



RACING INSTRUCTIONS

Last Updated February 2007

1. RULES

- 1.1. USCG Navigation Rules, International-Inland.
- 1.2. All races will be conducted in accordance with the ISAF (International Sailing Federation) Racing Rules 2005-2008, except as modified by these sailing instructions. These rules are posted on the ISAF web site: <http://www.sailing.org>.
- 1.3. PHRF rules regarding sails, equipment and modifications will also apply. PHRF Class Rules may be downloaded at <http://www.phrfsocal.org>
- 1.4. Racing yachts encountering non-racing craft shall conform to the rules of the road. Be advised that no vessel has the right of way over a large ship in the channel. (COLREGS, Rule 9) Interference with a vessel claiming restricted maneuvering shall be grounds for disqualification.

2. ENTRY AND FEES

- 2.1. Fees for the VYC Monthly Race series will be \$5.00 per boat per race day payable to the Race Committee prior to the start of that race. Entry forms (if required) and fees will be accepted on/or prior to the day of the race.
- 2.2. Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to the race.
- 2.3. Fees for VYC sponsored regattas will be published in the race announcement and announced at our general meeting.

3. NOTICES - CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - CHANGES IN COURSES

- 3.1. Notices, changes in sailing instructions, or changes in course list will be distributed at the pre-race committee meeting and will be available aboard the committee boat.

4. PRE-RACE MEETING

- 4.1. There will be a pre-race meeting at prior to the race at the time and location identified in the notice to race.

5. POST RACE MEETING

- 5.1. As designated by the race committee.

6. STARTING RACES

- 6.1. Starting times will be as described in Section 6.3.
- 6.2. The starting line will be between an orange ball (known as the "pin" and also the "B" mark) and an orange flag on board the committee boat.
- 6.3. Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals. A signal of several beeps of the horn may be given just prior to beginning the starting sequence to make boaters aware that the race is about to start. Lack of these audible signals will not be cause for protest.

Signal Flag	Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Pre-warning	several short blasts	6
Warning Class flag;	1 long horn	5
Preparatory Black flag;	1 long horn	4
Preparatory flag removed	1 long horn	1
Starting Class flag removed	1 long horn	0

6.4 Class Flags:

Boats with handicaps ≤ 250 shall fly the #4 pennant.



Boats with handicaps > 250 shall fly the #6 pennant.



7. KEEPING CLEAR

7.1. When a yacht or group of yachts is within 4 minutes of the start time, all other yachts shall stay clear of the starting process. After a yacht is finished she shall immediately leave the finish area. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification.

8. RECALLS

8.1. Yachts over early will be signaled by the committee boat with one blast of a horn and the display of the "X" flag. Over early boats are required to restart according to rules 29 & 30 of the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing.

8.2. Failure of a yacht to hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligations to start correctly.

9. COURSE

9.1. A list of possible courses will be made available at the pre-race committee meeting on the day of the race and on the committee boat. The race committee shall post the course prior to or at the warning signal of each race.

9.2 The "A" Mark is an orange inflatable buoy located approximately 0.8 nautical miles upwind of the start line. The "B" Mark is the inflatable ball at the end of the start line opposite the orange flag on the committee boat.

9.3. The course shall be sailed in accordance with ISAF Rules of Racing Part 28.

10. COURSE CHANGES

10.1. The race committee may change the course prior to the warning signal of each race.

11. COURSE SEQUENCE

11.1. Sequence (See List of Courses for position of marks to be rounded).

11.2. Starting Line - Between Club buoy and an orange form on board the race committee boat.

11.3. Finish Line - The finish line is one and the same as the start line.

12. FINISH

12.1. Boats shall cross the finish line in the direction indicated by the most direct course from the last mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. The race committee will abandon its position at 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Yachts not finished by 5:00 pm will be recorded as "DNF" (Did Not Finish).

14. HANDICAP SYSTEM

14.1. Yachts will be handicapped per current PHRF, Area G, Cruising Fleet Handicap System.

14.2. Yachts of a type not rated by PHRF will be assigned arbitrary handicaps by the Fleet Captain.

15. SCORING

15.1. The race series will be scored using the low point scoring system as described in ISAF Rules of Racing 2005-2008 Appendix A4.1 Low point system.

15.2. All ties for a series will be broken using Appendix A of the ISAF Rules of Racing 2005-2008 – Section A8.

15.3. "DNS" (Did not start), "DNF" (Did not finish), or "DSQ" (Disqualified) shall receive points equal to the number of entrants for the race.

15.4. A "DNC" (Did not compete) shall receive points equal to the number of entrants for the race plus one.

16. PROTESTS

16.1. A protesting boat must show a red form immediately following an infringement of the rules.

16.2. A protesting boat must hail to the protested vessel.

16.3. A protesting boat is required to inform the race committee at the finish line of the boat(s) to be protested.

16.4. A protesting boat is required to submit a written protest to the protest committee.

16.5. Protests will be heard at the post-race meeting if possible. If not possible, the time and place of the protest hearing will be announced.

16.6. The protest committee reserves the right to meet at a later date to make its determination.

17. SAFETY

17.1. Proper safety gear will be carried by each boat per Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules of Racing 2001- 2004 and the Southern California PHRF Class Rules.

17.2. Each boat shall carry an anchor ready for deployment.

17.3. Each boat will carry an operational outboard motor mounted in its proper location.

17.4. Retiring yachts are required to notify the race committee prior to leaving the course.

18. RADIO

18.1. Race committee will attempt to monitor Channel 68. No contact with the Race Committee will be permitted after a race starts except in an emergency situation.

19. AWARDS

19.1. Trophies and Participation Awards will be awarded after each series or regatta.

20. ELIGIBILITY

20.1. To be eligible to race, a boat must be owned by a recognized member of The Venture Yacht Club of San Diego, and have at least one member on board.

20.2. Be officially invited by the governing board of the Venture Yacht Club of San Diego.