

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## *Ventura Cup*

*Individual & Team Buoy and Random Leg Competition*

AND

## *Santa Barbara Channel Challenge*

*Individual Random Leg-Only Competition*

**Sept. 16-17, 2017**

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## **1 RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the 2017 Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions, which shall prevail in cases of conflict.
- 1.2 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF) Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule 8 shall not apply.
- 1.3 All boats should conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a USSailing Nearshore Race as modified to require life lines (even if they are not uncoated stainless steel) and a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69 (even if it does not have interfacing DSC/GPS capability with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel). USSERs are available online at [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org) (click on Safety). Minimum crew requirement is 2.
- 1.4 Area A and Area I PHRF Buoy ratings shall be used for the buoy races and Random Leg (RLC) ratings for the random leg race. [Exception: The following one design boats, unless modified, shall rate as follows: J-22 buoy and RL 186; J-24 buoy and RL 168; Olson 30 buoy and RL 96; J-35 buoy 72, RL 75; Schock 35 buoy 72, RL 75; Melges 24 buoy 84, RL 60; J-105 buoy 90, RL 84; Moore 24 buoy 162, RL 156)].
- 1.5 Two PHRF spinnaker classes, A and B, are planned. The two classes will be equally divided at the Saturday skippers meeting. In the event of an unequal number of boats, the race committee will determine which class the odd boat will be assigned to. With the possibility of additional boats entering just the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge on Sunday, the two classes for that race may not be equal in number, but will have the same rating split as on Saturday.
- 1.6 Yacht club teams formed to compete for the Ventura Cup Team Trophy, will be composed of three mono-hull entrants. A yacht club may enter up to three, 3-boat teams. Boats competing for the Ventura Cup must be skippered by members of the representative yacht clubs. The helmspersons don't have to be club members. All boats must have a valid PHRF rating certificate. However, current Class certificates may be substituted for PHRF certificates for boats in well-established one-design classes (e.g. J/24, J/70) that don't normally sail in races requiring PHRF certificates. This changes Paragraph 6.4 of the PHRF class rules.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located on the downstairs patio at VYC.

## **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted ashore before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect or afloat orally per RRS Rule 90.2 (c), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Oral instructions from the Race Committee (R/C) on station on the water will be signaled over

radio Channel 69. Code flag “L” will be displayed until the start of the next sequence to signal an oral change has been made.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at VYC from the flagstaff adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 1 hour’ in the race signal AP’.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 There will be a skippers briefing at 0900 hours Saturday, September 16, 2017, on the upper level of the Ventura Yacht Club clubhouse. A skippers briefing for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge Race will be held at 0900 on Sunday, Sept. 17 in the downstairs patio area at VYC. A representative from each boat is highly recommended to attend the meetings.
- 5.2 Races for all classes are scheduled as follows:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time of First Warning Signal</u>
1	Saturday, September 16	1155 hours (buoy race)
2	Saturday, September 16	Following Race 1 (buoy race)
3	Saturday, September 16	Following Race 2 (buoy race)
4	Sunday, Sept. 17	1125 hours (random leg race)

- 5.3 Up to three buoy races are planned for Saturday and one random leg race is planned for Sunday. In the event that not all races are completed on Saturday for any reason, the Race Committee may issue an addendum to these Sailing Instructions by 2000 hours on Saturday notifying the racers of a change in the schedule of races for Sunday.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Spin A	Red
Spin B	Green

**7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area for Saturday’s buoy races will be in the *vicinity* of the Mandalay race mark and approximately 2.5 miles south of the Ventura Harbor “R2” whistle buoy. Please note that the Mandalay mark itself will not be used for the Buoy races.
- 7.2 Mandalay race mark will be used for Sunday’s random leg race. The starting line for Sunday’s random leg race will be located between the course side of Mandalay race mark as the port-end mark and an orange flag or shape mounted on the R/C signal boat as the starboard-end mark.

