

2016 NHYC OPENING DAY RACE

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one tack and one gybe are required.
- 1.3. The Opening Day Race will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start. A boat's PHRF base RLC rating will be used for the purpose of handicapping.
- 1.4. US Sailing Prescriptions 60, 63.2, and 63.4 are deleted.

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 jenn.lancaster@nhycstaff.org before 0800 on Saturday, May 2nd.

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. RACE SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1225.

6. CLASSES

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

7. RACING AREA & COURSE

Addendum A shows the approximate location of the race area and the course description.

8. MARKS

	DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE LOCATION	Direction
Start Mark	Orange Inflatable Cylinder	33 43.950 N 118 08.040 W	
FL R 2.5s 41' 5m2	LB breakwater west end light	33 43.395 N 118 10.850 W	Leave to port
Finish Mark	Orange Inflatable Cylinder	33 36.540 N 117 56.270 W	

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CHECK-IN

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

10. THE START

- 10.1. 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*.
- 10.2. A boats' starting time will be staggered according to her PHRF RLC handicap. Addendum B shows the assigned starting times for all boats.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. A whistle will be sounded at each boat's starting time. There will be no visual signal, this changes RRS 26.
- 10.6. RECALLS
 - 10.6.1. Individual recalls shall be signaled by displaying Flag X. There will be no sound signal. This changes RRS 29.1.
 - 10.6.2. 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).
- 10.7. 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 the next flag.
- 10.8. Boats not *racing* shall keep well clear of the starting area, which includes to weather of the start line.

11. 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*.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for the race is 1700 hours.
- 12.2. 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 two (2). The scoring abbreviation TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be used for recording this circumstance. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A11.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. All protests must be submitted in writing to the protest desk located in the race office at NHYC or by email to jenn.lancaster@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.
- 13.2. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee.
- 13.3. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when her hearing is called.

14. SCORING

One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series with no score excluded.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The Opening Day Race Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Opening Day Race on Saturday, April 30 at 1730.
- 15.2. Take home trophies will be awarded to the five top finishers of the race.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. For the purposes of communication with competitors, the RC will use VHF 63.

17. 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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