



# Seventy Fourth Annual Windjammers Race

Santa Cruz Yacht Club  
244 Fourth Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062 (831)-425-0690

**Friday, September 2, 2016**  
**Sailing Instructions**

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 This race shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Standard NCPHRF ratings will be used.
- 1.3 See SI 11 below for Minimum Equipment Requirements.
- 1.4 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the IRPCAS. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee may protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated IRPCAS, enforced by the Coast Guard, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended. This changes rule 61.3. Compliance with rule 60.2(a) shall not be required. The Santa Cruz Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of IRPCAS, enforced by the Coast Guard, or other government authority.
- 1.5 From sunset to sunrise the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS, COLREG 72) or the Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).
- 1.6 Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. Yachts shall comply with the equipment requirements of section 3.1.1 of the NCORC Safety Equipment Requirements while racing.
- 1.7 All boats racing with two persons on board are free to use self-steering or autopilot devices. This changes rule 52.
- 1.8 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Yachts meeting the eligibility requirements described in the Notice of Race may enter by completing the online registration process (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205>) prior to **1800 hours, Wednesday, August 31, 2016**. Boats are required to complete the online entry form including all crew information no later than **1800 hours, September 1, 2016**. Boats failing to comply with this requirement will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Prior to the start of the race, official notices will be posted online at [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205 - newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205-newsroom).

## 4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1800 hours on September 1, 2016. Code flag "L" will be flown from the StFYC race deck to signify that changes are posted. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on line at [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205 - newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205-newsroom).

## 5. THE COURSE

- 5.1 From the Starting Line to the finish line in Santa Cruz.
- 5.2 The "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis Yacht Club) and Anita Rock (and its buoy) shall be left to port.
- 5.3 The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge shall be left to port.
- 5.4 All rocks visible at mean low water, immediately adjacent to Marin County or San Francisco shorelines, shall be left to shoreward.
- 5.5 The Mile Rocks Lighthouse shall be left to port.
- 5.6 Ano Nuevo buoy (R"24" FI R 6s Whistle) must be left to shoreward.
- 5.7 The line between the following objects and the closest point shore is defined as an obstruction: "H" Beam, Anita Rock (and its buoy), the South Tower of the GGB, and rocks referenced above. A boat may not cross these lines. If she does so, she must retire from the race.

## 6. THE START

- 6.1 The starting line will be between the St. Francis Yacht Club outside yellow sphere (StFYC A) and a yellow placard located on the StFYC race deck. The inside (StFYC B) sphere, must be left to the south. StFYC B is not part of the Starting Line but serves as a limiting buoy to keep yachts in safe water.
- 6.2 Yachts must check in via radio between the hours of 0830 and 0925. Contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, giving yacht name, sail number, number of persons aboard and if there are any changes to the Float Plan

on file. The Race Committee must acknowledge the check-in on the radio to make it a valid complete check-in.

**Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNC.** This changes rules 63.1 and A5. The Race Committee may remind boats of their check in requirement over VHF channel 69 after the start. This changes rule 41.

6.3 Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been made are to remain further than 100 yards away from the Starting Line and keep clear of all yachts whose Warning has been signaled.

6.4 OCS boats that do not properly restart will have 60 minutes added to their elapsed times, except a yacht starting more than 15 minutes early will be scored DNS. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

6.5 Starting Signals: Friday September 4, 2015.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
0830 – 0925	Mandatory VHF69 Check In		
0930	Warning	PHR01	F
Warning		PHR02	E
Warning		PHR03	A
Warning		PHR04	B
Warning		DBL Handed	D
Warning		Cruising	M

6.6 Divisions will be started independently in accordance with rule 26. After the first start, Warning Signals for subsequent divisions will occur not earlier than one minute after the preceding start. While an attempt will be made to start divisions in the order shown above, the Race Committee may alter the starting order for any reason. The class flag raised at the Warning Signal will determine starting order.

6.7 The Race Committee may communicate starting order and countdown signal times over VHF channel 69. This changes rule 41.

6.8 Final division breakdowns/starting assignments will be posted online at (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11205>).

## 7. RECALLS

7.1 The Race Committee may hail OCS boats on VHF channel 69. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear the hail, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 41 and rule 62.1(a).

7.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2.

## 8. THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the end of the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz and a temporary mark approximately 150 yards off the wharf and approximately in line with the RW "SC" Whistle Buoy. The temporary mark shall be left to starboard. Approximately 2nm prior to their finish all yachts are requested to notify the Finishing Committee on VHF Channel 69 as they're approaching the Finish Line. As a precaution, all yachts shall take their own time as they cross the finishing line, note any boats near them and provide this information to the Race Committee upon request. GPS time shall be used.

## 9. TIME LIMIT

9.1 Boats not finishing by 1200 hours on Saturday, September 03, 2016 will be scored DNF.

## 10. SCORING PENALTY

10.1 The Turns Penalty, rule 44.2 does **not** apply. The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, **will** apply. The penalty shall be three (3) places, but not worse than a DSQ score. When taking a penalty, boats shall comply with the yellow flag and notification requirements required by rule 44.3(b).

