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2016 VENTURA YACHT CLUB REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Revised 8/17/16 for Regatta #3

1. **RULES:** These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the J-24 Class Rules, except as any of the above are changed by these Sailing Instructions. The PHRF MIR Rule is not in effect.
2. **ENTRIES:**
 - 2.1 This series is open to all boats, less than 45 feet LOA, with a valid PHRF certificate or J-24 one-design class membership. **Entry can be made online at www.venturayachtclub.org. Just follow the link (On the Water, Racing, Registration) to the Regatta Networks site. Competitors are encouraged to register prior to race day.**
 - 2.2 The entry fee is \$60 for the series, or \$25 per individual regatta.
3. **HANDICAPPING:** Area A Buoy Course handicaps will be used for PHRF classes.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located inside the downstairs patio.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions from the RC on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the Committee Boat.
6. **SCHEDULE:** There will be a Skippers Meeting at 0900 on September 10, 2016. Regattas are scheduled for Saturday, April 16; Sunday, April 17; and Saturday, Sept. 10. Three or more races are planned for each regatta. Two races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
7. **CLASSES:** Two PHRF Classes and a J-24 Class are planned. PHRF Class breaks will be as follows: Class A will be 120 and below. Class B will be 121 and above.
8. **THE COURSES:**
 - 8.1 See Diagram 1 and Course information on page 4 of these Sailing Instructions.
 - 8.2 Marks will be yellow or orange tetrahedrons.
 - 8.3 Designation of the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be signaled from the race committee boat before or with the warning signal for the first starting class. For succeeding classes, the course signal will be displayed with or soon after the warning signal for that class. This changes Rule 27.1.

- 9. CHECK-IN:** After the race committee boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is requested to check in over Channel 69 or sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee start boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's number.
- 10. THE START:**
- 10.1 Anticipated start time for the first class is 1200 hours.
- 10.2 There will be a courtesy sound signal (multiple air horn blasts) approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence.
- 10.3 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and mark "L". A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1 and A4.
- 11. RECALLS:**
- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1 (code flag "X" and 1 sound signal).
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2 (code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals). A new warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the "first substitute" is lowered.
- 11.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for the succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.
- 11.4 After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF Channel 69.
- 11.5 The following shall not be grounds for granting redress: [This changes Rule 62.1(a)]
1. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 2. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 3. Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.
- 12. TIME LIMIT:** If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes OR if the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned for that class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing and will be scored two more than the last boat finishing. This modifies rules 35, A4, and A5.
- 13. THE FINISH:** The finishing line shall be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and mark "L".
- 14. PROTESTS:** Protests shall be written on forms available at the VYC office and filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the docking of the RC boat.
- 15. SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply for daily regattas. Daily scores will be computed with no throw-outs. Series score will be computed using the Daily scores on a high point basis with no throw-outs.
- 16. PENALTIES:** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe. This modifies 44.1 and 44.2.

- 17. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** PHRF classes must carry the safety equipment required by the U.S. Safety Equipment Requirements for U.S. Nearshore Races (Definition 1.0.3) as modified to add USSER 2.4.1 - 2.4.7 to require lifelines; except that coated lifelines are allowed (changes 2.4.4). Refer to: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>). Minimum crew for PHRF is 2. All boats regardless of class shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69.
- 18. Competitors are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.
- 19. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance.
- 20. **TROPHIES:** There will be daily trophies for each regatta and Series trophies. The daily trophies will be awarded at the succeeding regatta skippers meeting, except for the final regatta. Series trophies and daily trophies for the Sept 10 regatta will be awarded Sept 10.

Table 1: Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class	Trophies
1-3	1st Place
4-6	1st & 2nd Place
7 or more	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

- 21. **RETIREMENT:** A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to compete in a race is requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area. RC will monitor VHF channel 69. VYC office number is 805-642-0426.
- 22. **POST-RACE ACTIVITIES:** There will be an attitude adjustment party at VYC after each regatta. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.

8.1 (Continued):

DIAGRAM 1 AND COURSE INFORMATION

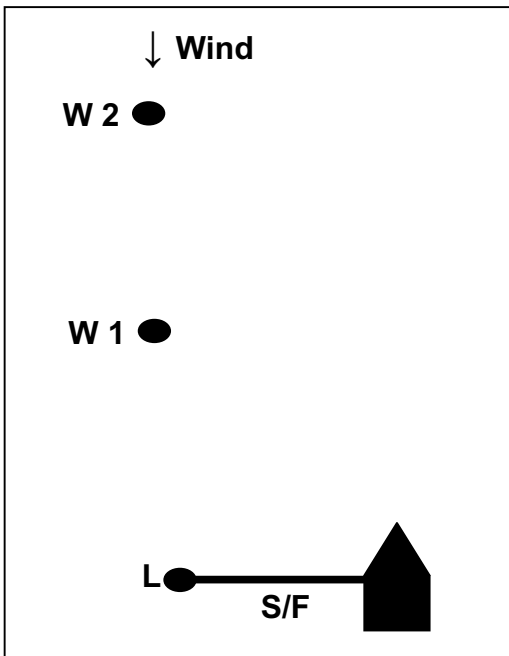


Diagram 1: Race Course

W1 is approximately 3/4 mile from start
W2 is approximately 1.5 miles from start
All marks shall be left to port

	Course	Approximate Distance
1.	S-W1-F	1.5 miles
2.	S-W1-L-W1-F	3 miles
3.	S-W1-L-W1-L-W1-F	4.5 miles
4.	S-W2-F	3 miles
5.	S-W2-L-W2-F	6 miles
6.	S-W2-L-W2-L-W1-F	7.5 miles