

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

Regional Tune-up race 2008

March 2

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 These races 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 for the Tune-up race by completing registration with the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) no later than the end of the Skipper's Meeting on the race date.
- 2.2 This is a PCYC event with at least three mass starts as practice for boats and crews., followed by a short race course to an inflatable mark. This event is open to entries from any sailboat owner, whether or not they yet belong to a yacht club.
- 2.3 Each yacht will conform to safety requirements as outlined for PHRF Category 3.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the PCYC Crow's Nest.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on the day that they will take effect, or will be hailed on the water by the Race Committee before the first warning signal.

5. SCHEDULE

The race day will have at least three practice starts. After each practice start, boats shall return to the starting side of the race course by going around the ends of the start line. Under no circumstances shall boats return to the starting area for the next practice start by sailing back over the start line. The event could have more than one practice race, The first start is at 1130.

6. RACING AREA

The starting lines will be in the area approximately 1/4 mile offshore of the detached breakwater of the Channel Islands Harbor at the approximate location 34° 09.50N 119° 14.50W. The races will take place within an area of approximately a ONE mile radius.

7. THE COURSE

Courses will be defined as

Course 01 Start, Windward inflatable mark to port, and Finish.

Course 02 Start, Windward inflatable mark to starboard, and Finish.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be large inflatable tetrahedrons and are placed by the chase boat at the start of racing..
- 8.2 No redress will be given for missing marks.

9. THE STARTS

- 9.1 It is the responsibility of each participant to check in with the Race Committee by VHF radio on Channel 68 prior to the start and be acknowledged to indicate that the participant is prepared to start. Channel 68 must be monitored until your boat's starting time.
- 9.2 This race will be started using RRS 26. The standard class flags for the region will be used. Class breaks will be assigned at the skippers meeting on the day of the race. The standard regional class flags are:

Class A Yellow

Class D Green

Class B Red

Class E Pink

Class C White

Class F Blue

The orange flag and orange buoy shall ONLY be used to provide a sight reference on the RC boat for that end of the start and finish lines. The flag in 9.5 shall be the class flag listed above. The Race Committee may sound a three blast attention getting sound signal approximately one minute before commencing the 5 minute starting sequence.

- 9.3 This will be a mass start with all boats in their same class starting at the same time. Countdown time will be taken from the signal flags on the committee boat.
- 9.4 The start will be between the orange flag or shape flown from the side of the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable orange mark at the port end of the line.

- 9.5 After first class start, the next class flag will be raised. The subsequent start will be signified by the class flag sequence being repeated, and may include sound signals from the committee boat. As a practice race, the starts MAY include time for classes to regroup for the next practice start..
- 9.6 The race committee will raise the "Individual Recall" X flag (white background with a blue cross) to signal boats that are over the starting line early. Boats so signaled shall return and re-cross the starting line, or be scored DNS (did not start).
- 9.7 Boats not in the starting class shall avoid the entire starting area until five minutes prior to their starting time.
- 9.8 If, in the sole opinion of the Race Committee, conditions at the intended 1130 HRS first start time warrant a postponement, the Race Committee shall use shall fly the postponement flag. This procedure will be continued for each postponement necessitated by the prevailing wind conditions.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The start line and the finish line are the same -- between the orange flag or shape flown from the side of the Race Committee boat, and the orange inflatable mark at the far end of the start line..
- 10.2 After finishing racing for the day, boat skippers and crews are invited to attend post race activities at PCYC.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The first yacht in its class must finish by one hour of the start or the race may be abandoned.
- 11.2 If any yacht in a class finishes, all yachts in that class must finish by 1545 hours or be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.
- 11.3 Notification of a Time Limit extension, if any, will be made by the Race Committee at approximately 1530 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 any race or retire from racing for any reason, please notify the Race Committee of your DNF on VHF Channel 68.

12 PROTESTS

Protests, if any, shall be lodged using USSA standard forms available at the PCYC Crow's Nest and delivered to the event chairperson within one hour of the last boat's finish.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The class entrants will be scored based on their order of finish within their class. As a practice event, there will be NO use of these results to re-adjust handicaps for future races.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION

- 14.1 All entered boats should carry a GPS unit capable of receiving GPS time.
- 14.2 All entered boats should 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 racing.
- 14.3 As a practice event, a boat IS PERMITTED to make radio transmissions and receive radio communications from on-the-water coaches or the race committee.
- 14.4 No advice from coaches or the race committee shall supplant the skipper's judgment on the water. Boats may make to radio calls confirm Race Committee instructions, unlike regular races where that practice is forbidden.

15 AWARDS

- 15.1 Race trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee for any reason – reasonable, funny or whimsical.