



**George Gray Singlehanded &
Doublehanded Race**
San Diego, California
Saturday, August 3rd, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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) except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The regatta will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start.
- 1.3. For the Singlehanded class only, change RRS 52 to read: "A boat's standing rigging, ~~running rigging~~, and spars shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. Autopilots or self-steering devices are permitted." The intent of this modification is to permit the use of power winches and autopilots/self-steering devices.
- 1.4. Change RRS 40 to read "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The Y flag need not be displayed."
- 1.5. RRS 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.
- 1.6. Yachts shall have a VHF radio on deck, tuned to Channel 68. Periodic radio checks will be required.
- 1.7. All racers shall adhere to the defined **Naval Protection Zone** (33 C.F.R. 165.2030).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Event Website (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17876>) and on the RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office no later than 0900 hours 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 TO 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 race is scheduled for August 3rd, 2019.

4.2. The first warning is scheduled for 1150.

5. CLASS FLAGS & CHECK IN

5.1. The Singlehanded Class will fly a “green class flag”.

5.2. The Doublehanded Class will fly a “white class flag”.

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.**

6. RACING AREA

6.1. The racing area will be in the San Diego Bay and the Coronado Roads. (NOAA Charts 18773 & 18772).

7. THE COURSE

7.1. All classes will sail the same course. See **Attachment A.**

- Start (between Buoy 17 to Port and the RC boat to Starboard)
- Leave Channel Buoy 6 to Port
- Leave Navy Mooring TG1 to Starboard
- Leave Channel Buoy SD to Starboard
- Finish (between Buoy 17 to Starboard and the RC boat to Port)

NOTE: Distance is 14.38 NM.

8. MARKS

Buoy 17	32N 42.3'	117W 13.8'
Buoy 6	32N 39.2'	117W 13.5'
Navy Mooring TG1	32N 38.0'	117W 10.8'
Buoy SD	32N 37.3'	117W 14.8'

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 be available on the Event Website.

9.2. The starting line is between the course side of Buoy 17 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 boat.

9.4. After the first warning signal, each yacht must stay clear of the starting area 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. 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	1149	4 horns
Warning	1150	Multicolored flag and one horn
Preparatory	1156	P flag and one horn
One-Minute	1159	P flag removed and one long horn

First starting signal	1200	Multicolored flag removed and one horn
Subsequent starting signals	Various	One whistle
Courtesy time-checks	1215,1230,1245, etc.	One horn

- 9.7. For each subsequent yacht starting, the RC will attempt to sound a whistle at the boat's assigned starting time.
- 9.8. The RC will attempt to sound one horn for courtesy time-checks at 1215, 1230, and 1245.
- 9.9. 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 62.1(a).
- 9.10. 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 finish line will be between Buoy 17 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- 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 44.1.
- 13. TIME LIMIT & WITHDRAWALS**
- 13.1. Any yacht failing to finish by 1630 hours will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 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. Protests shall be initiated in compliance with RRS 61, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2. Protest flags shall be displayed from the backstay. On yachts that have no backstays, the protest flag will be displayed in a prominent position on the stern.
- 14.3. RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement: 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 and the yacht(s) being protested to the RC Boat via VHF Channel 68 and **shall obtain RC acknowledgement**.
- 14.4. Protests must be in writing and submitted to the RC not later than 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.

- 14.5. Notice of protest and yachts involved, and the schedule of hearings will be posted on the bulletin board adjacent to the SWYC office within 30 minutes of the expiration of the protest time.
- 14.6. 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. It is recommended that a safety harness, tethered to the boat, be worn.
 - 15.2. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear requirements to be used on sailboats 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
- 16. SCORING**
 - 16.1. All yachts will be rated using PHRF local area Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings. Yachts should be in the configuration and with the equipment and sails for which they have been rated. Yachts without a PHRF rating will be assigned one by the OA before the start of the race.
 - 16.2. Membership in the PHRF fleet is not required. However, the type of yacht entered must have a PHRF rating in the PHRF Fleet Roster of Southern California or PHRF San Diego.
 - 16.3. Yachts will be scored in the order of finish. Results will be announced at the awards ceremony.
- 17. PRIZES**
 - 17.1. Trophies will be awarded at a ceremony conducted after the race at SWYC.
 - 17.2. The George Gray Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the singlehanded class.
- 18. DISCALIMER OF LIABILITY**
 - 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

Attachment A

