



2013 AHMANSON CUP SERIES

Sailing Instructions

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), including US Sailing Prescription T, Section C, and the rules of PHRF of Southern California.
- 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.
- 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. RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one tack and one gybe is required.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice boards located at www.nhyc.org and in the main hallway at NHYC.
- 2.2. No competitors' meeting is scheduled. Any questions should be submitted in writing to charlie.underwood@nhycstaff.org before 0800 on Saturday, April 20.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice boards no later than 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day until the race committee (RC) boat departs for the race course.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located at the top of the NHYC main dock.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The Ahmanson Cup Series will be composed of three (3) races: the Huntington Tidelands Race (April 20), the Skylark Race (April 21) and the NHYC Opening Day Race (May 4).
- 5.2. Only one race will be sailed on each race day.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race day is 1225.

6. CLASSES

All boats will sail and be scored in a single class.

7. RACING AREA

The race area will be in the Pacific Ocean approximately west of the Newport Pier. Appendix A shows the approximate location of the race area.

8. COURSES

The courses will be selected from Appendix A, Course Descriptions. No later than the warning signal for the first boat, the RC will display the course to be sailed on a placard fixed to the RC signal boat.

9. MARKS

	DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE LOCATION	DIRECTION
Course 1			
Mark 1	Oil Island "Emmy"	33 39 .72 N, 118 02 .69 W	Port
Mark 2	Oil Island "Eva"	33 39 .70 N, 118 03 .69 W	Port
Course 2A			
Mark 1	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 36 .71 N, 118 02 .42 W	Starboard
Mark 2	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .92 N, 118 00 .58 W	Starboard
Mark 3	Bell Buoy "R4"	33 35 .21 N, 117 57 .28 W	Port
Course 2B			
Mark 1	Bell Buoy "R4"	33 35 .21 N, 117 57 .28 W	Starboard
Mark 2	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .92 N, 118 00 .58 W	Port
Mark 3	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 36 .71 N, 118 02 .42 W	Port
Course 3A			
Mark 1	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .92 N, 118 00 .58 W	Port
Mark 2	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .18 N, 118 03 .18 W	Port
Mark 3	Bell Buoy "R4"	33 35 .21 N, 117 57 .28 W	Port
Course 3B			
Mark 1	Bell Buoy "R4"	33 35 .21 N, 117 57 .28 W	Starboard
Mark 2	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .18 N, 118 03 .18 W	Starboard
Mark 3	Yellow Inflatable Cone	33 38 .92 N, 118 00 .58 W	Starboard
The Opening Day Race course will be described in a separate set of sailing instructions specific to the race.			
The start and finish mark for courses 1-3B will be a RED inflatable cone. It will be located at approximately: 33 36 .54 N, 117 56 .27 W			

10. CHECK-IN

- 10.1. Boats will be required to radio check in no later than fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled starting time on each race day.
- 10.2. Boats must check in via VHF Channel 72. A boat must announce her name, sail number, number of crew on board, and be acknowledged by the RC.
- 10.3. Boats who fail to check in will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of a nearby starting *mark*.
- 11.2. A boats' starting time will be staggered according to her PHRF RLC handicap. Appendix B shows the assigned starting times for all boats.
- 11.3. A warning signal will be made at 1225 by displaying a pink flag with one sound. Additionally, Flag I will be displayed with the warning signal to indicate RRS 30.1 is in effect for all starts. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.4. To determine when a boat is *racing*, her preparatory signal shall be four (4) minutes prior to her starting time. There will be no visual or audio signal; this changes RRS 26.
- 11.5. A whistle will be sounded at each boat's starting time. There will be no visual signal, this changes RRS 26.
- 11.6. RECALLS
 - 11.6.1. Individual recalls shall be signaled with one sound. Flag X will not be displayed, this changes RRS 29.1.

- 11.6.2. As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 63. Failure to execute this hail or failure to receive it shall not relieve a boat of her sole obligation to start properly, nor shall it constitute an improper action or omission of RC under RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.7. Beginning at 1240, a horn will sound at ten (10) minute intervals, accompanied by a numeral pennant as follows: "1" at 1240, "2" at 1250, "3" at 1300 etc. These flags will be lowered with no sound one (1) minute prior to displaying the next flag.
- 11.8. Boats not *racing* shall keep well clear of the starting area.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of a nearby finishing *mark*.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for all races is 1700.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus one. The scoring abbreviation TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be used for recording this circumstance. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A11.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. All protests must be submitted in writing to the protest desk located in the trophy room at NHYC or by email to charlie.underwood@nhycstaff.org. Protest forms must be submitted no later than sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat returns to dock. That time will be posted.
- 14.2. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee.
- 14.3. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when her hearing is called.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. RRS A9 is deleted.
- 15.3. A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. The Ahmanson Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the Ahmanson Series on Saturday, May 4th at 1730
- 16.2. The Huntington Tidelands Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Huntington Tidelands Race on April 20th at 1730.
- 16.3. The Skylark Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Skylark Trophy Race on April 21st at 1730.
- 16.4. Take home trophies will be awarded to the five top finishers in each race.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while *racing*, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and text messaging devices.
- 17.2. For the purposes of communication with competitors, the RC will use VHF 63.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the Ahmanson Cup, each competitor (Competitor) acknowledges the following:

- 18.1. The OA owns all media rights to the Ahmanson Cup and may exercise these rights without limitation.
- 18.2. Competitor grants the OA the unconditional and perpetual right to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information of Competitor prior to, during, and after the event.

19. 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.

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Appendix A: Course Descriptions

Appendix B: Competitor List & Start Times