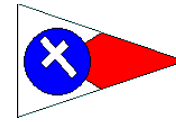


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1. RULES

- 1.1. This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS 40 is changed by deleting "When flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal,". All competitors must wear a PFD while racing and on deck. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2. NOTICES TO AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the SCYC Official Notice Board, located in the northeast corner of the SCYC clubhouse, and may be posted on-line.
- 2.2. A competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 hours on November 15 at the SCYC Clubhouse.
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee may use VHF channel 68 for communication.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1030 hours on the day they take effect, except changes to the schedule of races which will be posted no later than 1800 hours the night before they are to take effect.
- 3.2. Signal flag "L" will be flown from the SCYC clubhouse to indicate changes have been posted.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SCYC clubhouse deck.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1-minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signals AP.

5. SCHEDULES OF RACES

- 5.1. Racing is scheduled for November 15 and December 20 of 2014 and for January 17, February 21 and March 21 of 2015.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is at 1155 hours.
- 5.3. Subsequent races shall be held after the completion of each race.
- 5.4. For subsequent races, classes may be started in any order.
- 5.5. There may be up to three races scheduled each race day for a total of fifteen races.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags for each division will be:

Division A (PHRF <90)	Signal Flag F
Division B (PHRF >89)	Signal Flag E
Double Handed Division	Signal Flag D
Jib & Main Division 1 (PHRF <182)	Signal Flag K
Jib & Main Division 2 (PHRF >181)	Signal Flag J
Multihull Division	Signal Flag U

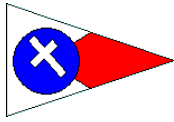
7. RACE AREAS

- 7.1. The racing area will be within a three (3) mile radius from the Santa Cruz Harbor.
- 7.2. The start will be located approximately three quarters of a mile SE of the Santa Cruz Harbor.

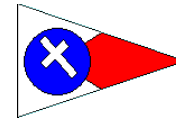
8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Course numbers will be signaled by the display of a numeral pennant on the race committee signal boat.
- 8.2. The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM



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Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Mark W will be an **ORANGE** inflatable Tetrahedron.
- 10.2. Marks Y and L will be **YELLOW** inflatable Tetrahedron.
- 10.3. Mark Sp will be a **RED** ball.
- 10.4. Mark G will be a **GREEN** inflatable Tetrahedron.
- 10.5. Mark SBs will an **ORANGE** flag flown from a flagstaff on the signal boat or a **RED** ball if the race committee signal boat is not on station.
- 10.6. The following Marks are Rounding Marks: W, Y and L.
- 10.7. Mark Sp and SBs form a gate, with Mark Sp to be left to port and Mark SBs to be left to starboard during all windward legs of each race.

11. CHECK-IN AND BOATS RETIRING BEFORE FINISHING

- 11.1. Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number. She has not successfully checked in until the race committee replies with her sail number.
- 11.2. A boat retiring before finishing a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible by radio on channel 68 or by telephone to SCYC (831) 425-0690.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and Mark Sp.
- 12.2. Competitors are reminded that rule 24.1 requires boats whose preparatory signal has not been made (and therefore are not racing) to avoid boats that are racing. Stay clear of the starting area when not racing. The race committee may protest a boat for breaking rule 24.1.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 12.4. After the starting signal, the race committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line by VHF radio channel 68. Failure to hail, the order of hail or any errors in the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

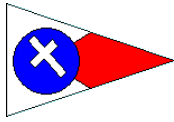
- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between a race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

14. THE FINISH

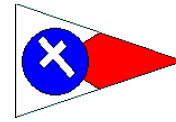
- 14.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee Signal Boat, Mark SBs, and Mark Sp. An **RED** ball may replace the Signal boat if the boat is not on station.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the SCYC regatta shed and at the SCYC Clubhouse office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee at the SCYC regatta shed or to the club staff at the SCYC Clubhouse within the time limit.
- 15.2. The protest filing time limit will be 60 minutes after the arrival of the race committee signal boat at the dock and will be posted on the SCYC Official Notice board.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.



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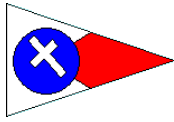
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16. SCORING

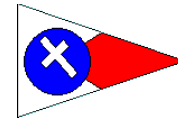
- 16.1. Three (3) races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2. Boats not entered in the series will be scored for the races held on the day entered and not included in the series scoring.
- 16.3. When fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. When five (5) races are completed and fewer than ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When ten (10) races have been completed and fewer than fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. When fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores. This changes A2.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 17.2. Winners of divisions with three or more entries in the series will be eligible for the Champion of Champions Regatta.



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ATTACHEMENT A – COURSES

Courses:

Division A, Division B, Double-Handed Division, 505 Division, Multihull Division
Course Number and Description

- 1 Start, W(p), Finish
- 2 Start, W(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, W(p), L(p), Finish
- 3 Start, W (p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, W(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate *, W(p), L(p), Finish
- 4 Start, W(p), G(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, W(p), L(p), Finish
- 5 Start, Y(p), Finish
- 6 Start, Y(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, Y(p), L(p), Finish
- 7 Start, Y(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, Y(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, Y(p), L(p), Finish
- 8 Start, Y(p), G(p), L(p), Sp-SBs gate*, W(p), L(p), Finish

* Sp-SBs means Sp to port, SBs to starboard (i.e. the boat must cross the start finish line)

Marks - All Rounding Marks are to be left to port

W – Rounding Mark, Inflatable orange tetrahedron

Y – Rounding Mark, Inflatable yellow tetrahedron

L – Rounding Mark, Inflatable yellow tetrahedron

SBs – Signal Boat or a red round buoy if the Signal Boat is not on station

Sp – Red round buoy

