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2017 VENTURA YACHT CLUB REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS--Revised after 1/28/17

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 Networks) to the Regatta Networks site. Competitors are encouraged to register online prior to race day.**
 - 2.2 The entry fee is \$70 for the series, 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, January 28; Saturday, April 8; and Saturday, September 9. 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 (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 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.

- 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 air 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 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. TIME LIMIT:** If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes OR if the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned for that class. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing and will be scored two more than the last boat finishing. This modifies rules 35, A4, and A5.
- 14. THE FINISH:** The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an inflatable mark off the starboard side of the race committee boat.
- 15. 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 signal boat.
- 16. SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) will apply, except there will be no throw outs.
- 17. 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.

- 18. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All boats must 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 (even if it does not have interfacing DSC/GPS capability with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel). See http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf. Minimum crew of two is required.
- 19. Competitors are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.
- 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 9.

Table 1: Trophy Schedule

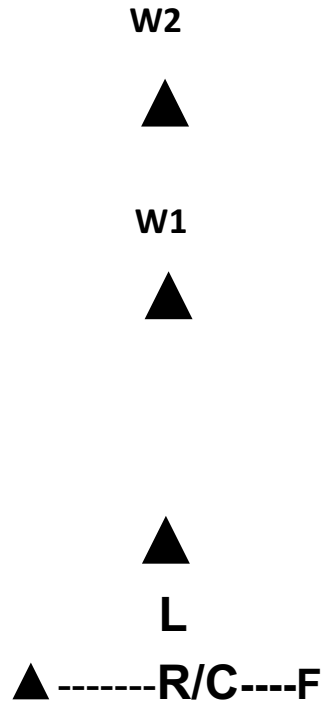
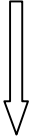
Number of Boats in Class	Trophies
1-3	1st Place
4-6	1st & 2nd Place
7 or more	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

- 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 post race party at VYC after each regatta. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.

DIAGRAM 1 AND COURSE INFORMATION

(Not to Scale)

WIND DIRECTION



#	Course	Approximate Distance
1	S-W1-F	2 nm
2.	S-W2-F	2.5 nm
3.	S-W1-L-W1-F	3.5 nm
4.	S-W2-L-W2-F	4.5 nm
5.	S-W1-L-W2-F	4 nm
6.	S-W1-L-W1-L-W1-F	5 nm
7.	S-W2-L-W2-L-W1-F	6 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 1.25 nm.

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