

2017 ALYC Whale Regatta
Sailing Instructions
Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26 2017

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC) is the Organizing Authority for the Whale Regatta.

2. RULES

2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF), and the Notice of Race, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2.2. Boats are subject to inspection by the appropriate fleet coordinator to ensure conformity to the applicable class rules, bylaws and/or measurement certificates.

2.3. Racing yachts shall not interfere with deep draft vessels or their tow within Long Beach/Los Angeles harbor or their approaches or commercial traffic lanes. It is recommended that all competitors monitor Channel 14 when in commercial traffic lanes.

2.4. All yachts entered shall comply with their class and equipment rules as well as USCG regulations and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore apply. The USSER can be found at: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>.

2.5. In addition to complying, all boats shall carry a functioning GPS.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located at the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut") at 215 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA, 92663 or on the website at www.alyc.com.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any written change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the ALYC hut bulletin board or on the website at www.alyc.com before 0800 on Saturday March 25 or on the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB) Notice Board before 0900 Sunday March 26.

4.2 Oral changes may be made on the water (RRS 90.2). Code flag LIMA will be displayed and signaled by air horn. Participants will sail by the Race Committee Boat to receive oral instructions when code LIMA is displayed with several short blasts of an air horn. Participant's failure to do so will not be subject to redress.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 On March 25, 2017 signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at ALYC. On Sunday March 26, 2017 signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB).

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing is postponed. First Warning will be no less than 1 Hour after AP is removed.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. There is one race scheduled on March 25, 2017 and one race scheduled on March 26, 2017. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for March 25, 2017 is 1100 hours. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for March 26, 2017 is 1030 hours.

7. RACING ROUTE

7.1 Saturday, March 25, 2016

Course 1: Start will be between an orange flag on the ALYC committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, positioned approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile SSW of the Balboa pier (approximate coordinates are; N33°35.75' W117° 54.20'), leave Oil Island Emmy to port (approximate coordinates N33°39.72' W118° 0271'), leave Oil Island Eva to Starboard (approximate coordinates N33°39.72' W118°03.73'), enter Alamitos Bay and finish at the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach flagpole, with an orange flag, an a bearing of approximately 110 degrees to the flagpole. Handicap distance 19 NM.

7.2 Sunday, March 26, 2017

The start will be between an orange flag on the NYCLB committee boat SE of the Island Chaffee and Spar Buoy 38, (N33°44.138' W118°08.145') located in the Long Beach Outer Harbor, competitors are to: Pass through Queens Gate, leave Oil Island Eva to Port (approximate coordinates N33°39.72' W118°03.73'), leave Oil Island Emmy to Starboard (approximate coordinates N 33°39.72' W118°02.71'), then finish between an orange flag on the ALYC committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, positioned approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile SSW of the Balboa pier (approximate coordinates; N33°35.75' W117° 54.20'). Handicap distance 17 NM.

7.3 Restrictions

- a)** Second (double) headsails, spinnakers and loose luff headsails shall have their headboards below the boom gooseneck (down) before entering the Alamitos Bay Jetty.
- b)** The center-of-channel markers at the Alamitos Bay Jetty entrance and the buoys at one or both ends of these markers as well as all water to their port shall be considered a Continuing Obstruction in accordance with RSS rule 19.
- c)** Competitors are reminded that LA Oil Islands and their work boats moored nearby are to be given 200 feet of sea room; protested competitors may be disqualified at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

7.4 In the absence of a Race Committee at NYCLB or the Newport finish, a boat shall take her own time when she crosses an imaginary line bearing 110 to the NYCLB dock at the NYCLB clubhouse flagpole and at Newport an imaginary line parallel to the center line of the Balboa pier and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile SSW of the Balboa Pier. Skippers shall report the time to the Race Committee ashore as soon as possible.

7.5 Prior to first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee signal boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area and displaying code flag "L". She shall hail her sail number until the Race Committee acknowledges by hailing "***sail # checked in***".

7.6 Races will be started by using RRS 26. Cruising class will likely start first using Class Flag C (a white flag with a black letter C, or a letter C signal pennant). PHRF boats will likely start subsequently using Class Flag B (a white flag with a black letter B, or a letter B signal pennant). A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of racing boats in the starting area.

7.7 All marks are considered rounding marks.

8. Recalls

8.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 29.1*. The Race Committee will hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 69. Neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall be cause for redress from the Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).

9. Time Limits

9.1 The Time Limit for Saturday, March 25 is 1800 hours. The Time Limit for Sunday, March 26 is 1630 hours.

9.2 All boats finishing after the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

10. Penalty System

10.1 The Two-Turn penalty (*RRS 44.1*) is modified to a One-Turn Penalty, when a boat may have broken a rule of *RRS Part 2*.

10.2 Breaking a rule in the RRS other than a *RRS Part 2* rule may result in disqualification (DSQ) or a time penalty added to the infringing boat's elapsed time at the discretion of the protest committee hearing the protest. This changes *RRS 64.1(a)*.

11. Protest and Requests for Redress

11.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with *RRS 60 & 61.1* and notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and identify the other boats involved.

11.2 Protest shall be on written forms, which are available at the ALYC and NYCLB clubhouses. Completed protests shall be delivered by 1900 to the NYCLB clubhouse on Saturday 3/25/2017 or for protests in Sunday's race, within the be delivered by 1800, to the ALYC hut on Sunday 3/26/2017.

11.4 Notice of Protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board near the ALYC or NYCLB clubhouses to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Official Notice Boards.

11.5 Protest hearings will be held in approximately the order received and will commence at 1900 hours on Sunday, March 26, 2017 in the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut").

12. Scoring

12.1 Scoring will be according to *RRS A4.1* Low Point System.

12.2 PHRF boats will be scored using the base Off Wind Course (OWC) Rating.

12.3 Cruising class boats will be scored using the base Off Wind Course (OWC) Rating plus the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offset and the ALYC Cruising Class adjustments (attached as Appendix A). The completed Cruising Class Adjustments needs to be submitted to the ALYC "Hut" prior to 0830 on Saturday March 25th.

13. Retirements

13.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16 or 69 or by phone: 949-922-1926 as soon as possible after retiring.

14. Official Boats

14.1 Official boats will be identified with Race Committee Flags.

15. Radio Communication

15.1 A competitor shall not make radio transmissions while racing except in an emergency or a safety-related situation. Boats racing shall only receive radio transmissions freely available to other racing boats. These restrictions also apply to mobile and satellite telephone and other forms of wireless data communication.

15.2 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies as well as VHF Channel 69.

15.3 It is recommended that contestants monitor VHF Channel 14 when in the area of the commercial traffic lanes.

16. Prizes

16.1. Take Home Trophies will be given out at 1830, Thursday April 20, 2017 at ALYC.

16.2. There will be a perpetual trophy for the PHRF fleet.

16.3. Take home trophies will be awarded as follows: Up to 4 boats in a class = one trophy; 5 to 6 boats in a class = two trophies; Greater than 6 boats in a class = three trophies

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See *RRS rule 4, Decision to Race*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

18. Insurance

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. Class Break and Starting Assignment

19.1 Class Break and Starting Assignment list will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting at 0830 Sat March 25th at the ALYC Hut.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please check the ALYC website at www.alyc.com or contact ALYC by telephone at 949-673-5002.