



Tri-Island Race . May 29-31, 2015

Sailing Instructions

- The Organizing Authority (OA) for this race is Los Angeles Yacht Club® (LAYC) and Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC).
- PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for PHRF classes.
- Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) is the Rating Authority (RA) for the ORCA class.
- The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form, and for the purpose of RRS 46, is the person in charge as it relates to the Racing Rules of Sailing or any matters related to the Tri-Island Race (TIR). 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.

1. Rules

- 1.1. All boats in the TIR will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Safety Equipment Regulations, (USSER), US Ocean Race level, effective 4/23/2014, except as modified by the notice of race and the sailing instructions. The equipment requirements are available at:
<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>
- 1.2. For boats competing in a sub class (i.e. CAL 40), the relevant class rules will also apply.
- 1.3. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 for Category A.

2. Alterations to the Rules

- 2.1. RRS Part 2, When Vessels Meet, will be replaced between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise by "Part B--Steering and Sailing Rules," of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 2.2. The US Sailing (USSER) requirement for SOLAS flares is changed to allow boats entered in the Coastal Race to carry U.S. Coast Guard required flares.
- 2.3. The U.S. Sailing (USSER) requirement 3.8.2. for a handheld radio has been changed to omit the requirement for DSC/GPS capability.
- 2.4. The U.S. Sailing (USSER) requirement 3.1.1. for crotch or leg straps to be attached to Personal Flotation Devices will be waived for the 2015 race.
- 2.5. USSER 2.4.4 Lifelines is changed to allow boats the option to be equipped with the original equipment lifelines supplied by the boat manufacturer or as class rules specify.
- 2.6. RRS 50.2 Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles and RRS 50.3 Use of Outriggers will be modified to allow the use of fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.7. RRS 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails that are not set. RRS 51, Movable Ballast, and RRS 52 Manual Power will be modified to allow the positioning of

movable ballast by power on boats as designed and as rated by the RA. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.

- 2.8. RRS 55 will be modified to allow for the disposal of biodegradable material used to band spinnakers.
- 2.9. RRS 62, Redress, will be modified to allow for interference in the race by a government authority.
- 2.10. RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration will be modified by adding: (d) When the protest committee (PC) decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule outside of RRS Part 2, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time."
- 2.11. RRS rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty will be used for Part 2 violations.
- 2.12. The Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California will not apply to this race.
- 2.13. National letters of country identification are not required. This changes RRS 77, 86.2 and RRS G1.1 (b).
- 2.14. The notification requirements of RRS 61 and 63 are satisfied for filed protests by posting protests pending on the Official Race Results Board at BCYC
- 2.15. The following changes only apply to boats competing in the ORCA division.
 - 2.15.1. OSR 3.18.1 is changed by adding "or fitted bucket."
 - 2.15.2. OSR 4.20.3 a)ii is changed by adding "; or: - a liferaft may be packed in a valise securely stowed below deck adjacent to a companionway.
 - 2.15.3. OSR 4.20.3 b) is deleted.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors, including protest notification, will be posted at LAYC and BCYC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the LAYC web site and the Race Bulletin Board at LAYC no later than 0900 on race day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LAYC flag pole.

6. CLASS DIVISIONS

- 6.1. Class A PHRF rating of 30 and below
- 6.2. Class B PHRF rating of 31 and higher
- 6.3. Any ORCA

7. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 7.1. The first warning signal for PHRF A and B is scheduled for 1155 hours On Friday, May 29, 2015.
- 7.2. The first warning signal for ORCA is scheduled for 1215 hours on Friday, May 29, 2015.
- 7.3. To alert boats that a sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal.
- 7.4. All PHRF classes start together, scheduled for 1200 hours.
- 7.5. ORCA class scheduled start at 1220 hours.

8. Race Course

8.1. Start

8.1.1. in the vicinity of Point Fermin

8.2. Course

8.2.1. to and around and to seaward of Santa Barbara Island, Catalina Island, and San Clemente Island. All three islands named shall be left to port

8.2.2. Sutil Island is considered part of Santa Barbara Island. Sutil Island is a continuing obstruction and passage between Sutil Island and Santa Barbara Island is prohibited.

