



2015 SBYC Challenge Cup Series

Spring, Summer, Fall, and Holiday Regattas

Notice of Race

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta(s) 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 For PHRF classes, the series will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.4 For PHRF classes, a yacht's Area I PHRF buoy rating shall be used for the race.
- 1.5 For PHRF classes, the Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California will not apply.
- 1.6 J/24 class rules are changed to allow use of GPS devices.
- 1.7 Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections B (post race penalties), and D (arbitration) will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The regatta will be a category A event.

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Members of SBYC are eligible to enter the Challenge Cup Series and any of the regattas that comprise it (Spring, Summer, Fall, & Holiday). Members of other clubs belonging to the US Sailing Association may enter and race in each regatta but are not eligible for the Challenge Cup Series or any perpetual trophies.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed race entry form to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Race entry forms are available at the SBYC front desk or online at <http://www.sbyc.org/Contact/>. Online entries will be accepted until 0800 the morning of the regatta; thereafter entries may only be made in person. In-person entries will be accepted until 1100 the morning of the regatta unless otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 A boat will be considered 'entered' in the Challenge Cup Series upon submitting a completed entry form, competing in at least one of the scheduled regattas, and meeting the eligibility requirements of rule 3.1.
- 3.4 **ONE DESIGN ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a.) Each One-Design regatta in the Challenge Cup Series is open to the following One-Design Classes: Harbor 20, J/24, J/105, J/70, and Melges 24. Additional One-Design classes will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair based on the number of entries for that class. Submit requests to racing@sbyc.org.
- 3.5 **PHRF ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a.) Each PHRF regatta in the Challenge Cup Series is open to Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) boats. PHRF boats will be separated into classes based on entries received and performance characteristics of the boats. PHRF class breaks will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Valid and current PHRF rating certificates for PHRF boats must be on file with the Race Committee no later than 1100 on the day of the race.
 - b.) One Design boats in recognized classes may enter PHRF regattas without PHRF certificates, using the class ratings listed below, and at the discretion of the race committee.
Harbor 20 = 204; J/24 = 168; J/70 = 114; J/105 = 90; Melges 24 = 90
One Design boats that do not have valid and current PHRF certificates may compete and be scored in the individual PHRF regattas. However, only boats with valid and current PHRF certificates shall be scored in the overall Challenge Cup Series for PHRF fleets.

4. FEES

- 4.1 There is no entry fee for Challenge Cup Series events.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 One Design

March 21 – Spring One Design
June 14 – Summer One Design
October 11 – Fall One Design
December 5-6 Holiday Regatta

PHRF

March 22 – Spring PHRF
June 13 – Summer PHRF
October 11 – Fall PHRF
December 5-6 Holiday Regatta

- 5.2 The number of races scheduled for each race day will be stated in the regatta Sailing Instructions.
5.3 The first warning signal for each race day will be stated in the regatta Sailing Instructions.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions including course descriptions will be available at registration and on the racing page of the SBYC website (http://www.sbyc.org/racing_calendar.php) approximately one week prior to the event.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Registration will take place at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club Fleet front desk. All post-sailing activities will take place at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The course will be located within two miles of the Santa Barbara Harbor entrance.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 A course chart will be included with the regatta Sailing Instructions.
8.2 Courses will be a windward-leeward buoy configuration.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
9.2 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.

10. SCORING

10.1 CHALLENGE CUP SERIES SCORING:

- (a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:
(i.) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
(ii.) When 5-9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst score.
(iii.) When 10-14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

(iv.) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.

(b) Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(c) For the purpose of Challenge Cup Series scoring, a boat's place in each race shall be defined as the order of finish relative to her own class not including boats ineligible for the series (see Notice of Race Instruction 3.1).

(d) Only eligible boats as pertaining to instruction 3.1 will be included in final Challenge Cup Series scoring.

10.2 REGATTA SCORING FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Spring, Summer, Fall, Holiday):

(a) The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's score shall be the sum of all her finishes.

(b) One race must be completed to constitute a series.

11. BERTHING

11.1 Berthing may be offered to out of town boats free of charge on a first come-first serve basis, and pending availability, by contacting the front desk of SBYC a minimum of one month in advance. Rafting will be necessary and reservations with the front desk of SBYC are mandatory.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 The Race Committee will make use of VHF radios to keep sailors informed of Start Times, On Course Side (OCS), Postponements, and other information regarding the racing.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers for each regatta. Series winners will be engraved on the SBYC Challenge Cup.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

16.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments will be posted on the Challenge Cup Series Website (<http://www.sbycracing.org/2015-challenge-cup-series/>)

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please visit the Challenge Cup Series Event Page at <http://www.sbycracing.org/2015-challenge-cup-series/> or contact the SBYC Race Office at (805) 965-8112 x14 or racing@sbyc.org.