



The Three Mark Fiasco

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



San Diego, California

Saturday, July 29th, 2017

Hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC)

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1. RULES

- 1.1. This race is governed by current version of [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS), including the [US Sailing Prescriptions](#). For the PHRF classes, the [PHRF San Diego Class Rules](#), which include the [PHRF of Southern California Class Rules](#), will apply. For the SWRF class, the [SWRF Class Rules](#) will apply. The rules are changed below.
- 1.2. **The PHRF Class Rule 8 (MIR Rule) is NOT in effect for this race.**
- 1.3. The [USCG Navigation Rules](#) apply when a boat sailing under the RRS meets a vessel that is not governed by the RRS. Of particular importance is Navigation Rule 9, which reads in part, "A vessel shall not cross a narrow passage or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway." Any boat participating in this race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, a Harbor Pilot, or a commercial vessel captain who has sounded five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction.
- 1.4. RRS rules 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are changed so that the race committee (RC) may disqualify a boat infringing instruction 1.3 without a hearing.
- 1.5. **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels which are greater than 100 feet in length. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel greater than 100 feet in length shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A LARGE US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect. (33 C.F.R. 165.2030)
- 1.6. Per RRS rule 42.3(i), the use of an engine is permitted in order to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, or to avoid the situations described in SI rules 1.3 and 1.4, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.
- 1.7. RRS rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted." Racers remain responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. Federal law defines marine debris as "any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment" (33 USC 1956).

- 1.8. Only one headsail may be used at a time when racing, except briefly as a part of changing sails.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.
- 2.2. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge," as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and sailed by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. The person in charge shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The person in charge shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 2.3. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear recommended to be used on sailboats when racing. See the Nearshore requirements set forth in the US SER Instructions at <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements>.
- 2.4. The RC shall monitor **VHF Channel 68**. Each yacht shall monitor **VHF Channel 68** from the time the boat checks in with the RC until she finishes.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors such as amendments to race documents will be available online at <http://www.southwesternyc.org> or announced by the RC boat.
- 3.2. Any notices posted online by 1700 the day before the race will be considered applicable and need not be repeated by the RC boat. Competitors are responsible for checking the website for amendments and other notices.
- 3.3. Starting times, PHRF class breaks, and pennant assignments identifying PHRF classes will be available at <http://www.southwesternyc.org> no later than 1700 the day before the race and will be considered to be an addendum to these sailing instructions.
- 3.4. Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Sail Fleet bulletin board at the SWYC clubhouse in accordance with instruction 14.2.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. The race is scheduled for **Saturday, July 29th, 2017**.
- 4.2. The **first warning is scheduled for 1155**.
- 4.3. The awards ceremony will be at the SWYC clubhouse after the race.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1. **PHRF**: Members of PHRF San Diego or PHRF Southern California with a valid PHRF certificate are eligible to race in a PHRF class. The PHRF classes will include spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Classes will be determined by SWYC based on the number of entries. **The 2017 PHRF San Diego class breaks will NOT be used.** These classes will be scored using PHRF San Diego RLC ratings (SoCal rating if no SD rating). For the PHRF classes, the minimum number of crew will be two. Boats entered in the SWRF, SGHF, or SDCatA Classes are not permitted to also enter a PHRF Class.
- 5.2. **SWRF**: Members of Southwestern Racing Fleet (SWRF) are eligible to race in the SWRF class and may also enter the SDCatA class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. The SWRF class will be scored using SWRF ratings.
- 5.3. **SGHF**: Members of Silvergate Yacht Club Handicap Fleet (SGHF) are eligible to race in the SGHF class and may also enter the SDCatA class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. The SGHF class will be scored using SGHF ratings. Unless the spinnaker option is selected when signing up for the race, boats in this class will race without spinnaker and will be scored using non-spinnaker offsets.
- 5.4. **SDCatA**: Members of San Diego Catalina Association (SDCatA) are eligible to race in the SDCatA class and may also enter the SWRF or SGHF class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. The SDCatA class will be scored using SDCatA

ratings. Unless the spinnaker option is selected when signing up for the race, boats in this class will race without spinnaker and will be scored using non-spinnaker offsets.

- 5.5. **Other:** Upon request, other classes with five or more entries may be formed at the sole discretion of SWYC. The deadline for such a request is 1700 on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. A designated pennant matching each class entered must be flown visibly from the stern when checking in and while racing. Competitors must supply their own pennants. For PHRF classes, information regarding the proper code flag to be flown by each class will be posted on the SWYC web page as discussed in section 3.3, above. SWRF, SGHF, and SDCatA flags are identified, below.

SWRF	Green
SGHF	Blue
SDCatA	Yellow

7. CHECK-IN

- 7.1. Each yacht must check in before 1155 or at least 15 minutes before its assigned starting time.
 7.2. Check in will be accepted by either passing close to RC boat, leaving it to starboard, or by radio on VHF Channel 69. Each yacht shall hail with class and sail number, and receive an acknowledgement.
 7.3. A yacht is not checked in unless they have received acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of San Diego Bay (NOAA Chart 18773). The starting area will be in the vicinity of **San Diego channel buoy 19**.
 8.2. Each yacht will decide its start direction and sequence of marks.
 8.3. The RC will select one of the following courses, and, prior to the first warning signal, will announce the course by displaying code flag 1, 2, or 3 to indicate course 1, 2, or 3, respectively. As a courtesy, the RC may also announce the course via VHF channel 68. Racers are responsible for determining the correct course.

*** CAUTION ***

Watch out for boats rounding marks in the opposite direction.