**SAFETY NOTE:** When transiting to the race course, participants are cautioned to round the “R2” buoy as they exit Ventura harbor in a south-easterly direction, to avoid the shoaling that occurs at the mouth of the Santa Clara River estuary.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The approximate course configuration for Saturday's buoy races are illustrated in the 2017 Ventura Cup Regatta Course Chart, which is hereby made part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The course for Sunday's random leg race will be chosen from the 2017 Santa Barbara Channel Challenge *Coastal* Course Chart which is hereby made part of these instructions.
- 8.3 For Saturday's buoy races, the designation of the course to be sailed by each class and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be signaled from the R/C signal boat no later than the warning signal for that class.
- 8.4 For Sunday's random leg race, the designation of the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg for courses 10-17 will be signaled from the R/C signal boat no later than the warning signal. The approximate compass bearing to the first mark for courses 18-30 is indicated on the 2017 Santa Barbara Channel Challenge *Coastal* Course Chart.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 For the buoy races, all marks are inflatable yellow tetrahedrons. New marks, when used in accordance with RRS Rule 33 will be inflatable yellow tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 9.2 When an oil platform is a mark of the course, its associated mooring buoy(s) will also be considered marks of the course. Such buoys are to be passed on the same side as the oil platform is to be passed (i.e., to port or starboard).

## **10 CHECK IN BEFORE THE START**

After the R/C signal boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal for the first start of the day, each boat is requested to check in by radio on VHF 69 or hail her sail number while sailing close astern of the Race Committee signal boat.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. There will be a multi-horn alert signal one (1) minute before the warning signal for the first class to start.
- 11.2 The scheduled starting order for the first race on Saturday will be Class A followed by Class B. For the first start on Saturday, the warning signal for Class B will be exactly one minute following the start of Class A. For following races Saturday, each class will start shortly after all boats in the class have returned to the starting area. In Sunday's random leg race, all boats in Class A and B start together.
- 11.3 The starting line for Saturday's buoy races 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 orange tetrahedron at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.4 The starting line for Sunday's random leg race will be located between the course side of the permanent Mandalay "M" race mark as the port-end mark and an orange flag or shape mounted on the R/C signal boat as the starboard-end mark.
- 11.5 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after the starting signal for her class. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS (Did Not Start) by the Race Committee. This changes RRS A5.

- 11.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid boats whose warning signal has been made in the starting area.

## **12 RECALLS**

- 12.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF channel 69.
- 12.2 The following shall not be grounds for granting redress [this changes RRS 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 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line for the buoy races will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at one end and the course side of an orange inflatable at the other end.
- 13.2 The finish line for Sunday's random leg race shall be on a line between the VYC clubhouse balcony and the green light standard (#3) near the southern end of the detached breakwater.
- 13.3 As an aid to help the RC identify the boats that are finishing Sunday's random leg race, skippers are requested to call the RC on VHF 69 as they approach the finish line near the R2 buoy.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 For the buoy races, boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat in their class sails the course (and finishes) will be scored points equal to the number of boats in that class. This modifies RRS Rule 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2 For Sunday's random leg race, the time limit is 1700 hours. If the first boat in a class does not finish the prescribed course by 1700 hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 14.2-1 For Ventura Cup team scoring purposes, if one class's race is abandoned, the other class will not be scored.

## **15 PROTESTS**

Protests shall be written on forms available at the VYC office and shall be filed there within 1 hour after the signal boat docks for Buoy races or within 1 hour after the protesting boat finishes for the Random Leg race.

## **16 RETIREMENT**

A boat that retires from a race after checking in is requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race. If that is impossible, notify the Ventura Yacht Club Office at 805-642-0426.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Scoring for individual competitors shall be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A Low Point System, except there will be no throw-outs; this changes Appendix A2. For the

Ventura Cup Regatta up to three buoy races and one random leg race are planned. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 Scoring for yacht club teams competing for the Ventura Cup Team Trophy shall be low point scoring. All boats in a class, whether on a team or not, shall be scored for team scoring purposes.

17.3 In the event that a tie should occur among teams competing for the Ventura Cup Team Trophy, the following tie-breaking formula based on the RRS A8 will be used to determine the team winner:

(1) If there is a series score tie between two or more teams, each team's race scores will be listed in order of best to worst and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the team with the best scores.

(2) If a tie remains between two or more teams, they shall be ranked in order of the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied teams' scores in the next to last race and so on until all ties are broken.

