



THE OUTLAW REGATTA **Marina Del Rey to Seal Beach Race.**



Santa Monica Windjammers and Seal Beach Yacht Clubs

Saturday September 5th, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
RRS 51 is changed for boats whose PHRF rating certificate includes a movable water ballast system or a canting keel to allow the boat to use the movable water ballast system or allow the keel to be adjusted while racing.
RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of non-manual power to make such adjustments as designed and rated by their PHRF certificate.
2. **CLASSES:** The classes will include **PHRF, SPRIT PHRF, SPORT BOAT, DOUBLE-HANDED, ORCA** and **CRUISER**. Four boats are required to establish a class. Boats entered in a class with less than 4 entries may be assigned to another appropriate class.
 - The **SPRIT PHRF** class will consist of PHRF boats that have a fixed or adjustable bowsprit greater than 5% of its LOA.
 - The **SPORT BOAT** class will consist of PHRF boats with a performance factor of 3.25 or higher.
 - The **Double-Handed** class boats will start in their respective fleets as above but will be broken out and rescored as a separate class.
3. **SKIPPER'S MEETING:** 0930, Saturday, September 5th, at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES in SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Notices including classes and class signals, and any Changes will be posted on the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club race notice board no later than 15 minutes after the Skippers Meeting.
5. **EQUIPMENT:** All boats must meet USCG and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore races. Boats must carry a working VHF radio, charts of the race area, and the *RRS*. A Type III, or better PFD must be worn on deck on all boats that do not have lifelines, except for brief periods when changing clothing.

All boats are requested to fly their best pirate flag from their backstay!

- 6. RATINGS:** PHRF Off-Wind-Course (OWC) Base Ratings will apply. The Sport Boat Class will be PHRF boats with a performance factor of 3.25 and above. Cruising Class Adjustments will be assigned as defined in the Notice of Race. If a Non-Spinnaker boat sails in a Spinnaker Class, it will be given a Non-Spin Offset. Only Cruiser Adjustments assigned prior to the race start will be used. Assigned ratings are final and may not be appealed after initial review.
- 7. PRE-START CHECK IN:** All boats must check in with the Race Committee boat during the period that the RC boat is flying the L flag. Acknowledgment is essential. Any boat that has not been properly checked in may be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS). The L flag will be removed 1 minute prior to the first warning signal.
- 8. START:** The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1125 hours. An alerting signal of multiple horn blasts will be sounded approximately 1 minute before the Warning. The classes will be started in an inverted order with the higher handicap classes starting first. The starting line will be between Marina del Rey J mark and an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat. Start signals will be in accordance with *RRS 26*.
- J mark is located at approximately N 33° 57.051', W 118° 28.637'
 - A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 9. RECALLS:** *RRS 29* will be used, and the RC will attempt to hail sail numbers and/or boat's names verbally and/or on **VHF channel 71**. Failure to hear a notification or the order of recalls shall not be grounds for redress. Boats not returning to make a proper start will have 20 minutes added to their elapsed time.
- 10. COURSE:** Leave all course marks to port
- From Start Line (at J mark).
 - El Segundo buoy "2ES" (~146° M from J mark).
 - PV buoy R "10PV" (~158° M from J mark).
 - Point Fermin buoy "R6".
 - A line connecting the Alamitos Bay Jetty mid channel buoys is a continuing obstruction not to be crossed and shall be left to port.

"2ES", R "10PV" and R "6" are bell buoys. The Alamitos Bay mid channel buoys are small cans. Handicap distance is **29.9** nm.

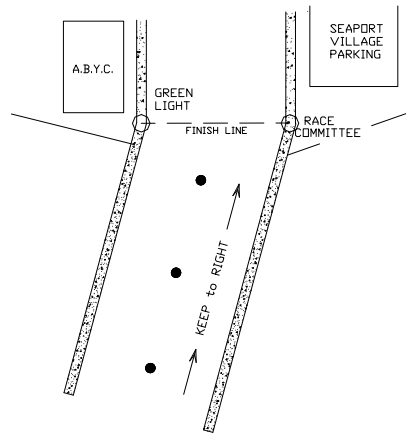
- 11. RETIREMENT:** Boats retiring before finishing must notify the Seal Beach Race Committee on **VHF 68**, or SIBYC at 562-594-6337. If a boat fails to make this notification it may be liable for search and rescue expenses and fines that may result from the boat's unexplained absence.

12. FINISHING COMMUNICATIONS:

- 12.1. The lead boat(s) shall call the Seal Beach Race Committee on **VHF Channel 68** when passing "Queens Gate", (Long Beach Harbor Entrance).
- 12.2. All boats shall alert the Seal Beach Race Committee of their imminent finish by calling the committee on **VHF Channel 68** as soon as practical after entering the Alamitos Bay Jetty. Make this transmission on low power.
- 12.3. DO NOT use Channel 68 for transmissions regarding slips. Use VHF 71 for slips.

13. FINISH:

- 13.1. Only a single headsail may be flown within the Jetty and Alamitos Bay.
- 13.2. The head of any spinnaker or second headsail must be at or below deck level when a boat crosses an imaginary line connecting the Alamitos Jetty **entrance lights**.
- 13.3. The finish line will be between an orange flag at a point at the south end of the Seaport Village parking lot and a permanent green navigation light south of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. The responsibility for being recognized at the finish rests entirely with the entrant.



- 14. **TIME LIMIT:** The race will be called for any class at 1900 hours if no boat in that class has finished. A boat finishing prior to 1900 hours shall establish the race for that class. No boats will be finished after 1930. This changes *RRS 35*.
- 15. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee at Seal Beach Yacht Club by the earlier of 45 minutes after the protesting boat finishes, or 2000 hours on Saturday.
- 16. **SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A4 will be used.
The Double-Handed Class will be scored by breaking out those boats from their respective PHRF, Sprit or Sport Boat Classes.