	PHRF Classes (spinnaker)	PHRF Classes (non-spinnaker), SDCatA, SGHF, SWRF
Course 1:	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 16A , FM19 , and "Bridge" in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 9.19 NM.)	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 17 , FM19 , and Buoy 23 in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 7.20 NM.)
Course 2:	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 15 , FM19 , and "Bridge" in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 10.60 NM.)	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 15 , FM19 , and Buoy 24 in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 8.99 NM.)
Course 3:	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 12 , FM19 , and "Bridge" in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 11.97 NM.)	Start at Buoy 19 . Round Buoy 15 , FM19 , and "Bridge" in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = 10.60 NM.)

- 8.4. Note: Each boat must **cross the starting line in the direction of the first mark**, in accordance with the RRS definition of *start*.
- 8.5. Note: Each boat must **pass north of FM19** when rounding that mark, in accordance with RRS rule 28.2(b).
- 8.6. Note: Each boat must **cross the finishing line from the course side**, in accordance with the RRS definition of *finish*.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting and the finishing marks are the RC boat and Buoy 19.
- 9.2. **Navy Mooring FM19** is located near the east end of Harbor Island at approx. 32° 43.27' N, 117° 11.415' W.
- 9.3. The **"Bridge"** is defined as any of Piers 18, 19, or 20 of the Coronado Bridge.
- 9.4. San Diego channel **Buoys 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16A, 17, 23 and 24** may also be used as marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. There will be a staggered (pursuit) start with modified starting sequence defined below. This changes RRS rule 26.
- 10.2. Starting times will available at <http://www.southwesternyc.org> no later than 1700 the day before the race and will be considered to be an addendum to the sailing instructions. Starting times will be assigned based on PHRF class or Fleet ratings as discussed in section 5, above. However, SWYC may modify some starting times at their discretion, in which case a post-race time adjustment will be applied to the finish time to obtain the corrected finish time.
- 10.3. The **starting line** is between the course side of Buoy 19 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.

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- 10.4. A distance buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and if present will be considered part of the RC boat.
- 10.5. After the first warning signal, each boat must **stay clear of the starting area** until 4 minutes before her starting signal.
- 10.6. Postponement: The RC may postpone the race per RRS rule 27.3. In the event of postponement, the RC will announce the amount of delay, which will be a multiple of 10 minutes. Each boat is expected to add the announced delay amount to her published starting time.
- 10.7. RRS rule 30.1 (I flag) will be in effect: **If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the prestart side before starting.**
- 10.8. **The I flag will be the preparatory signal for the race and will be in effect for all starts.**
- 10.9. As a courtesy, the RC may attempt to announce individual recalls either by loud hailer or **VHF channel 68, but will NOT display Flag X and will NOT sound a horn.** Failure of a boat to hear a hail or failure of the RC to hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. This changes RRS rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).
- 10.10. The following table defines the first starting sequence and associated signals. RC will attempt to synchronize with GPS time.

Signal	Time	Flag and Sound
Attention	1154	4 horns
Warning	1155	Multicolored flag and one horn
Preparatory	1156	I flag and one horn
One-Minute	1159	I flag removed and one long horn

First starting signal	1200	Multicolored flag removed and one horn
Subsequent starting signals	Various	One whistle
Courtesy time-checks	1215, 1230, 1245	One horn

- 10.11. For each subsequent boat starting, the RC will attempt to sound a whistle at the boat's assigned starting time.
- 10.12. The RC will attempt to sound one horn for courtesy time-checks at 1215, 1230, and 1245.
- 10.13. The absence of a sound signal will be disregarded. Failure of the RC to make a sound or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).
- 10.14. Individual warning, preparatory, and one-minute signals will not be given. A boat's starting signal is considered to be at her assigned starting time, and her preparatory signal is considered to be 4 minutes prior to her starting signal.

11. WITHDRAWAL

- 11.1. A boat that retires from the race must notify the RC before leaving the course. Failure to notify RC may result in notification of the U.S. Coast Guard and possible loss of racing privileges in future SWYC events.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The **finishing line** is between the course side of Buoy 19 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.

***** CAUTION *****

Watch out for boats finishing in the opposite direction.

- 12.2. Boats failing to finish by 1700 will be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS rules 35, A4, and A5.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 **while in the zone around a mark** (other than a starting mark), her penalty shall be a **Two-Turns Penalty**. This changes RRS rule 44.1.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress must be delivered in writing to the RC at the SWYC office no later than one hour after the RC boat has docked. Docking time will be posted on the Sail Fleet bulletin board at the SWYC clubhouse.
- 14.2. Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Sail Fleet bulletin board at the SWYC clubhouse no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with their representative and witnesses.
- 14.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration and Post Race Penalties) will apply.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. For some classes, some of the assigned starting times may differ from what the class rating would predict (e.g., the boats with very slow handicap ratings may be assigned a common starting time of 1200.) In that case, a post-race time correction, equal to the difference between the assigned starting time and what the starting time should have been, will be used to compute the corrected finish time.
- 15.2. Scoring will be determined by the order of corrected finish times.

16. RESULTS

- 16.1. Results will be announced at the SWYC clubhouse after the race.
- 16.2. The number of prizes awarded in each class will be based on the number of entries.

- 16.3. The overall PHRF winner (the one PHRF boat with the best corrected finish time) and the SWRF winner will be noted on the perpetual trophy.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. Race Chair: Jeff Rodriguez, jrod2718@gmail.com, (520) 360-1860.
- 17.2. SWYC Sail Fleet Chair: Peter Blake, captainapblake@gmail.com, 619-301-2794.