



2017 BAXTER BOWL REGATTA

June 17-18

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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located in the boatyard at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC).

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they 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 dinghy ramp in the main boatyard.
- 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. The first warning signal will be given at 1200 hours each race day.
- 5.2. The race committee may change the schedule. It is the intention of the race committee to sail three (3) races each day.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Sunday, June 18.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Star class flag will be a flag with a red star on a white field.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place approximately 0.5nm west of the Newport Beach Pier, San Pedro Channel, Pacific Ocean.

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2. No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee will display the following information from the signal boat on placards:
 - The course number to be sailed; the approximate compass bearing, from *Mark 3* (or *marks 3s* and *3p*), for the first leg; and, the distance, from the start line, of the first leg.
- 8.3. The letter "G" displayed with any course number will denote that a gate will replace *Mark 3*.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. *Mark 1* will be a RED inflatable cone.
- 9.2. *Mark O* will be a GREEN inflatable cube.

- 9.3. *Mark 3*, or 3s or 3p, will be a YELLOW inflatable cone(s).
- 9.4. The starting and finishing line *marks* will be race committee vessels and/or an RED inflatable cone.
- 9.5. A new *mark* will be identified with a black cap. If a new *mark* is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with an original *mark*.

10. CHECK IN

Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall: 1) sail past the race committee 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.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The start line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a nearby course side of a nearby red inflatable cone.
- 11.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag(s) will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 11.3. A boat failing to start within ten (10) minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.4. As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to hail boats On Course Side (OCS). 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 R/C under RRS 62.1(a).

12. 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.

13. THE FINISH

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

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Protest must be submitted in writing on forms available at the protest desk, located in the race office at NHYC. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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 NHYC at the time posted.
- 15.4. The race committee will post a list of boats scored as DNS, DNF, OCS, ZFP, UFP and/or BFD on the official notice board thirty (30) minutes before the protest time limit.
- 15.5. 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 rule 66.

- 15.6. 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that when four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 16.2. Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

17. LIABILITY AND SAFETY

- 17.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 17.2. 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, 949-723-6870 or via email laurel@nhycstaff.org.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first (1st) through third (3rd).
- 19.2. The Baxter Bowl, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the Star class.

20. 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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