## **18 INSPECTION**

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any participating boats. Boats not in compliance with appropriate US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (See Par 1.3), their PHRF Rating Certificate (or Class Certificate, if substituted), shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee or competitors, in accordance with the Rules.

## **19 TROPHIES**

19.1 The winning team in the Ventura Cup Team Competition will have their sponsoring yacht club's name inscribed on the Ventura Cup perpetual trophy. This trophy will then be entrusted to the care of the winning yacht club for display in their club's trophy case until the next Ventura Cup Team Competition is held. Individual trophies for the three skippers of the first, second and third place teams will be awarded. Individual trophies for the top three boats in each class shall be awarded.

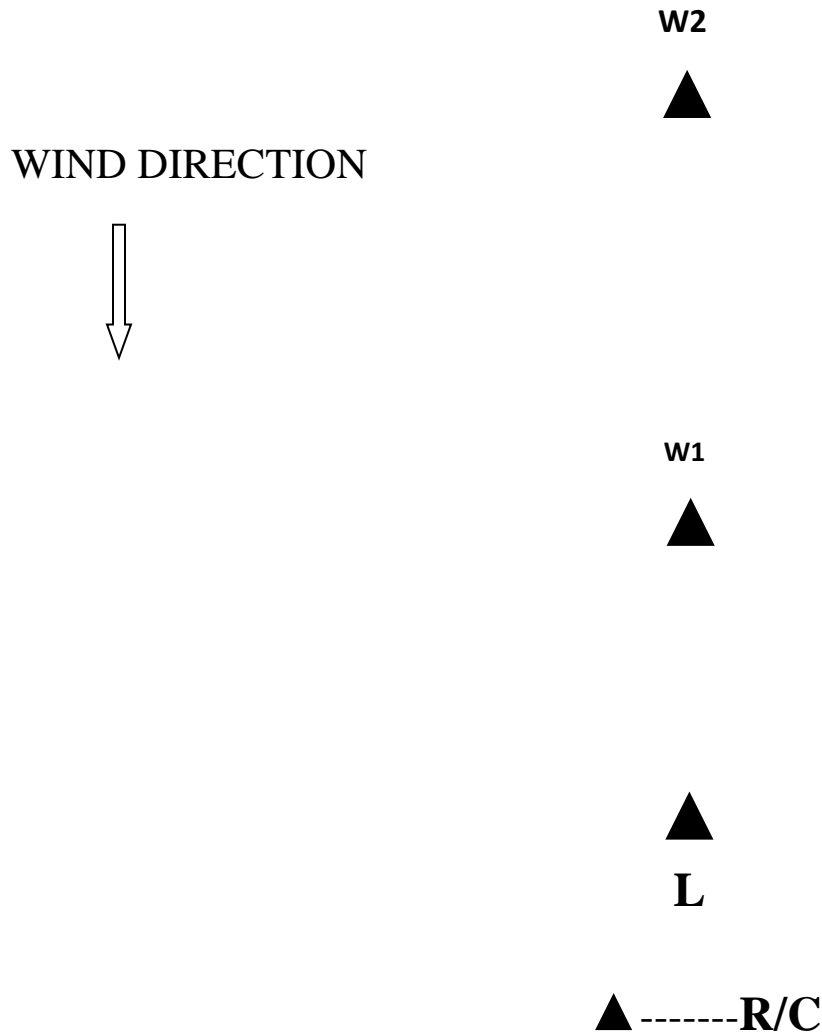
19.2 The winning boats for each class in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge shall have their name inscribed on the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge perpetual trophy. This trophy shall remain on display at the Ventura Yacht Club. Individual trophies for first, second, and third place will be awarded to skippers in each class.

## **20 DISCLAIMER**

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk; see RRS 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 damage to any boat or other property, or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors' participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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**COURSE ILLUSTRATION FOR SATURDAY BUOY RACES  
(Not to Scale)**



**2017**  
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**COURSES and DISTANCE**  
**For Saturday buoy races**

<i>#</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Approximate Distance</i>	
1	S-W1-F	2	NM
2.	S-W2-F	4	NM
3.	S-W1-L-W1-F	3.5	NM
4.	S-W2-L-W2-F	7.5	NM
5.	S-W2-L-W1-F	5.5	NM
6.	S-W1-L-W1-L-W1-F	5	NM
7.	S-W2-L-W2-L-W1-F	9	NM

**NOTES:**

Marks W1, W2 and L are left to port.

