



2015 NHYC OPENING DAY RACE

MAY 2, 2015
NOTICE OF RACE

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The 2015 NHYC Opening Day Race is hosted and organized by the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (OA).
- 1.2. The rating authority (RA) for this race is So Cal PHRF.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. This race is a Category 4 event as defined by PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.5. 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.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Opening Day Race will be governed by the rules as described in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") and the rules of So Cal PHRF.
- 2.2. RRS 44.1 will be changed so that only one tack and one gybe are required.
- 2.3. Any rules governing the participation of Marine Industry Representatives will be waived.
- 2.4. US Sailing Prescriptions 60, 62.3, and 63.4 will be deleted.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all monohull sailboats with a valid So Cal PHRF certificate and a base RLC rating of 125 or lower.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter the Opening Day Race by completing the online entry form (available at www.nhyc.org) and submitting a valid 2015 So Cal PHRF certificate before 1700h on Thursday, April 30th. **Entries CLOSE @ 1700h on Thursday, April 30th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3.3. There is no entry fee for this race.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check in (on-the-water)	Beginning at 1200
First Warning	1225
Trophy Presentation	1730

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) on Friday, May 1st by 1500. Provisional start times may be posted prior to that date.

6. COURSE AREA AND CHECK-IN

- 6.1. The Opening Day Race will start in Long Beach harbor at approximately 33 43.9 N 118 08.0 W and finish in the vicinity of the Newport Pier. A detailed course description will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 6.2. The course will be a random leg course as defined by PHRF and will be approximately 14 miles.

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 AND PRIZES

7.1. A boat's race score will be her order of finish.

7.2. The Opening Day Race Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat.

8. DISCLAIMER

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 the NYHC Race Office

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