



# 2014 AHMANSON CUP

September 20-21  
**Sailing Instructions**

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club



## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. 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 Notice Board(s) located in the main hallway at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC).

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the gangway of the main dock.
- 4.2. Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.
- 4.3. 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.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. A maximum of 7 races are scheduled.
- 5.2. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1200 each day.
- 5.3. The race committee may change the schedule depending on the weather conditions or to suit the best interest of the regatta.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags will be as follows:
  - PHRF Buoy DIV 1: Code Flag 1
  - PHRF Buoy DIV 2: Code Flag 2
  - J/70: Code Flag 3

## 7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place near the Newport Beach Pier, San Pedro Channel, Pacific Ocean.

## **8. COURSE**

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed for the one design and PHRF Buoy divisions.
- 8.2. For the one design and PHRF Buoy divisions, no later than the warning signal, the RC will display the following information from the signal boat on placards:
  - The course number to be sailed
  - The approximate compass bearing for the first leg
  - The distance of the first leg
- 8.3. The letter "G" displayed with any course number will denote that a gate will replace Mark 3.
- 8.4. Table 2 in Addendum A to these sailing instructions describes all marks.

## **9. CHECK IN**

- 9.1. Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall: 1) sail past the RC signal boat on starboard tack; 2) announce her sail number; and 3) obtain the recognition of her sail number by the race committee. A boat failing to do so will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The start line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a course side of a nearby orange inflatable cylinder.
- 10.3. The order of start for the first race each day will be: PHRF DIV 1, PHRF DIV 2, J/70. Subsequent races will be started in the order determined by the RC. Competitors are requested to monitor VHF 63 for communication with the RC.

## **11. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

To change the position of the next mark, the R/C will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and an inflatable orange cylinder.

## **13. PROTESTS**

- 13.1. Protest must be submitted in writing on forms available at the protest desk, located in the trophy room of NYHC. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. Protests must be delivered within sixty (60) minutes of the race committee signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room(s), located at NYHC at the time posted.

- 13.4. The RC will post a list of boats scored as DNS, DNF, OCS, ZFP, and/or BFD on the official notice board thirty (30) minutes before the protest time limit.
- 13.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the requesting party was informed.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 13.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

#### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 14.2. For handicap divisions, the time-on-time (ToT) scoring method will be used to calculate a boat's corrected time. Time correction factors (TCF) will be included in Addendum B of the sailing instructions.

#### **15. LIABILITY AND SAFETY**

- 15.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper.
- 15.2. Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the NHYC race office, 949-723-6869 or via email [jenn.lancaster@nhycstaff.org](mailto:jenn.lancaster@nhycstaff.org).

#### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.

#### **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Take home prizes will be awarded to the top finishing boats in each division. The number of prizes awarded will depend on the number of boats entered in the division.
- 17.2. The Ahmanson Cup, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the largest one design fleet.

#### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The regatta organizers (OA, 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 regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the regatta 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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