The approximate distance from S/F to W1 is 1 NM.

The approximate distance from S/F to W2 is 2 NM.

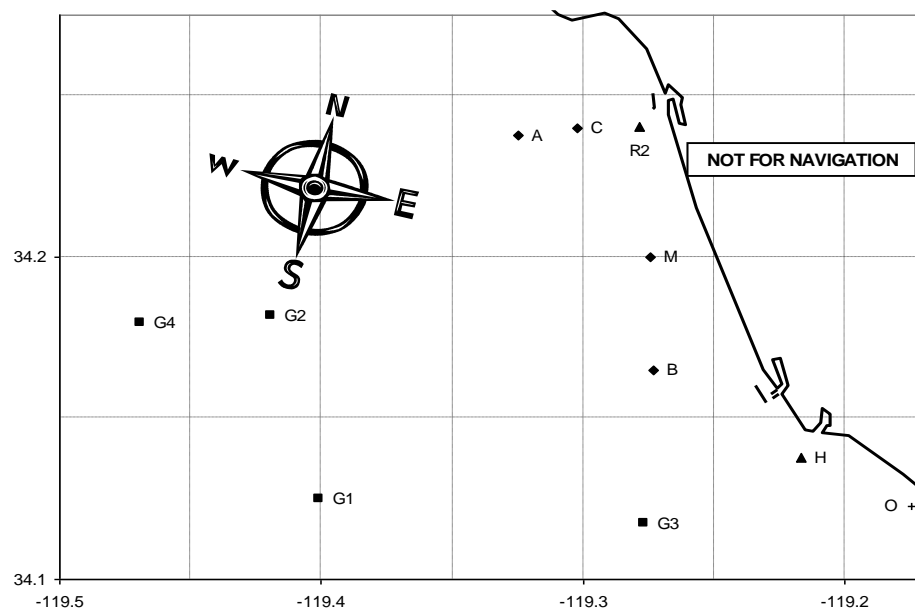
The approximate distance from Start/Finish to L is 0.25 NM.



# 2017 SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL CHALLENGE

## COASTAL COURSE CHART FOR SUNDAY RANDOM LEG RACE

#	Course	Approx. Heading to 1st Mark	Length
10	S Wp Mp R2s F	To be posted on R/C signal boat	6.9
11	S Wp Mp Wp Mp R2s F		10.9
12	S Wp Mp As F		10.66
13	S Wp Mp Wp Mp As F		14.66
14	S Wp Mp R2p Cp F		9.24
15	S Wp Mp R2p As F		11.98
16	S Wp Mp Wp Mp R2p Cp F		13.24
17	S Wp Mp Wp Mp R2p As F	15.98	
18	S Bs R2s F	165	7.02
19	S Bs As F	165	10.31
20	S G3s R2s F	165	12.8
21	S G3s As F	165	15.76
22	S G1s R2s F	220	17.37
23	S G2s F	250	15.89
24	S G2s Mp R2s F	250	17.91
25	S As F	300	6.66
26	S As R2p Cp F	300	9.09
27	S As R2p As F	300	12.0
28	S As Mp R2s F	300	10.38
29	S As Bp R2s F	300	14.03
30	S As Mp R2p As F	300	15.46



MARKS		APPROX LOCATION	
<b>A</b>	Fish Sticks spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 19.9'W
<b>B</b>	"Wes" spar buoy	L: 34° 09.9'N	Lo: 119° 16.5'W
<b>C</b>	Chips spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 18.2'W
<b>M</b>	Mandalay spar buoy	L: 34° 12.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.5'W
<b>R2</b>	Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 16.7'W
<b>G1</b>	Platform Gail	L: 34° 07.5'N	Lo: 119° 24.0'W
<b>G2</b>	Platform Gilda	L: 34° 10.9'N	Lo: 119° 25.1'W
<b>G3</b>	Platform Gina	L: 34° 07.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.6'W
<b>W</b>	Inflatable buoy	2 miles from Mandalay spar buoy	