



Established 1942

SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

2015-2016 Midwinter Series

Sailing Instructions

Race Dates: November 1st, December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 6th.

First Warning Signal each race day at 1200 hrs

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, USSA Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
2. **SAFETY:** Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of RRS61.1 (a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE)
 - (a) Propulsion: To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obligated to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(h)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of 2 places worse than she would have received, however she shall not be scored worse than Did not Finish.
 - (b) Personal safety is the responsibility of the each individual while racing. While wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this regatta, it is encouraged. For any particular race in the Series, the Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.
3. **ENTRIES:** Entry is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate and one design fleets with five (this may be amended by the Race Committee) or more entries. PHRF entries may enter in a Spinnaker or Non Spinnaker fleet. The division in which a yacht first starts shall not be changed during a series. Should a yacht not submit a PHRF certificate, a handicap number will be assigned by the Race Committee.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the SYC clubhouse. Notices shall not be posted later than 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the website, but the official notice board shall prevail.
5. SCHEDULE OF RACES: One race will be run per day. Races abandoned due to conditions on the race course may be rescheduled with a notice to competitors advising of a two-race day.

Scheduled Warning	Fleet	Class	Class Flag
1200	Div. A Div. F Div. G	Spinnaker Boats PHRF less than 112 Sport Boats Multi-Hull	"A"
After Above	Div J	J-105	"J"
After Above	Div. C	Spinnaker Boats PHRF greater than 112	"C"
After Above	Div. D Div. H	Non-Spinnaker Boats PHRF less than 200 Short-handed Non-spinnaker Boats less than 200	"D"
After Above	Div. E Div. K	Non-Spinnaker Boats PHRF greater than 200 Short-handed Non-spinnaker boats greater than 200	"E"

NOTE: Divisions F, G, H and K are denoted for scoring purposes only. Their scheduled warning signals will be as above.

6. COURSES: Courses are described in Appendix A of these instructions.
7. ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS: RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the RC and racing boats on VHF channel 71. The RC will communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for over early or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the RC needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 71.
8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at SYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the AP flag is lowered.
9. RACING AREA COURSES AND MARKS: The intended racing venue is the Knox/Yellow Bluff area. Temporary (dropped) mark courses and courses using fixed government marks will be used. Courses will be optimized for prevailing conditions. See Course Descriptions – Appendix A. to these Sailing Instructions. Courses will be indicated using a numeric code flag.
10. START AND FINISH LINE: The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.
11. RESTRICTED START FINISH LINE: The Start & Finish line are restricted. After the first leg, a boat shall not pass through the Start line. A boat shall not cross the finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course. A boat violating this restriction shall retire immediately and be scored DNF.

