SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
SCYA Midwinter Regatta 2017
February 18 & 19, 2017
Host: CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB
Oxnard, CA 93035

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.*

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at Channel Islands Yacht Club and Ventura Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 9:30 AM on the day of the race or within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the Skippers Meeting.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

As applicable, visual signals of Postponement or Abandonment of Race prior to the Race Committee's undocking will be made from the CIYC yardarm and VYC flagpole. Thereafter, such signals will be made from the Race Committee boat.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing are Saturday & Sunday, February 18 & 19, 2017. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 11:55 AM both days. A Skippers Meeting is scheduled for Saturday only:

0830 at Ventura Yacht Club, J-24 Fleet only

0900 at Channel Islands Yacht Club, PHRF & other classes

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Race Committee may split the PHRF entries into multiple fleets depending on the number of entries and the spread of their ratings. This will be determined at the Skippers Meeting. The following Class Flags will be employed:

J24 Class Flag – J24 One-Design

Numeral Pennant 1 - PHRF Spinnaker A

Numeral Pennant 2 – PHRF Spinnaker B

Numeral Pennant 3 - Non-Spinnaker

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Mandalay spar buoy, approximately N34.11.980, W119.16.470

8. THE COURSES

Windward-leeward courses will be selected from the CIYC Regatta Course Chart (Attachment A), included with these sailing instructions.

No later than the warning signal for each race, the Race Committee will display the course number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

Marks W2, W1, and L1 will be inflatable tetrahedron racing buoys. The surf zone is defined as an obstruction due to the changing nature of the shoreline and the proximity of the L1 mark.

8. THE START

Races will be started according to Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal for each class. The Race Committee intends to employ a 1-minute interval between the starting signal of one class and the warning signal of the next class.

The starting line is defined by the Mandalay spar buoy on the port end and an orange flag or shape at the starboard end, mounted on the Race Committee boat. The **starting line will be restricted**, ie, after a boat has legally crossed the starting line, she is not allowed to cross the starting line again during that race. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

The Race Committee is not required to do so but may attempt to hail a boat on **VHF channel 73** if On Course Side (OCS) before its starting signal. Any boat that suspects it is OCS may choose to exonerate itself without waiting for a recall or to be hailed.

9. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an inflatable buoy and an orange flag on the Race Committee boat. The **finish line will be restricted**, ie, a boat is allowed to cross the finish line only when finishing a race.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee within 90 minutes of its return to CIYC. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board at CIYC. The US Sailing Protest form is available online at www.ussailing.org. Hearings will occur as soon as practicable at CIYC after racing each day.

11. SCORING

Five (5) races are planned: 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. At least 2 races are required to complete the regatta for all classes. A yacht's area buoy rating will be used for PHRF class scoring. The Low Point scoring system (RRS, Appendix A4) will apply for the series. Each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races; no throw-outs will be allowed. This modifies Appendix A2.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall check in with the Race Committee upon arrival to the racing area at the beginning of each day of racing. Boats may check in by radio (**Channel 73**) or by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hailing the Race Committee with their boat names and sail numbers. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on **Channel 73** or by phone to CIYC (805) 985-2492.

PHRF boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a US Sailing Near Shore Race; one-design boats must comply with their class requirements. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on **Channels 16** and **73**.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, computers, and other communication devices. Radio communications with the Race Committee will occur on **Channel 73**.

14. PRIZES

Prizes /trophies will be awarded after the final day of racing at Channel Islands Yacht Club, bar area.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance

ATTACHMENT A
CIYC REGATTA COURSE CHART
COURSES AND COURSE DIAGRAM

↓ **WIND**

W2

W1

STARTING LINE FINISH LINE
MANDALAY _____ RC _____ RACE MARK/
SPAR BUOY (M) BOAT BUOY (FINISH)

L1

COURSES:

1:	Start, W1 to port, finish	**1.5 NM**
2:	Start, W1 to port, L1 to port, finish	**2.5 NM**
3:	Start, W1 to port, L1 to port, W1 to port, finish	**4.0 NM**
4:	Start, W1 to port, L1 to port, W1 to port, L1 to port, finish	**5.0 NM**
5:	Start, W2 to port, finish	**2.0 NM**
6:	Start, W2 to port, L1 to port, finish	**3.0 NM**
7:	Start, W2 to port, L1 to port, W1 to port, finish	**5.0 NM**
8:	Start, W2 to port, L1 to port, W1 to port, L1 to port, finish	**6.0 NM**

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Not to scale or relative positions- **do not use for navigation purposes**.
The distance from the start/finish line to W2 will be approximately **1 NM**
The distance from the start/finish line to W1 will be approximately **¾ NM**
The distance from the start/finish line to L1 will be approximately **½ NM**