

Navy Yacht Club San Diego



2019 Wednesday Night Races Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Spring Series: April 17 – May 22, 2019

Summer Series: May 29 – July 3, 2019

Fall Series: July 10 – August 14, 2019

Organizing Authority

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

Principal Race Officer

Maureen Sylvester, 619-339-4609, or assigned

1. RULES

1.1 The Beer Can Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in US Sailing's *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Yachts will normally be scored according to their PHRF-SD Random Leg Course (RLC) handicap and Non-Spinnaker Offset as determined and supplied by PHRF San Diego. The PHRF-SD "Buoy" handicap may be used for scoring in the event a race is run on a windward/leeward buoy course.

1.3 **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect.

1.4 Racing rule(s) 27.1, 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows:

27.1 – Course designation will be announced at the pre-race skipper's meeting each week. **This does not preclude the race committee from changing the course.**

44.1, 44.2 – The 720-degree penalty turned is replaced with a 360-degree penalty turn. One single tack and gybe in the same direction. Boats violating a Rule of Part 2 RRS downwind legs may postpone execution of any penalty turn until first opportunity after clearing the downwind mark.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all NYCSD members in good standing, all MWR eligible patrons, and Navy Yacht Club member's guests. Boats not owned by NYCSD members may race, in compliance with this document, with a NYCSD member aboard; however, such boat is not eligible for trophies. This rule does not apply to MWR-owned boats and boats owned by non-profits.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering on Regatta Network prior to the Skippers meeting at 1715 before any Series race. Racers will need to re-register for each series: Spring, Summer and Fall.

2.3 Registration for each race is completed by checking in with the RC at the Starting Line. Prior to the warning of the first race each week, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the RC by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a

boat has been recognized, the RC will acknowledge with a hand signal or the boat's sail number. Boats failing to check-in properly may not be scored.

- 2.4 Entries will be accepted after any of the three series has begun but the entrant must participate in a minimum of four races to be eligible for a trophy in any series. A did not finish (DNF), did not start (DNS) or a disqualification (DSQ) qualifies as participating in a race but a did not compete (DNC) does not. Should an entrant who does not participate in four races of a series finish in the top three positions the next racer below them, who participated in 4 races, will move up in the series standings.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Any notices to competitors will be posted on the front window located at the NYCSD Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting at 1715 on the NYCSD clubhouse patio. Changes will also be available on the NYCSD website at www.nycsd.org under the Racing tab.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. Repeated air horn blasts will signal Changes to these Sailing Instructions made afloat are available from the RC and may be accompanied with flag "L."

6. CLASSES and SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The Wednesday Night Series of eighteen (18) races consists of three (3) sets of six (6) races each and runs from April 17, 2019 through August 14, 2019. The Spring Series of six (6) races are scheduled for every Wednesday beginning April 17, 2019 and ending May 22, 2019. The Summer Series of six (6) races are scheduled for every Wednesday, beginning May 29, 2019 and ending July 3, 2019. The Fall Series of six (6) races are scheduled every Wednesday beginning July 10, 2019 and ending August 14, 2019. A final Wednesday Night race may be scheduled for August 20, 2016 if required as a tiebreaker for the full eighteen (18) race series. A separate sailing instruction will be provided for this race.

- 6.2. The warning signal for the first race of the evening is scheduled for 1755 (subject to change). A courtesy sound signal (multiple short blasts) will be provided 1 minute prior to the warning.

- 6.3. Classes, Starting order, & Class flags are:

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Start Order</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
● Racing	Class 1	1	Pennant # ONE
● Cruising	Class 2	2	Pennant # TWO
● Capri 16.5	Class 3	3	Pennant # THREE

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be South San Diego Bay in the area between Fiddlers Cove Marina to the South, Navy Base Coronado to the North, and 32nd St. Naval Station to the East.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1. The RC will announce the designated course for each race/class at the pre-race skippers' meeting on the club patio at 1715 each Wednesday. This modifies rule 27.1.

- 8.2. If a course change is required afloat, the RC will post it on placards at the back of the RC boat. For the first class being started the course will be signaled before the warning signal. The course will be set nearly simultaneously with the warning, but before the preparatory flag, for each subsequent class. This modifies rule 27.1.