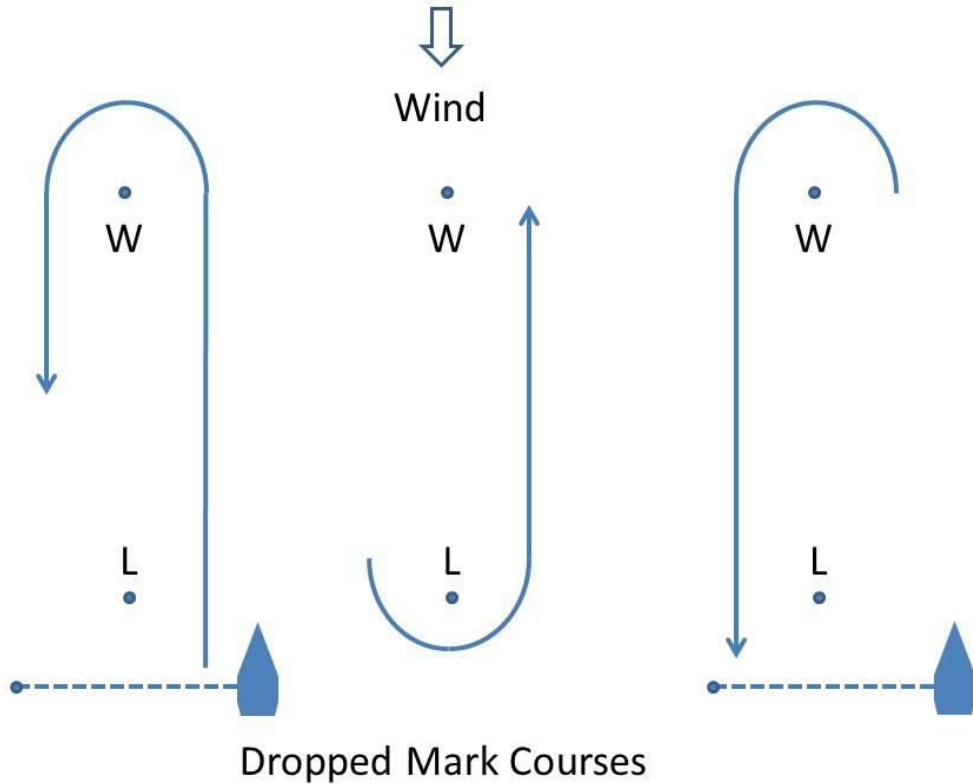
12. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for all races will be 1600 hours for all boats. Boats finishing after these time limits shall be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.
13. PROTESTS: Written protests shall be submitted to the SYC Race Director on an official USSA form. Protests must be received within one hour of the time the Signal Boat ties up at the SYC dock. Protests shall be heard 30 minutes after the filing deadline or, as soon as a protest committee can be assembled. Pending protests will be posted on the SYC official notice board.
14. SCORING: The series will be scored as a series longer than a Regatta. A minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a Series. If five races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded each for the Series. If less than five races are completed, the scores for all races will constitute the series score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2. "Time on Time" scoring will be used for PHRF divisions.
15. CHECK-IN & RETIRE: All boats shall show their sail number to the Race Committee Boat by sailing past the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
16. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of racing each day. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each division with 6 or more boats racing. 1st place prizes will be awarded for each division with 3 to 5 boats racing and no trophies will be awarded to a division with 2 or fewer boats racing. Series Trophies for the Midwinter Series will be awarded after the completion of the series. Series Trophies and the Winter Series Perpetual Trophy will be presented after the final race of the season.
17. Any Scoring discrepancies will be reported on the Scoring Discrepancy form, available from the club office.

Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions

Sausalito Yacht Club 2015/16 Mid-Winter Series Course Descriptions

Race Channel: 71

Dropped Mark Courses



Course 1	S - W - F
Course 2	S - W - L - W - F
Course 3	S - W - L - W - L - W - F

All marks are rounded to Port, except as noted otherwise.

Code Flag "R" above the course flag indicates reverse course.

Courses Using Fixed and Temporary Marks

Course 4	S - 15 - 17 - 4 - F	3.5 nm
Course 5	S - 15 - 17 - 4 - 15 - 4 - F	6.3 nm
Course 6	S - 15 - F	1.5 nm
Course 7	S - 15 - 4 - F	2.9 nm
Course 8	S - 15 - 4 - 15 - 4 - F	5.8 nm
Course 9	S - 15 - 8 - F	6.9 nm
Course 10	S - 15 - 18 - 8 - F	8.2 nm
Course 11	S - 16 - 4 - F	5.7 nm
Course 12	S - 2 - F	2.0 nm
Course 14	S - 6 - F	4.8 nm
Course 15	S - 2 - 6 - F	6.8 nm
Course 16	S - 16 - 18 - 12S - F	9.6 nm
Course 17	S - 16 - 8 - 12S - F	10.8 nm
Course 18	S - 2 - 17 - F	3.5 nm

Mark Descriptions

2	Sausalito Channel entrance marker "2"
4	Inflatable mark located set west of Angel Island between Pt Stuart and Pt. Knox, to leeward of the committee boat.
6	YRA Mark 6, Known as "Ft. Mason" 200 Yards N Ft. Mason
8	R "4" Fl Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
12	G "1" Fl G 4 sec - "Little Harding"
15	Inflatable mark located .75 mile east of Yellow Bluff
16	YRA Mark 16, known as "Blackaller" .5 nm east of Ft. Point
17	RG "HR" Fl (2+1) R 6 sec -- "Harding Rock"
18	GR "BR" Fl(2+1) G 6s Bell "Blossom Rock" .9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island

Supplementary Information (not part of the Sailing Instructions)

- Racers are invited back to SYC club-house after the race for complementary chili.
- Mooring balls are available; call Ch 9 for Water Taxi service.