

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

ROTTEN RALPH RACE – 2010 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES

1.1 This race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (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.

1.3 Entrants are reminded that this is a fun race and that the appropriate amount of frivolity should be employed.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 **REVISED: The 2009 race is open to any racing boat in Southern California.**

2.2 Entering boats shall file a completed Race Entry Form in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the PCYC bar.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1100 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

One race is scheduled for **Sunday August 29, 2009** with the first warning at 1225 hours local time.

6. RACING AREA

The starting line will be in the area approximately 1/4 mile offshore of the detached breakwater of the Channel Islands Harbor and racing will take place within an area of approximately a 5 nautical mile radius.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The race course will be from the START to Platform Gina, round Gina to port, to the FINISH rounding the detached breakwall to starboard.

7.2 The course length for handicap and scoring purposes is 6.5 NM

8. MARKS

8.1 The rounding mark is Platform Gina.

8.2 In the event of a missing rounding mark, its last known approximate latitude and longitude position (34° 07.03'N 119° 16.61'W) shall be substituted and used as the mark.

8.3 The Start mark is an inflatable buoy set to port of the RC boat.

8.4 The Finish mark is the stationary GS3 marker ashore on the north rock jetty of the Channel Islands Harbor entrance.

8.5 No redress will be given for missing marks whose Lat/Long position is stated herein.

9. THE START

9.1 It is the responsibility of each boat to check in with the Race Committee by VHF radio on Channel 68 prior to its start and be acknowledged to indicate that the boat is prepared to race. Channel 68 must be monitored until your boat's starting time.

9.2 This race will be started using RRS 26. The "Class" flag for all boats shall be an orange flag.

9.3 This will be a 'pursuit' or 'reverse' start with higher handicap boats starting before lower handicap boats. Official time will be GPS time. Each boat's starting time will be calculated based on their assigned handicap and the stated length of the course.

9.4 The start will be between the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable mark at the port end of the line. The start line will be set approximately perpendicular to the bearing to Platform Gina.

9.5 Thus, the resulting starting sequence for the first scheduled start time will be:

12:24:00	Courtesy Signal	(no flags)	Five Short Sounds
12:25:00	Warning	Raise Class Flag	One Short Sound
12:26:00	Preparatory	Raise Preparatory Flag	One Short Sound
12:29:00	One Minute	Lower Preparatory Flag	One Long Sound
12:30:00	First Start	Lower Class Flag	One Short Sound

9.6 After each boat's scheduled start time, the orange class flag will be re-raised. The subsequent scheduled start time will be signified by the orange class flag being lowered. The orange class flag will then be re-raised for the next subsequent scheduled start time. This sequence will continue until all boats' scheduled start times have been signaled.

9.7 Boats shall avoid the starting area until five minutes prior to their starting time.

9.8 No over early signals or hails will be made. A five minute penalty will be imposed to a boat being OCS (on the course side, ie. over early) at that boat's scheduled starting time.

9.9 Any boat starting the race more than five minutes in advance of its scheduled start time will be scored as DSQ (disqualified).

9.10 If, in the sole opinion of the Race Committee, conditions at the intended 1230 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 1300 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. Per the RRS, a postponement is signaled by the Race Committee using a red and white vertically striped pennant and accompanying sound signals.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish will be between the GS3 marker ashore at the end of the Channel Islands Harbor entrance north jetty on the port end of the line; and the orange shape hung from the side of the Race Committee boat, which will be shore side of the detached breakwater, at the starboard end of the line.

10.2 Entry to the harbor must be made from the north, leaving the detached break wall and committee boat to starboard.

10.3 In order to be scored as a finisher, a boat must have completed the course as described under sail propulsion alone **and have a black bra flying from the rigging which must be visible at the finish.**

11. TIME LIMIT

All boats must finish by 1600 (4:00 PM). Any boat not finished by that time will be scored DNF (did not finish). A boat that retires from racing after checking-in or starting shall notify the Race Committee if possible before leaving the racing area and will be scored DNF (did not finish).

12. PROTESTS

Protests will be denied over libations after the race. The protesting yacht skipper must buy the Event Chairman and the P.R.O. a cocktail of their choice in order for the protest to be heard. After consultation, the decision of the Protest Committee to deny the protest will be final.

13. SCORING

13.1 Class breaks for trophies including PHRF, CHRF and any others will be based on the number and distribution of entries for the race and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

13.2 Order of finish time less scoring adjustments will determine the award of trophies.

13.3 **Scoring adjustments for the following actions by the human skipper and crew members:**

Gal at the helm at the finish 2 seconds Other naked parts 2 seconds (or RC bonus)

Gal at the helm in black bra at the finish 5 seconds Naked butts on the rail 5 seconds each

Naked butts shown to RC 10 seconds each **RESTRICTION: all naked body parts must be covered by the time the boat passes a line from mark Green #3 to Red #2 (end of both jetties).**

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats entered must carry VHF radios capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16 and 68. The Race Committee will monitor Channel 68 for the duration of the race. The crew must be able to monitor VHF from the cockpit. (If a crew cannot hear the VHF during racing, emergency communications such as "man overboard" or course changes cannot be heard or acknowledged.) You may communicate with the committee boat only for a time check and for emergencies. Do not communicate with other racers during the race, trash talking is highly discouraged.

15. USE OF ENGINE POWER

Boats may be under power until 5 minutes before their starting time. A boat may not start its engine while competing in the race. A boat under power during the race is disqualified and scored DSQ.

16. EQUIPMENT

16.1 All boats will be equipped with standard Coast Guard safety equipment including a life-jacket for each person on board.

16.2 Spinnakers, gennakers, bloopers, staysails, handkerchiefs and poles may *not* be used.

16.3 Extra bras, up to and including size ZZ, may be used in unlimited quantities as additional sail propulsion without penalty.

17. CREW

At a minimum, there shall be a skipper and at least two crew members on each boat.

18. AWARDS

The awards ceremony will be conducted at PCYC as soon as scoring is completed and adequate libations have been consumed.