



DANA POINT YACHT CLUB

YEAR END REGATTA

DECEMBER 8TH, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 These races shall be governed by the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Sailing Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a nearshore race, the rules of PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Dana Point Yacht Club. The Dana Point Yacht Club Race Committee will manage this regatta and shall appoint a protest committee.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS will apply.
- 1.4 USSER 3.8.2 is changed in that the DSC/GPS capabilities for the handheld VHF radio is waived. All other requirements of USSER 3.8.2 still apply. This modifies USSER 3.8.2.

2 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All eligible boats must have submitted a completed entry form, must conform to all requirements for eligibility as stated in the *Notice of Race* for this series, and paid all fees due to the organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

3. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 3.1 There will be a Competitor's Meeting at 0930 hours Saturday, December 8th at DPYC. Questions concerning the conduct of the Regatta must be addressed during that meeting and will be answered by the DPYC Race Committee.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the second floor of the DPYC clubhouse. Notices may also be posted as a courtesy on the Events Board on the front patio of the DPYC clubhouse.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the second floor of the DPYC clubhouse no later than 45 minutes after the end of the skippers' meeting. Changes may also be posted on the Events Board at the front door of DPYC.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located on the upper deck of the DPYC clubhouse on the West Side of the building.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 There is one (1) Random Leg race scheduled.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal is 11:55 hours.

8. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Anticipated classes and Class flags, in the scheduled order of start, will be:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
PHRF A	A (white flag with dark letter)
PHRF B	B (white flag with dark letter)
Non-spinnaker	C (white flag with dark letter)

8.2 Class breaks will be provided at the Competitor's Meeting.

9. CHECKING IN AND RETIRING FROM THE RACE

- 9.1 Competitors must check-in with the Race Committee Signal Boat at least five minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day. Boats failing to do so will have a 15 minute time penalty added to their corrected time.
- 9.2 Competitors shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail their sail numbers until they are acknowledged by a Race Committee Signal Boat member as 'checked-in'.
- 9.3 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing must notify the Race Committee by coming within hail, by making contact on VHF Channel 68 or immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to comply may result in sanctions by the Race Committee, including rejection of the competitor's future race entries.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 The racing area will be the Pacific Ocean in the general vicinity just outside Dana Point Harbor.
- 10.2 The starting area will be the location of the Start/Finish line is described on the Dana Point Race Chart V #07.1.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 Course will be selected from and is described on Dana Point Race Chart V #07.1 included as part of these instructions.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Starting and Finishing marks will be staffs displaying an orange flag.
- 12.2 All other course marks will be as described on Dana Point Race Chart V #07.1.

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the Warning Signal being made 5 minutes before the Starting Signal. A listen up signal (several short horn blasts) may be given approximately 1 minute before the first Warning Signal.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on or near the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 13.4 Prior to any start, the Race Committee may use VHF Channel 68 to make competitors aware of its intentions and other information regarding the races.

14. RECALLS

- 14.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 14.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.
- 14.3 A Race Committee mark boat, if stationed at the port end of the line, is authorized to identify boats, which are OCS.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on or near the Race Committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag at the outboard end of the line.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for all classes shall be 1700 hours.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 17.2 Boats will be scored using PHRF Random Leg Area "E" ratings or rating assigned by the Race Committee.
- 17.3 Non-spinnaker classes shall be scored without the non-spinnaker offset.

18. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 18.1 All protests and requests for redress must conform to RRS Part 5, Section A and shall be written on forms available from a representative of the Race Committee at the scoring table located in the upstairs bar of DPYC.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour from the official posted docking time of the Race Committee Signal Boat and shall be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the east wall, second floor of the DPYC clubhouse.
- 18.3 Arbitration will be used for protests involving breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 under the US Sailing guidelines for arbitration. Protests not resolved in arbitration or involving rules other than found in RRS Part 2 will go to a full hearing of the Jury. The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B.
- 18.4 The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the times and place(s) for the hearings on the Official Regatta Notice Board. Contestants are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.
- 18.5 The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order received. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after receiving the protest form.

19. ARBITRATION

- 19.1 Protests filed, alleging a violation of Part 2 of the RRS, will be arbitrated unless serious damage or injury was sustained, or significant advantage was gained and/or multiple boats were involved in the incident. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B.
- 19.2 One representative from each boat will testify without witnesses before a judge.
- 19.3 The judge will make one of the following decisions:
 - 19.3.1 There is no violation. If **either** party agrees, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If the parties do not agree, the protest will go to the Jury.
 - 19.3.2 There is a violation by one or more of the boats involved. The offending boat has the option of accepting a penalty. The penalty will be 40% of the number of yachts in their class, rounding 0.5 upward. If the penalty is accepted the matter is closed and cannot be re-opened. If the party does not accept the penalty the protest will go to the Jury.
 - 19.3.3 The judge cannot determine the violation, and will direct the protest to the Jury. The mediation judge will not be a member of the jury but may be a witness to verify the consistency of the testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 regatta.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Following racing and resolution of all protests, results will be announced and trophies for the Regatta will be presented.