



# The Three Mark Fiasco

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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 Hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC)

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) .
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. All racers shall adhere to the defined Naval Protection Zone (33 C.F.R. 165.2030).
- 1.5. RRS rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted." Racers remain responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Event Website: (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17283>) and RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office no later than 0900 on the day of the event.
- 2.2. Starting times will be available on the Event Website no later than 1700 the day before the race and will be considered to be an addendum to these sailing instructions.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Ashore: Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the bulletin board and on the Event Website prior to 0900 on the day of the event.
- 3.2. Afloat: Any change in the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be communicated via VHF Channel 68.
- 3.3. The Race Committee will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 68 when on station.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. The first warning is scheduled for 1155.

### 5. CLASS FLAGS & CHECK IN

- 5.1. Yachts are required to fly "something" resembling the color designated as their "Class Pennant" from the backstay or shroud while checking in and racing. Competitors must supply their own "something".
- 5.2. Class pennants will be as follows:

Open A	Purple
Open B	Orange
SWRF	Green
SGHF	Blue
SDCatA	Yellow

- 5.3. Yachts shall check in with the RC boat prior to the first warning signal. Yachts checking in shall pass the RC boat to starboard and hail with sail number and class. Check-in will be complete only when RC boat responds with that information. **THERE WILL BE NO RADIO CHECK-IN.**
- 5.4. Each yacht must check in before 1155 or at least 15 minutes before its assigned starting time.

## 6. THE RACING AREA

- 6.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of San Diego Bay (NOAA Chart 18773).

## 7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. Each yacht will decide its start direction and sequence of marks.
- 7.2. The RC will select one of the following courses, and, prior to the first warning signal, will announce the course by displaying the corresponding code flag. As a courtesy, the RC may also announce the course via VHF channel 68.

	Open/PHRF Classes	SDCatA, SGHF, SWRF
<b>Course 1:</b>	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 16A</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>"Bridge"</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>9.19 NM.</b> )	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 17</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>Buoy 23</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>7.20 NM.</b> )
<b>Course 2:</b>	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 15</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>"Bridge"</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>10.60 NM.</b> )	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 15</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>Buoy 24</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>8.99 NM.</b> )
<b>Course 3:</b>	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 12</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>"Bridge"</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>11.97 NM.</b> )	Start at <b>Buoy 19</b> . Round <b>Buoy 15</b> , <b>FM19</b> , and <b>"Bridge"</b> in any order and in either direction. Finish. (Distance = <b>10.60 NM.</b> )

- 7.3. Each yacht must cross the starting line in the direction of their first mark, in accordance with the RRS definition of start.
- 7.4. Each yacht must pass north of FM19 when rounding that mark, in accordance with RRS rule 28.2(b).
- 7.5. Each yacht must cross the finishing line from the course side, in accordance with the RRS definition of finish.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting and the finishing marks are the RC boat and Buoy 19.
- 8.2. Navy Mooring FM19 is located near the east end of Harbor Island at approx. 32° 43.27' N, 117° 11.415' W.
- 8.3. The "Bridge" is defined as any of Piers 18, 19, or 20 of the Coronado Bridge.
- 8.4. San Diego channel Buoys 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16A, 17, 23 and 24 may also be used as marks.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. There will be a staggered (pursuit) start with modified starting sequence defined below. This changes RRS rule 26. Per SI 2,2 starting times will available on the Event Website.
- 9.2. The starting line is between the course side of Buoy 19 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- 9.3. A distance buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and if present will be considered part of the RC yacht.

- 9.4. After the first warning signal, each yacht **shall stay at least 50 yards away from the starting line** (North and South sides) until 4 minutes before her starting signal.
- 9.5. The RC may postpone the race per RRS rule 27.3. In the event of postponement, the RC will announce the amount of delay, which will be a multiple of 10 minutes. Each yacht is expected to add the announced delay amount to her published starting time.
- 9.6. RRS 30.1 (I flag) will be in effect for all starts. It reads: **If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.**
- 9.7. The following table defines the first starting sequence and associated signals. RC will attempt to synchronize with GPS time.

Signal	Time	Flag and Sound
Attention	1154	4 horns
Warning	1155	Multicolored flag and one horn
Preparatory	1156	I flag and one horn
One-Minute	1159	I flag removed and one long horn
First starting signal	1200	Multicolored flag removed and one horn
Subsequent starting time	Various	One whistle
Courtesy time-checks	1215,1230,1245, etc.	One horn

**\*\*\* CAUTION \*\*\***

**Watch out for yachts starting in the opposite direction.**

- 9.8. For each subsequent yacht starting, the RC will attempt to sound a whistle at the yacht's assigned starting time.
- 9.9. The RC will attempt to sound one horn for courtesy time-checks at 1215, 1230, and 1245.
- 9.10. The absence of a sound signal will be disregarded. Failure of the RC to make a sound or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).
- 9.11. Individual warning, preparatory, and one-minute signals will not be given. A yacht's starting signal is considered to be at her assigned starting time, and her preparatory signal is considered to be 4 minutes prior to her starting signal.

**10. RECALLS**

- 10.1. As a courtesy, the RC may attempt to announce individual recalls on **VHF channel 68 but will NOT display Flag X and will NOT sound a horn.** Failure of a yacht to hear a hail or failure of the RC to hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).

**11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finishing line is between the course side of Buoy 19 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.

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**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. A yacht may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 **while in the zone around a mark** (other than a starting mark), her penalty shall be a **Two-Turns Penalty**. This changes RRS rule 44.1.

**13. TIME LIMIT & WITHDRAWALS**

- 13.1. Yachts failing to finish by 1700 will be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS rules 35, A4, and A5.
- 13.2. A yacht that retires from the race must notify the RC before leaving the course. Failure to notify RC may result in possible loss of racing privileges in future SWYC events.

**14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1. RRS 61 is modified to add: A yacht intending to protest shall report her intentions and the yacht(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring and shall obtain RC acknowledgement. A yacht that does not finish and intends to protest shall report her intentions to the RC boat via VHF Channel 68, and shall obtain RC acknowledgement.
- 14.2. Protests shall be in writing, photographed, and emailed to [protests@southwesternyc.org](mailto:protests@southwesternyc.org) no later than 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- 14.3. Notice of protests and yachts involved including names of witnesses, if known, and the schedule of hearings will be posted on the RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office.
- 14.4. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible after the day's racing is complete, or at a later date, at the option of the Protest Committee.

**15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge," as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the yacht is seaworthy and sailed by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. The person in charge shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The person in charge shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 15.2. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear requirements to be used on sailyachts when racing. See US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements for required gear: [https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US\\_SER\\_2018.0-1.xlsx](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0-1.xlsx)

**16. SCORING/TROPHIES**

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. Results will be announced at the Award Ceremony at SWYC clubhouse after the race.
- 16.3. The number of prizes awarded in each class will be based on the number of entries.
- 16.4. The overall Open /PHRF yacht and the SWRF winner will be noted on the perpetual trophy.