

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

Santa Cruz Sprint 2006

September 2 and September 4, 2006

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS), the prescriptions of USSA, the Rules of the Southern California PHRF Fleet and the rules of any one design class competitors (except as modified by these Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 By these Sailing Instructions, the PHRF MIR rule does not apply.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) no later than the end of the Skipper's Meeting on September 4, 2006.
- 2.2 This event is open to all PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, One Design and PCYC CHRF entrants.
- 2.3 Each yacht should conform to safety requirements as outlined for PHRF Category 3.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the PCYC Crow's Nest.
- 3.2 Official Starting Times for PCYC CHRF will be posted at approximately 0930.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on September 4, 2006, or will be hailed on the water by the Race Committee before the first warning signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Time of First Warning Signal</u>	
		<u>Spin / Non Spin / OD</u>	<u>CHRF</u>
September 2	Sprint Over	10:55:00	11:00:00
September 4	Sprint Back	10:55:00	11:00:00

6. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the Santa Barbara Channel between the shore at Ventura County and the eastern end of Santa Cruz Island. Competitors should be aware that the course requires crossing legally defined shipping lanes. Prudent seamanship should be employed and the rules of the road obeyed in the event of encounters with non-racing and commercial vessel traffic.

7. THE COURSE

Saturday September 2 The start line will be in the vicinity of the Channel Islands Harbor detached breakwater at approximately 34° 09.50' N 119° 14.50' W. The finish line will be in the vicinity of San Pedro Point at approximately 34° 02.00' N 119° 31.20' W. The rhumb line course is approximately 227° M from the start to the finish. The length of this course for time correction purposes is 15.7 NM.

Monday September 4 The start line will be in the vicinity of San Pedro Point at approximately 34° 02.00' N 119° 31.20' W. The finish line will be on the inshore side of the detached breakwater at Channel Islands Harbor. The rhumb line course is approximately 048° to the north end of the detached breakwater at Channel Islands Harbor (34° 09.62' N 119° 13.96' W) . The length of this course for time correction purposes is 16.3 NM.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 See the description of the starting and finishing marks in #9 below.

9. THE START

- 9.1 It is the responsibility of each participant to check in with the Race Committee by VHF radio on Channel 68 or audible hail prior to the start on both days. The Race Committee will acknowledge your hail to indicate that the participant is prepared to start. Channel 68 must be monitored until your boat's starting time.

SPINNAKER, NON-SPINNAKER and ONE-DESIGN CLASS STARTS

- 9.2 Races for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and One Design classes will be started using RRS 26. The "Class" flags shall be as follows:
- Spinnaker - Red Non Spinnaker - Yellow J/24 - Blue Olsen 30 - White

- 9.3 For each of these fleets (Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and One-Design), the start will be between the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat and an orange inflatable buoy. The RC Boat will be the starboard end of the start line and the buoy will be the port end of the line.
- 9.4 Boats not racing shall avoid the entire starting area until five minutes prior to their starting time.

CHRF CLASS STARTS

- 9.5 This race will be started using RRS 26. The "Class" flag for all boats shall be an orange flag.
- 9.6 This will be a 'pursuit' or 'reverse' start with higher handicap boats starting before lower handicap boats. Official time will be GPS time. Each competitor's starting time will be calculated based on their CHRF assigned handicap and the length of the course.
- 9.7 The start will be between the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat and an orange inflatable buoy. The RC Boat will be the starboard end of the start line and the inflatable buoy will be the port end of the line.
- 9.8 After each CHRF boat's scheduled start, the class flag will be re-raised. The subsequent start will be signified by the class flag being lowered. The class flag will then be re-raised for the next subsequent start. This sequence will continue until all boats have started. In any event, the pre-calculated GPS start time dictates the start time, absence of the visual signal will not be cause for redress.
- 9.9 Boats in this class shall avoid the entire starting area until five minutes prior to their starting time.
- 9.10 If, in the sole opinion of the Race Committee, conditions at the intended 1100 HRS first start time warrant a postponement, the Race Committee shall use 24 minute increments of postponement time. Thus, per RRS 27.3 the postponement time, plus one minute, plus the new 5 minute start sequence will yield a new first start time of 1130 HRS and all subsequent starts will be calculated by adding 30 minutes to the originally posted starting times. This procedure will be continued for each postponement necessitated by the prevailing wind conditions.

10. THE FINISH

Saturday September 2.

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat, which will be at the starboard end of the line, and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end of the line.
- 10.2 It is recommended that competitors proceed to Smugglers Cove as the most likely venue with available anchorages. Prudent seamanship in the selection of overnight anchorage should prevail.
- 10.3 After finishing, boats and crew are invited to attend post race activities with the PCYC cruising event.

Monday September 4.

- 10.4 The finish line will be between the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat, which will be at the starboard end of the line and the Channel Islands Harbor green lighted GS3 marker at the port end of the line.
- 10.5 Thus, the finish is on the inshore side of the Channel Islands Harbor breakwater and must be crossed from a north-westerly to south-easterly direction, having rounded the breakwater to starboard.
- 10.6 After finishing, boats and crew are invited to attend post race activities at PCYC.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The first boat in its class must finish by 1700 hours or that day's race may be abandoned.
- 11.2 If any yacht in a class finishes, all yachts in that class must finish by 1745 hours or be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF).
- 11.3 Notification of a Time Limit extension, if any, will be made by the Race Committee at approximately 1600 hours on Channel 68. Each boat shall confirm receipt of this communication as radio traffic permits. Boats not confirming will be hailed by the Race Committee on Channel 68 in an attempt to confirm receipt. Non-receipt is not a basis for re-dress.
- 11.4 If you are not going to finish the race for any reason, please notify the Race Committee of your DNF on Channel 68.

12. PROTESTS

Protests, if any, shall be lodged using USSA standard forms available at the PCYC front lobby desk and delivered to the event chairperson no later than one hour after the last boat's finish on September 4.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 PHRF yachts will be scored within their class and fleet break based on corrected elapsed time. One Design and PCYC CHRF classes will be scored based on order of finish within their class. CHRF actual elapsed times will be taken to facilitate re-adjustment of handicaps for future races.
- 13.2 The combined total scores from the two races will determine each competitor's overall result.
- 13.3 A minimum of one completed race will constitute a completed Santa Cruz Sprint.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION

- 14.1 All entered boats must carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16 and 68. The Race Committee will monitor channel 68 for the duration of the race.
- 14.2 After starting, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in case of emergency or to confirm a Time Limit extension.
- 14.3 All entered boats shall carry an operating GPS.

15. AWARDS

- 15.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each class. Trophies for fleet breaks within classes may be awarded based on the number of participants.
- 15.2 Trophies will be awarded 1 hour after the last boat finishes on Monday September 4 or as soon as possible after the time limit expires, whichever is sooner.