## SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA Saturday & Sunday February 20/21, 2016

## SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. RULES The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- **2. ENTRIES** PHRF boats must be members of their class and an SCYA yacht club and use their Area B Buoy Ratings. Cruisers will use ASMBYC certificated Buoy Ratings.
- <u>3. NOTICES/CHANGES</u> Notices to competitors or changes, classes and class flags will be posted at SMWYC by 1000 hours on Saturday for PHRF and Cruisers. Notices prior to 1700 hours Friday will be posted on the Regatta Network page.
- **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES** PHRF classes are scheduled for three (3) races on Saturday and two races on Sunday. If less than three races are completed on Saturday, the race committee may add a third race on Sunday. Cruiser Classes are scheduled for two races on Saturday and one race on Sunday.
- 4.1 The warning signal for the first start both days will be at 1155 hours. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.
- 4.2 Boats shall check in at the Race Committee Boat before the first starting sequence.
- <u>5. CLASSES</u> PHRF and Cruising Classes will be established based on entries. Classes, class flags and order of starts will be posted by 1000 hours on Saturday.
- **6. COURSES** PHRF races will be selected from the Marina del Rey Course Chart 16 which is made a part of these instructions. U mark, if used, will be a yellow inflatable shape. V mark at 33°57.007'N and 118°29.777W will replace the U mark if D is signaled for Course direction. Any missing mark, if used, will be replaced with an inflatable.

The Cruiser races will be selected from a Cruiser Class Course list to be posted on the race website by Friday pm.

Course signals will be flown at or shortly after a class's warning signal until the start signal for that class. This changes *RRS 27.1*.

**7. START/FINISH** Races will be started in accordance with *Racing Rule 26*. An Alerting Signal of multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the first Warning Signal of a start sequence. The Start line will be between an <u>Orange</u> Flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat anchored near 'S' mark and an Orange inflatable shape to <u>port</u> of the committee boat. The Finish line for all classes will be between the starboard side of the Race Committee boat's mast and S mark.

The Start/Finish lines are shown in the following diagram.

## START/FINISH LINE

Orange shape		RC boat	S mark	
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	Start Line	Finish	Finish Line	

- **8. RECALLS** Any recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29. The race committee will attempt to notify boats "On the Course Side" (OCS) at the start by verbal hail or announcement on *VHF channel 71*. Failure to hear a hail or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress.
- **9. COURSE CHANGE** A change of course direction will use the same procedure for new mark direction as the course direction designation at the start. That is, a change of course signal will fly a single letter flag at a leeward mark for the next weather mark whether it is WW, W, or U and all subsequent marks will shift as per MDR Course Chart 16 to align with the new weather mark. This changes *RRS* 33.
- **10. PENALTIES** RRS 44.1 is modified to one 360° turn including one tack and one gybe when RRS 18 (Mark-Room) does not apply.
- **11. TIME LIMIT** The time limit is 1615 hours for the first boat to finish in a class to establish a race for that class. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the PHRF class finisher or 30 minutes in the Cruising class may be scored last place in that race. This changes *RRS 35*.
- 13. PROTESTS Boats must inform the Race Committee on station of intent to protest and file a protest at SMWYC within one hour after the committee boat has docked. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after filing but can be delayed if any potential result will not change the award of trophies. A pre-hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving RRS Part 2. One representative from each party will appear before a pre-hearing officer and no witnesses are permitted. If the pre-hearing officer's recommendation(s) are not accepted by all parties, the protest will be referred to a protest hearing. In the pre-hearing, a boat taking a penalty shall have its finish position reduced by 40% of the number of boats in her class but not below last place. The pre-hearing officer may be a witness at a protest hearing.
- **14. SCORING** The Low Point Scoring System, *RRS Appendix A* will apply. *A2* is modified to <u>all</u> completed races in each class will count in a boats score. Corrected finish times will be calculated using the time-on-distance rule.
- 16. TROPHIES The trophies will be awarded by SCYA based on entries in each class.

After the races

Join us at SMWYC for *hospitality* each day and

Trophy awards on Sunday