

2015 ALYC Blue Water Regatta

Sailing Instructions

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 11, 12, 13, 2015

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2013-2016 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. US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) apply, Category US Nearshore. The USSER can be found at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>

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

Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of each owner or charterer to insure that his yacht is fit for sea, properly equipped for any emergency, and properly manned by an experienced crew.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located at the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut") (215 15th St., Newport Beach, CA, 92663) or on the website at 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 or at the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB) clubhouse bulletin board or on the website at alyc.com before 0900 on the day it will take effect. 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 Friday September 11, 2015 signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at ALYC. On Saturday September 12, 2015 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 on September 11, 2015 and one race on September 12, 2015 and another on September 13 2015. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for September 11, 2015 is 1100 hours. The scheduled time of the warning signal for September 12, 2015 is 1100 hours. The scheduled time of the warning signal for September 13, 2015 is 1000 hours.

7. RACING ROUTE

7.1 Friday September 11 - Start will be between an orange flag on the ALYC committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, positioned approximately 1¼ nm West of the Newport Pier (approximate coordinates; N33°36.5' W117° 57.0'), leave Oil Islands Emmy and Esther to starboard, enter Alamitos Bay and finish at the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach flagpole, with an orange flag, on a bearing of approximately 110 degrees to the flagpole.

7.2 Saturday, September 12 – The start will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and Mark 38 (a spar buoy 400 yards SE of Island Chaffee (approximate GPS coordinates are N33°44.138' W118°08.145') located in the Long Beach Outer Harbor, take Ship Rock at the Isthmus to port, and the finish will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the “I” Fl G 4s (Isthmus Light) (approximate GPS coordinates are N33°26.929'W 118° 29.624').

7.3 Sunday, September 13 – The start will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the “I” Fl G 4s (Isthmus Light) (approximate GPS coordinates are N33° 26.939'W118° 29.624'), take Ship Rock to Starboard, and finish off the Balboa Pier. The Newport finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, approximately ¼ mile NW of the Balboa pier. The approximate coordinates are: N33°35.75' W117° 54.20.

7.4 In the absence of a Race Committee Boat at the Isthmus or Newport finish, a boat shall take her own time at the Isthmus when she crosses within two boat lengths on a bearing of 110° from “I” (Isthmus Light) Fl G 4s and at Newport an imaginary line parallel to the center line of the Balboa pier and approximately 1/4 mile SE of the Balboa Pier. Skippers shall report the time to the Race Committee ashore as soon as possible.

7.5 Handicap distances for these races are: Newport to NYCLB 13 NM. Alamitos to Isthmus 30 NM, Isthmus to Newport 36 NM.

7.6 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**”.

7.7 Races will be started by using RRS 26, (a boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of racing boats in the starting area).

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 7. 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).

8.2 Any boat that is on the course side at her starting signal, that does not return to the pre-start side of the line to properly start, will be scored OCS and penalized thirty (30) minutes of elapsed time in lieu of being scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This changes RRS A4.2.

9. Time Limits

9.1 The Time Limits: for Friday, September 11 is 1700 hours; Saturday, September 12 is 1800 hours; Sunday, September 13 is 1630 hours.

9.2 All boats finishing after the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). 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 clubhouse (“Hut”). Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

11.3 The Protest Time Limit is 2000 hours on Sunday, September 13, 2015. This changes RRS 61.3.

11.4 Notice of Protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board near the ALYC clubhouse (“Hut”) 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 Board.

11.5 Protest hearings will be held in approximately the order received in the ALYC clubhouse (“Hut”) and will commence at 1800 hours on Monday, September 14, 2015.

11.6 Notice of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

12. Scoring

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

12.2 PHRF spinnaker boats will be scored using the Base Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating.

12.3 PHRF Non-spinnaker boats will be scored using the Base Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating plus the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offset.

12.4 Cruising boats will be scored using the Base RLC Rating plus the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offset and the Cruising Class Adjustments.

12.5 There will be one throw out if all three legs are raced.

13. Retirements

13.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16 or 7 or by cell 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.

15.2 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies as well as VHF Channel 7.

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, Sunday 27 September 2015 at the Race Awards Dinner for the Sundowners and Blue Water Regatta by the 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 3 boats in a class = one trophy; 4 to 5 boats in a class = two trophies; Greater than 5 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 posted on the ALYC website and at the clubhouse bulletin board at ALYC and Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB) no later than 0900, September 11, 2015.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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