8.3. Finish

8.3.1. The finish line will be located between the Newport Harbor Entrance bell buoy located at the port end of the line, and an orange flag on a staff on the Race Committee boat located at the starboard end of the line

8.3.2. The approximate GPS coordinates of the finish line are N 33.35.100, W 117.52.700

8.3.3. When competitors are three (3) miles from the finish line, they shall hail the Race Committee on VHF 71 and advise of their sail number and estimated time of arrival

8.3.4. Boats crossing the finish line during hours of darkness shall hail their sail number to the Race Committee boat.

9. Scoring

9.1. For scoring purposes, the handicap distance is 155 nautical miles

9.2. A boat's corrected time will be calculated using the Time on Distance scoring method with PHRF SoCal RLC base rating. ORCA Ratings will be used for multi-hulls.

10. Time Limit

10.1.1. The time limit is 1200 hours, Sunday, May 31, 2015

10.1.2. Boats finishing after that time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35

10.1.3. Any boat that starts, but retires before finishing, shall report Did Not Finish (DNF) as soon as possible, but in no case later than 1200 hours, Sunday by using one of the following methods:

10.1.3.1. Informing the Race Committee at the Finish Line

10.1.3.2. Notifying Race Committee by radio (Channel 71)

10.1.3.3. In person at BCYC

10.1.3.4. Notify the LAYC office at 310.831.1203, or via Channel 71.

11. Communications

11.1. The official web site is located on the race web-site www.LAYC.org.

11.2. The OA reserves the right to amend this SI. The OA will post amendments on the Official Notice Board on the race web-site.

11.3. The RC will monitor VHF channel 71 through the race.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Boats may take the Scoring Penalty rule 44.3. Penalties will be assessed as per the RRS for the number of boats in the Class, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2. Boats protested and found by the Protest Committee (PC) following a hearing to have broken a rule for equipment or safety violation under US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) or US Coast Guard (USCG) requirements, shall be penalized. The PC will apply a minimum of ten (10) minutes added to the boat's recorded elapsed time, up to a maximum of disqualification (DSQ) for each found violation. This changes RRS 64.1.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. The Protest Committee and Protest Committee Hearings will be at the BCYC.
- 13.2. Protest forms are available at BCYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within two (2) hours of the protesting boat's finish time. This changes rule 16.3.
- 13.3. Protests and Requests for Redress hearings may be heard starting at 1300 hours on Sunday, May 31, 2015, in the Protest Room located at BCYC
- 13.4. Protest notification will be posted on the Official Race Results Board located at BCYC
- 13.5. It is the responsibility of competitors to observe the posted Notice of Protest maintained on the Official Race Results Board or the Protest Notice Board to determine if their boat is involved in a protest.
- 13.6. Protests will not be accepted after 1300 hours on May 31.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS – CHECK-IN – RETIRING

- 14.1. Prior to starting, all boats shall check in with the Race Committee boat.
- 14.2. A boat failing to Check-In as described above, may be protested by the Race Committee and may be penalized by having sixty (60) minutes added to her elapsed time by the Protest Committee following a hearing.
- 14.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by either:
 - 14.3.1. Informing the Race Committee at the Finish Line
 - 14.3.2. Notifying Race Headquarters by radio (Channel 71)
 - 14.3.3. In person at BCYC

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 15.1. A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), The Racing Rules of Sailing, Class Rules, NOR and the Sailing Instructions. After finishing a boat may be inspected by a member(s) of the Race Committee at BCYC dock.
- 15.2. Notwithstanding any other penalties already specified in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, the Protest Committee may, after a hearing, assess an additional penalty(s) up to and including disqualification.

16. Awards

16.1. The Organizing Authority will award a perpetual trophy for first mono-hull to finish and first in PHRF as well as participation trophies.

17. Disclaimer

17.1. 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, RA, RC, PC, host clubs, 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.

17.2. Skippers are responsible for their own safe transit through the area of San Clemente Island under the control of the Navy. The latest information on island activity and transit control is available at <https://www.scisland.org/>

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