

# 2013 AHMANSON CUP SERIES



## Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Huntington Tidelands Race – April 20

Skylark Race – April 21

NHYC Opening Day Race – May 4

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of SoCal PHRF.
- 1.2. The series will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start. A boat's PHRF RLC rating will be used for the purpose of handicapping and assigning start times.
- 1.3. This series will be Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California and any rules governing the participation of Marine Industry Representatives are waived.
- 1.4. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, is designated on the application for entry--and if the boat is subsequently entered in the race, on the entry form--as "Skipper" and who is the person in charge of the boat during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules. The term Competitor as used herein is defined as any person who will be aboard an entered boat during the race. A boat's crew is the full complement of Competitors including the Skipper.
- 1.5. RRS 44.1 will be changed so that only one tack and one gybe is required.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is unrestricted subject to ISAF Regulation 20.2 and 20.3.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The series is open to all monohull sailboats with a valid PHRF certificate and a base RLC rating of 125 or lower.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter the Ahmanson Cup Series by completing the online entry form (available at [www.nhyc.org](http://www.nhyc.org)), paying the required entry fee, and submitting a valid 2013 PHRF certificate before 1700h on Thursday, April 19th. **Entries CLOSE @ 1700h on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3.3. The entry fee for this series is \$50, payable online during the entry process.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Ahmanson Cup Series will be composed of three races: the Huntington Tidelands Race, the Skylark Race and the NHYC Opening Day Race.

	Saturday, 4/20/13 Huntington Tidelands Race	Sunday, 4/21/13 Skylark Race	Saturday, 5/4/13 Opening Day Race
Check-In (On-the-water)	Beginning @ 1200	Beginning at 1200	Beginning @ 1200
First Warning	1225	1225	1225
Trophies	1800	1800	1800

### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, START TIMES AND CLASS BREAKS

- 5.1. Boats will be assigned starting times by the RC based on their PHRF RLC rating. These starting times will be made available as an attachment to the Sailing Instructions.

- 5.2. Sailing Instructions, including start times and class breaks (if any), will be made available on the official online notice Board ([www.nhyc.org](http://www.nhyc.org)) on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> by 1500. Provisional start times may be posted prior to that date.

## **6. COURSE AREA & CHECK-IN**

- 6.1. The Huntington Tidelands and Skylark Races will start and finish in the vicinity of the Newport Pier. The Opening Day Race will start in the vicinity of Long Beach and finish in the vicinity of Newport Pier.
- 6.2. Courses will be random leg courses. The course lengths for all races will be approximately 14 nm. Course descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and on the official notice board.
- 6.3. All boats must check-in with the RC signal boat via VHF Channel 5 at least 30 minutes before her starting signal. Specific check-in procedures will be described in full in the SI. Failure to check-in will result in a score of DNC for that race without a hearing.

## **7. SCORING**

- 7.1. The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply, except that boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
- 7.2. Three (3) races are scheduled. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

## **8. PRIZES**

- 8.1. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner of each of race following the racing for the day.
- 8.2. The Ahmanson Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the Ahmanson Series on Saturday, May 5.

## **9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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