## 11. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

11.1 Yachts must meet the NORCAL Equipment Requirement. These requirements can be found on the YRA web site at: <http://norcalorc.org/>

11.2 Life rafts, while recommended, are not required.

11.3 Participants are subject to random, post-race inspections to verify compliance.

## 12. RETIRING FROM THE RACE

12.1 Yachts retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee via VHF Channel 69 of their withdrawal. If contact cannot be made via VHF radio, the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club shall be notified via telephone (831.425.0690) at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to notify the Race Committee may be grounds for rejecting future entries to the Windjammers Races.

**13. CRUISING DIVISION**

13.1 Cruising Division (Division B) yachts are permitted to motor for the length of time calculated for the yacht to travel 20 miles at a speed equal to  $(1.3 \times \sqrt{\text{waterline length}})$ . In addition, yachts entered in the Cruising Division are permitted to use motors from their preparatory signal until passing under the Golden Gate Bridge. This shall not count toward a yacht's total motor allowance.

13.2 Yachts with engines running and/or a white steaming light shall be considered under power with respect to right of way rules. In order to qualify for a trophy, those competing in Division B (Cruising Division) must maintain a Motoring Log (attached) and submit it to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office within two hours of completing the race.

**14. TIME ALLOWANCE**

14.1 The distance used for Cruising Division is 47 miles sailing at the PHRF rating and 20 miles motoring at the stipulated speed.

**15. SCORING**

15.1 For the Cruising Division standard PHRF time-on-distance calculations will be used. For other divisions, PHRF time-on-time calculations (based on NorCal PHRF standard ratings) will be used. The race committee will use 650 as a numerator and will determine, at its sole discretion, the denominator (B factor) based on race-day conditions.

**16. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

16.1 Yachts must not interfere with commercial vessels or tugs and their tows or naval vessels. Yachts so doing and endangering their own safety or that of the commercial vessel are subject to protest by the race committee and/or protest by competitors and possible disqualification.

**17. PROTESTS**

17.1 All protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club office by 1300 hours September 3, 2016. Protest forms are available at the SCYC Clubhouse. Protest hearings will take place as soon as possible after 1300 hours on September 3, 2016. Parties to the protest will be notified of the time and place of the hearing by notice on the Official Race Bulletin Board at the SCYC. It is the competitors' responsibility to be aware of the schedule and location of hearings.

**18. AWARDS**

18.1 Trophy presentation will commence at approximately 1530 hours, Saturday, September 3, 2016 at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

**19. DOCKING**

19.1 In San Francisco: the St. Francis Yacht Club requires all boats that wish to use the docks at the St. Francis Yacht Club to sign in with the Dock master or the front desk. Boats arriving more than 48 hours before the start of the race are subject to docking fees. All boats and equipment must be removed from the visitor docks prior to the start of the Windjammers Race.

19.2 In Santa Cruz: SCYC, will provide one end ties in the Santa Cruz Harbor for berthing at no charge for Friday evening. These will be available on a first come first served basis. Boats should expect to be rafted up and should be prepared accordingly. Alternative berthing must be arranged individually with the Santa Cruz Harbormaster's Office (831.475.6161). Contact the harbor masters office on VHF Channel 9 after 5pm

19.3 Gate and shower keys will be available from the Santa Cruz Harbor Master for a refundable deposit The Race Committee will monitor VHF 69. The Santa Cruz Port District can be reached on VHF channel 09.

**20. COMMUNICATIONS PROCEEDURE**

20.1 All boats shall follow the following communications procedure:

20.2 At **all times** while racing a boat shall monitor VHF Channel 16, in accord with Coast Guard and other regulations. Boats shall be capable of receiving radio transmissions on Channel 16 from USCG, fellow competitors and the Race Committee. When hailed by radio they shall respond. (See: FCC 47 CFR §§ 80.148, 80.310, NTIA Manual 8.2.29.6.c(2)(e), ITU RR 31.17, 33.18, AP13 §25.2)

**21. REGATTA INFORMATION**

Bret Gripenstraw 831.818.9519

SCYC Office: 831.425.0690

Santa Cruz Harbor Master: 831.475.6161 between 9am and 5pm

Santa Cruz Harbor master can be reached on VHF 9 & 16 after hours

**MOTORING REPORT**

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_

Navigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Waterline Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Calculated Motoring Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ (1.3 x square root WL)

Allowed Motoring Time: \_\_\_\_\_ hrs \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec (20 NM / Calc Speed)

**MOTORING LOG**

Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop Time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_ hrs \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

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Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Stop Time \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_ hrs \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

TOTAL\_hrs \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec

Finish Time \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that these times are accurate and are within the allowed motoring handicap for our vessel (signed):

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_

Navigator: \_\_\_\_\_

**This signed report must be turned in to the Windjammers Race Committee (at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office) within two hours of finishing, in order to qualify for a trophy.**