

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – AMENDED FEB 15, 2019

SCYA Midwinter Regatta 2019

February 24, 2019

Host: Channel Islands Yacht Club

4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard, CA 93035

1. **RULES** - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC)
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 later 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. Thereafter, such signals will be made from the Race Committee boat.
5. **SKIPPERS MEETINGS** - Skippers Meetings are scheduled for Sunday, February 24:
 - 0830 at Ventura Yacht Club, J-24 Fleet only
 - 0900 at Channel Islands Yacht Club, PHRF & other classes
6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** – Due to inclement weather on the originally planned dates for racing (Saturday & Sunday, February 16 & 17, 2019), the Midwinter Regatta has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 24.

The 5-minute warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1155. At least (3) races are planned, and more may be held if time allows. At least 2 races are required to complete the regatta for all classes.
7. **CLASS FLAGS** - The Race Committee may split entries into multiple fleets depending on the number of entries in the class and the spread of their ratings. This will be determined at the CIYC 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
8. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Mandalay spar buoy, approximately N34° 11.980', W119° 16.470'
9. **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 approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
10. **MARKS** - Marks W2, W1, and L1 will be inflatable racing buoys. The surf zone is defined as an obstruction due to the changing nature of the shoreline and its proximity to the L1 mark.
11. **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** 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 it is On Course Side (OCS) before its starting signal. Any boat that suspects it is OCS should exonerate itself without waiting for a recall or to be hailed.

- 12. THE FINISH** - The finish line will be between an inflatable buoy and a **yellow flag** mounted 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. SCORING** - A yacht's area buoy rating will be used for PHRF class scoring, and 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.
- 15. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** - 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 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**.
- 16. 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**.
- 17. AWARDS** - Individual prizes and the Perpetual Trophy award will be made at CIYC after the final day of racing.
- 18. 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.
- 19. INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

