

2015 SEA OTTER REGATTA

October 10-11, 2015
Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the PCISA Supplemental Rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. ROTATION and FLEET ASSIGNMENT

- 4.1 Boats will be rotated between sets of races. A rotation schedule will be provided.
4.2 Teams will be assigned to Gold and Silver Fleets by PCISA.
4.3 Both Gold and Silver fleets will rotate boats on Del Monte Beach just north of the Yacht Club.
4.4 In the case of large/unpredictable seas, the rotation area will be relocated to the Coast Guard pier located in the Breakwater Cove Harbor.
4.5 Both Gold and Silver Fleets will have separate rotations.

5. BOATS & SAILS

- 5.1 Each team is responsible for supplying one class legal CFJ. Boats will be inspected by a designated regatta representative before launching or racing. Teams supplying boats that do not pass inspection will be responsible for supplying a replacement boat or make repairs as needed until the boat passes inspection.
5.2 Each high school team will be issued a set of PCISA sails. Teams will be responsible for their original issued set of sails and for returning those sails at the end of racing on Sunday. Final race results will not be posted until all sets of sails have been returned.

6. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 6.1 A Mandatory Competitor's meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 1000 and Sunday, October 12th at 1015.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct 11, 2014		Sunday, Oct 12, 2013	
Report Time	0800	PCISA Meeting	0930
Registration Ends	0955	Competitors Meeting	1015
Competitor's Meeting	1000	Racing Begins	1100
Racing Begins	1100	No Race Start After	1530
		Trophy Presentation	ASAP

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be approximately 500 yards north of Monterey Commercial Wharf #2.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks W, R and L will be yellow or orange inflatable marks. The offset mark will be a small round mark (buoy). The race committee has the option of using fixed MPYC or Monterey Bay Sanctuary marks as part of the start/finish line.

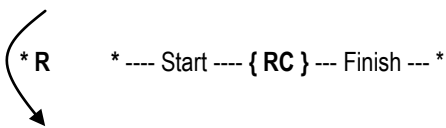
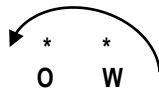
10. START/FINISH

- 10.1 The starting sequence will be a standard 3-minute starting sequence as described in the RRS & ISSA procedural rule, however it is changed such that 1 minute & 30 seconds will be signaled by 1-prolonged & 3-short sounds respectively.
10.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and an orange or yellow mark.
10.3 An inflatable mark will be attached to the stern of the RC boat. This mark is considered part of the boat and rule 31 applies.
10.4 The Start line is not restricted. The finish line IS restricted during all races from the start until all boats have finished.

10.5 No race will be started after 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2015. There is no time limit on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 All courses will be “port hand” courses (marks rounded to port), except for the leeward gate (you can chose to round in either direction as illustrated in the diagram below).
- 11.2 The illustration below shows the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.3 The number of the course to be sailed will be hailed or displayed from the Race Committee boat.



COURSE 1: Start, W, O, L, Finish	COURSE 4: Start, W, O, R, L, W, O, R, L, Finish
COURSE 2: Start, W, O, R, L, Finish	COURSE 5: Start, W, O, L, W, O, L, Finish
COURSE 3: Start, W, O, L, W, O, Finish	COURSE 6: Start, W, O, R, L, W, O, L, Finish

12. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. The Race Committee may attempt to hail a yacht’s sail number; however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start. Failure to be hailed or hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.

13. GENERAL RECALLS

13.1 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules (Multiple whistles and no visual signal) Rule 30.1 of the RRS (the 1 minute rule) will automatically go into effect after any general recall (Code flag I need not be displayed).

14. RETIREMENT

14.1 A yacht that retires from a race is asked to notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the race area. Immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

15.1 The “two turns” penalty described in RRS Rule 44.1 will apply.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests must be filed in writing within 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the beach for each rotation.
- 16.2 Decisions of the jury will be final in accordance with RRS Rule 70.5.
- 16.3 On the water judges may be present.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low-Point scoring System, Rule A4, will apply. A full rotation is scheduled, of which 3 races per fleet shall be completed to constitute a series. Each yacht's total score will be the sum of the scores for all races.

18. BREAKDOWNS

18.1 Breakdowns will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural rules.

19. COACHING

19.1 All coaching shall be done from either:

- a. The Monterey Commercial Wharf #2; or
- b. The Del Monte Beach adjacent to MPYC and Monterey Commercial Wharf #2.

19.2 All spectator and coach boats on the water will remain on the port side of the course and a least 50 yards from the race course at all times unless otherwise directed by the race committee.

19.3 Any spectators and coaches on the water shall have no contact with any competitor except when rendering assistance under RRS Rule 1, or as instructed by the Race Committee. Any competitor in violation shall be scored DSQ for the race during which coaching occurs. This shall not be subject to protest or redress.

20. PARTICIPATION

20.1 With the exception of RRS Rule 4, each school shall compete in all scheduled races. Any school breaking this rule, without permission of the Race Committee, is subject to severe disciplinary actions by the PCISA and ISSA.

20.2 Unless competing, no competitor shall be on the water.

21. TROPHIES

21.1 Trophies will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each fleet.