of SBYC. The current SBYC Course Chart will be made available at the front desk. Each boat will receive a starting time sheet calculated on the basis of the Hot Rum course lengths and the boat's PHRF handicap.
- 7.2 Races are scheduled with the warning signal at 1230 hours.
- 7.3 Three races total are scheduled for the series with one race to be sailed on each scheduled day (January 3, January 17, and February 7, 2015).

## **8. ON THE WATER POSTPONEMENT**

- 8.1 In the event of an on the water postponement, instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee over VHF channel 71. Flag AP will come down one minute prior to the new warning signal. Competitors are responsible for computing their new scheduled start times. Any incorrect calculations made by the competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

## **9. CLASS FLAGS**

- 9.1 The class flag will be a red flag with a white 'A' on it.

## **10. CLASS DESIGNATIONS**

- 10.1 PHRF class breaks, if any, will be announced at the competitor meeting for the first race and posted on the notice board.
- 10.2 Any one design classes that have been established per Sailing Instruction 2.4 will not be included in PHRF class breaks. One design competitors will however, be included in the overall scoring.
- 10.3 Class breaks shall not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 10.4 Class breaks will remain the same for subsequent races.

## **11. RACING AREA**

- 11.1 The racing area will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart.

## **12. THE COURSE**

- 12.1 Courses will be taken from the current SBYC Course Chart. The course for each race will be posted on placards from the SBYC deck.
- 12.2 When a letter 'R' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction. Marks shall be passed in reverse order and on the opposite side listed on the course chart.
- 12.3 When a letter 'T' placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed two times around. The start/finish line will be required at the beginning of the second lap.
- 12.4 The gate designated as 'Gt' on the current SBYC course chart shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'X'.

## **13. MARKS**

- 13.1 Marks will be as designated on the current SBYC course chart. All marks are situated near the GPS coordinates shown on the current SBYC course chart, but are subject to natural influence.
- 13.2 Marks may be yellow, white or blue cylinders except that: 'BB' is the red/white navigational bell buoy; and Mark C is a white and yellow city anchorage boundary buoy with a light. Any permanent mark may be substituted with a temporary or inflatable mark without prior notice.

13.3 In the event of a missing mark, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart and monitor VHF channel 71.

#### **14. THE START**

14.1 The start line will be between mark 'G' and mark 'F' as described on the current SBYC course chart.

14.2 All classes will start in one reverse handicap staggered start. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning given 5 minutes before the start.

14.3 The race committee will make the official race clock available for all competitors immediately following the skipper's meeting.

14.4 A boat's starting time for each race's posted course is listed on the 'Attachment A – 2015 Hot Rum Start Times'. This sheet will be made available at the competitor meeting.

14.5 Boats whose start time is more than three minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.

#### **15. OCS NOTIFICATION**

15.1 The race committee will signal boats On Course Side (OCS) by displaying code flag 'X' and may hail the yacht on VHF channel 71. The flag will be displayed for one minute or until the OCS start is corrected (whichever comes first). If another OCS occurs while the X flag is displayed, it will remain displayed for one minute or until both OCS starts are corrected (whichever comes first).

15.2 OCS boats that do not return within one minute must start correctly even if the X flag is lowered. It is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly.

#### **16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

16.1 The race committee may shorten a course. A shortened course will be signaled from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club deck before the leading boat has finished the leg.

16.2 The shortened course shall be signaled by displaying code flag 'S' with two sound signals and displaying the class placard(s) for the class or classes to be shortened.

16.3 The finish line for the shortened course shall be at the next required mark or gate. For legs to mark 'X', the shortened course will be finished between mark 'X' and the flagpole. For legs to the start/finish line at the beginning of a second lap, the finish shall be between mark 'F' and mark 'G'.

16.4 In the event of an abandoned race, the race committee may notify competitors on VHF Channel 71 following the raising of code flag 'N' with the class placards of the abandoned classes. Separate announcements will be made for each class abandoned. Abandonment of one class does not constitute abandonment of other classes.

#### **17. THE FINISH**

17.1 The finish line will be between mark 'F' and mark 'G' as shown on the current SBYC course chart.

#### **18. PROTESTS**

18.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing standard forms available at the SBYC front desk and must be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

18.2 Protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be subject to non-binding arbitration in accordance with SBYC Protest Arbitration Guidelines.

18.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

18.4 Breaches of instruction 14.5 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rules 60.1 (a). Penalties for a breach of 14.5 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

#### **19. SCORING**

19.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

20.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.

20.2 The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

## **21. PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher(s) for each race. Prizes for the top overall finishers each day will be awarded based on the number of boats that start a race that day. Prizes for established classes will be awarded based on the number

21.2 The Hot Rum Series Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 Participants in this event compete 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 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.