

2016 VYC SAILFEST: PHRF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 23, 2016

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- 1 **RULES** The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the PHRF Class rules, except as any of the above are changed by these Sailing Instructions. The PHRF Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule is not in effect; this modifies PHRF Class Rule 8.
- 2 **ENTRIES** Valid PHRF rating certificates are required for all PHRF boats. PHRF Area A Random Leg Course handicaps will be used. **Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying fees online at www.venturayachtclub.org. Just follow the link there to Regatta Networks. Deadline for registration is 0900 on Saturday July 23. You are strongly encouraged to register online before race day.**
- 3 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the Ventura Yacht Club downstairs patio.
- 4 **SKIPPERS' MEETING** The Skippers' Meeting will be held in the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse at 0900 hours on Saturday July 23.
- 5 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on Saturday July 23. Oral instructions from the Race Committee (R/C) on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the committee boat.
- 6 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 7 **SCHEDULE OF RACES** One Random Leg race is scheduled for Saturday July 23. The warning signal for the first PHRF spinnaker class is scheduled for 1155 hours.
- 8 **CLASSES**
 - 8.1 A single PHRF spinnaker class and a single PHRF non-spinnaker class will be established with a minimum of four boats in each class. If there are fewer than four boats in either class, the nonspinnaker boats will race with the spinnaker boats and use their nonspinnaker offset.
 - 8.2 The class flag for the spinnaker class will be White.
 - 8.3 If there is a separate nonspinnaker class, the class flag for this class will be Green.
- 9 **RACING AREA** The racing will commence from a **starting line located approximately one-half mile south of the Ventura Harbor R2 whistle buoy.**

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10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course diagram and course descriptions for the PHRF class(es) are shown on Page 4.
- 10.2 Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled by displaying the number of the course from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal for the first starting class. For succeeding classes, the course signal will be displayed with or as soon as practicable following the warning signal for that class. This changes Rule 27.1.
- 10.3 The approximate compass bearing to the first mark for each course can be found on Page 4.
- 10.4 When an oil platform is a mark of the course, its associated mooring buoy(s) are also marks of the course. Such buoys are to be passed on the same side as the oil platform is to be passed.

- 11 **CHECK IN BEFORE THE START** After the R/C signal boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal for the first start, each boat shall check in either by VHF channel 69 or by sailing close hauled on starboard tack, close by the R/C signal boat, and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the R/C. A boat failing to do so shall receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS Rule 44.3[c]. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 and A5.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26. The order of starts will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable tetrahedron at the port end.
- 12.3 **STAND OFF MARK.** A float may be trailed off the stern of the R/C signal boat. For the purposes of RRS Rule 31.1 any such float is part of the R/C signal boat.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid starting area during the start sequence for other races.
- 12.5 There will be a courtesy signal (multiple sounds) one minute prior to the beginning of the start sequence for the first PHRF class.
- 12.6 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts on VHF channel 69.
- 13.2 The following shall not be grounds for redress [this changes Rule 62.1(a)]:
 - A) Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 - B) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 - C) Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.
- 13.3 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2.

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- 14 RETIREMENT** A boat that retires from a race after checking in shall notify the race committee on VHF channel 69 as soon as possible before leaving the racing area or, when that is impossible, notify the Ventura Yacht Club by phone (805-642-0426) or immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 15 THE FINISH** The finish line shall be on a line from the VYC clubhouse balcony to the green light standard (#3) near the southern end of the detached breakwater in Ventura harbor. Competitors are requested to notify the R/C on VHF channel 69 when approximately 30 minutes from the finish line.
- 16 PROTESTS**
- 16.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Ventura Yacht Club office within 60 minutes of the finish of the protesting boat, or within 60 minutes of her return to her harbor if she retires. Protest forms are available at VYC.
- 16.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Protest Notice Board on the patio as they are filed. It is the responsibility of each skipper lodging a protest to present himself or herself, and any witnesses, at the jury room when the protest is to be heard.
- 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). Minimum crew for PHRF is 2. Refer to: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>. All boats regardless of class shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any participating boat for compliance with safety equipment or class requirements, and to disqualify nonconforming boats. Racers are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.
- 18 NON-SPINNAKER DEFINITIONS**
- 18.1 No spinnakers or spinnaker-like sails such as flashers, cruising 'chutes, MPSs, gennakers, etc. are allowed. All headsails must meet the measurements of Racing Rule 50.4.
- 18.2 Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be used at a time and, when in use, shall be attached to the foremost mast.
- 18.3 The use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a 6 second per mile penalty unless the boat is already handicapped for such larger sail.
- 18.4 More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.
- 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION** The race committee will monitor VHF channel 69.

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Figure 1. COURSE CHART FOR THE PHRF CLASSES

#	Course	Magnetic Heading To First Mark	Rated Course Length
1	S Bs As F	161	12.0
2	S Bs G1s R2s F	161	20.8
3	S Bs Mp G2s F	161	21.6
4	S G3s Bs G3s R2s F	164	20.6
5	S G1s R2s F	209	18.7
6	S G1s Cp Ap F	209	20.8
7	S G1s As Cs As F	209	20.3
8	S G1s R2p Ap F	209	22.8
9	S G2s R2s F	232	15.6
10	S G2s Cp Ap F	232	17.7
11	S G2s R2p Ap F	232	20.0
12	S G4s R2s F	237	20.2
13	S G4s Cp Ap F	237	22.3
14	S Ap Mp R2s F	269	8.5
15	S Ap Bp R2s F	269	12.3
16	S Ap G3p R2s F	269	17.8
17	S Ap G4p R2s F	269	20.6
18	S Ap Ms G2s F	269	21.0
19	S Cp Mp R2s F	280	6.7
20	S Cp Mp R2p Cp Mp R2s F	280	13.1
21	S R2p G2p R2s F	360	16.5
22	S R2p G1p R2s F	360	19.3
23	S R2p G4p F	360	21.1

MARKS		APPROX LOCATION	
A	Fishsticks	L: 34° 14.5'N	Lo: 119° 19.8'W
B	"Wes" buoy	L: 34° 09.9'N	Lo: 119° 16.4'W
C	Chips buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 18.2'W
M	Mandalay buoy	L: 34° 12.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.5'W
R2	Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 16.7'W
G1	Platform Gail	L: 34° 07.5'N	Lo: 119° 24.0'W
G2	Platform Gilda	L: 34° 10.9'N	Lo: 119° 25.1'W
G3	Platform Gina	L: 34° 07.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.6'W
G4	Platform Grace	L: 34° 10.8'N	Lo: 119° 28.1'W

