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2018 VENTURA YACHT CLUB REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS-*Revised April 14, 2018*

1. **RULES:** These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the J-24 Class Rules, except as any of the above are changed by these Sailing Instructions. Under RRS 87, the PHRF MIR Rule does not apply.
2. **ENTRIES:**
 - 2.1 This series is open to all boats with a valid PHRF certificate or a valid J-24 one-design class membership. **Entry can be made online at www.venturayachtclub.org. Just follow the link (Water> Racing>Regatta Network). Competitors are encouraged to register online prior to race day.**
 - 2.2 The entry fee is \$75 for the series (\$70 if USSailing member) or \$25 per individual regatta.
3. **HANDICAPPING:** Area A Buoy Course handicaps will be used for PHRF classes.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located inside the downstairs patio.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions from the RC on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the Committee Boat.
6. **SCHEDULE:** There will be a Skippers Meeting at 0900 on each race day. Anticipated start time for the first class is 1200. Regattas are scheduled for Saturday, **March 31**; Saturday, **April 14**; and Saturday, **September 8**. Three or more races are planned for each regatta. Two races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
7. **RACING AREA AND MARKS:** The starting area will be in the vicinity of Mandalay mark. Depending on conditions, Mandalay mark may or may not be used as the the starting pin (Mark L). See Diagram 1 and Course Information on page 4. Otherwise, Marks will be yellow or orange inflatables. When a new mark is placed for the purpose of CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (Rule 33), it will be a yellow tetrahedron with a black band.
8. **CLASSES:** PHRF Class(es) and a J-24 Class are planned according to numbers registered. Classes, Class Breaks, and Class Flags will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
9. **THE COURSES:**
 - 9.1 See Diagram 1 and Course Information on page 4 of these Sailing Instructions.

- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the designation of the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg for the first class. For succeeding classes, the course designation and compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed no later than the warning signal for that class.
- 10. CHECK-IN:** After the race committee boat is anchored and before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is requested to check in over Channel 69 or sail past the stern of the Race Committee start boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 11. THE START:**
- 11.1 Anticipated start time for the first class is 1200.
- 11.2 There will be a courtesy sound signal (multiple horn blasts) approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence.
- 11.3 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at the starboard end and either Mandalay Buoy OR an inflatable buoy (as Mark "L") at the port end.
- 12. RECALLS:**
- 12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1 (code flag "X" and 1 sound signal).
- 12.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2 (code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals). A new warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the "first substitute" is lowered.
- 12.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for the succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.
- 12.4 After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF Channel 69.
- 12.5 The following shall not be grounds for granting redress: [This changes Rule 62.1(a)]
1. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 2. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 3. Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.
- 13. THE FINISH:** The finishing line shall be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and mark "L".
- 14. PROTESTS:** Protests shall be written on forms available at the VYC office and filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the docking of the RC boat.
- 15. SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) will apply, except there will be no throw outs.
- 16. PENALTIES:** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe. This modifies 44.1 and 44.2.
- 17. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT:** All boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a USSailing Nearshore Race as modified below. USSERs are available online at ussailing.org (click on *Safety*). The PRO shall be the designated inspector and reserves the right to inspect any participating boat for compliance with safety equipment or class requirements, and to disqualify nonconforming boats. The PRO may delegate this duty to an alternate inspector.

- USS SER 2.4.4 is in effect for this series and modified to require lifelines even if they are not uncoated stainless steel.
- USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift (non GPS) magnetic compasses with mounted brackets as long as they are tethered so the device may not be lost overboard.
- USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is in effect for this series and modified to require a water proof VHF or a VHF with a water proof cover even if it does not have DSC/GPS capability.
- USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level. (common on 90's and earlier boats)

18. MINIMUM CREW REQUIREMENT: A minimum of 2 crew are required.

19. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT:

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.
- 19.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.
- 19.3 Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to abide by the host club rules.

20. INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance.

21. TROPHIES: There will be daily trophies for each regatta and Series trophies. The daily trophies will be awarded each day after racing. Series trophies will be awarded Sept 8.

Table 1: Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class	Trophies
1-3	1st Place
4-6	1st & 2nd Place
7 or more	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

22. RETIREMENT: A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to compete in a race is requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area. RC will monitor VHF channel 69. VYC office number is 805-642-0426.

23. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES: There will be a party at VYC after each regatta. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.

DIAGRAM 1 AND COURSE INFORMATION-*Revised April 14, 2018*

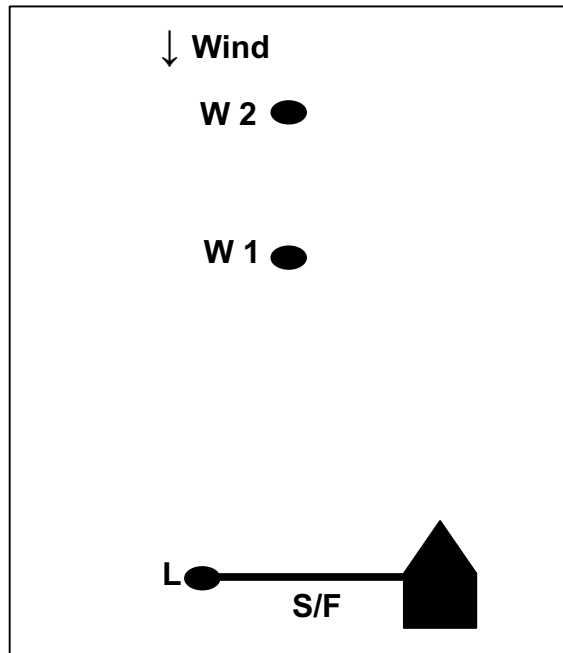


Diagram 1: Race Course
All marks shall be left to port

Courses: W1@1 nm, W2@1.25nm		Approximate Distance
1.	S-W1-F	2 nm
2.	S-W1-L-W1-F	4 nm
3.	S-W1-L-W1-L-W1-F	6 nm
4.	S-W2-F	2.5 nm
5.	S-W2-L-W2-F	5 nm
6.	S-W2-L-W2-L-W1-F	7 nm

Courses: W1@3/4 nm, W2@1 nm		Approximate Distance
11.	S-W1-F	1.5 nm
12.	S-W1-L-W1-F	3 nm
13.	S-W1-L-W1-L-W1-F	4.5 nm
14.	S-W2-F	2 nm
15.	S-W2-L-W2-F	4 nm
16.	S-W2-L-W2-L-W1-F	5.5 nm