- 8.3.** Courses will be selected from the course sheet (Attachment A to the NOR) and will be posted on placards at the back of the RC boat. See 8.2. The approximate magnetic heading to the weather mark may also be indicated on placards on the back of the RC Boat.
- 8.4.** The “A” mark will be either a large inflatable barrel float or other mark in the vicinity of Fiddler’s Cove, and shall be the windward mark, located approximately 1/2 to 1 nautical mile upwind of the starting line. Its physical description will be described at the skippers meeting.
- 8.5.** The “C” mark will be an orange float set by the Race Committee, and shall be the leeward mark, located a short distance upwind of the RC Boat. Immediately after starting this mark may be passed on either side.
- 8.6.** The “R” mark will be an orange float set by the Race Committee, or similarly visible mark, and shall be the Reach Mark, forming a Windward-Leeward-Triangle course.
- 9. THE START**
- 9.1.** The starting area for most races will be approximately 1/2 to 1 mile east of Fiddlers Cove Marina entrance.
- 9.2.** The start line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a pin buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.3.** The committee end of the start line marked by the Committee boat will include any dinghy/RHIB/buoy/other object(s) attached to the committee boat as a part of that mark.
- 9.4.** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her warning signal will be scored did not start (DNS). This modifies rule A4.1 and A5.
- 10. RECALLS**
- 10.1.** Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1, with a horn blast as the sound signal. The RC will attempt to hail premature starters, but it is the responsibility of all yachts to start properly. The order or timeliness of hailing, failure of hailing equipment or failure of a yacht to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1(a).
- 11. THE FINISH**
- 11.1.** The finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a pin buoy with an orange flag at the port end near the entrance to Fiddlers Cove. The finish line can also be modified by Rule 32.2 (shortened course).
- 11.2.** The committee end of the finish line marked by the Committee boat will include any dinghy/RHIB/buoy/other object(s) attached to the committee boat as a part of that mark.
- 12. PENALTIES**
- 12.1.** Rule 44.1 & 44.2 is changed so that the 720-degree penalty turn is replaced with a 360-degree penalty turn to include one tack and one gybe made in one distinct maneuver. It is recommended that if you break a Part 2 rule, in line with the Corinthian Sportsman spirit, you exonerate yourself by doing a 360. You should not have to be told you are being protested.
- 13. TIME LIMIT**
- 13.1.** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat for its class finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing, and awarded points equal to the number of boats starting its race plus one (1) in accordance with Rule A9. This modifies rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 13.2.** The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail her course is 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- 14. PROTESTS**
- 14.1.** Protest forms are available in the Navy Yacht Club office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2.** For each class the protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.

- 14.3. Notice of Protest will be announced within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Hearings will be held the following Wednesday at 1630 at the Navy Yacht Club office. The Race Committee Chairman shall appoint the Protest Committee.
- 14.5. Generally, protests are discouraged. Beer cans are intended to be a fun, spirited and safe learning environment with “Corinthian Sportsmanship” a priority. As a reminder, a boat protested may take a penalty as described in Rule 44.1 and as modified by 1.4 and 12.1 of these instructions.
- 14.6. Skippers intending to protest shall hang a **distinct red flag** on the backstay or other prominent position and attempt to hail the skipper being protested so they can take a penalty and avoid a protest hearing if they agree they broke a rule of Part 2 of the RRS.

15. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 15.1 Arbitration hearings may be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving violations of Part 2, RRS at the discretion of the Principal Race Official (PRO). This changes RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 15.2 After protests are turned in, one representative, conforming to RRS 63.3(a), of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 15.3 After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - (1) There was no breach of a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If either representative disagrees, the matter goes to a protest hearing.
 - (2) There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representatives of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40% alternative penalty (calculated as in RRS 44.3c, or submitting the matter to protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.
 - (3) The matter should go to a protest hearing.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, as amended by these instructions will apply.
- 16.2. SCYA Manufacturer/provisional handicaps compatible with San Diego PHRF area "G" Random Leg Course (RLC) or San Diego PHRF ratings will be used as a baseline for the Race Chair's computation of the Navy Yacht Club “Wednesday Night Series” Rating to score all races. In the event a windward/leeward course is chosen the PHRF-SD “Buoy” handicap *may* be used for scoring. **Special Handicap adjustments (up or down) will be made to level the field of participants in order to make the series anyone's race.** Each Skipper can elect to sign up in either Racing, Cruising or 16.5 class, but changing classes mid-season may affect a yacht's ability to compete for the season championship.
- 16.3. Non-Spinnaker offsets will normally be used in the ratings computation. When a yacht utilizes a spinnaker, the spinnaker rating will apply for that race in the series.
- 16.4. Each yacht's final series' score will be based on the best five scores (or one thrown out for a six race series). A score for the purposes of this SI is defined as a finish position, DNS, DNF, DNC, DSQ or other position as defined in the RRS or this sailing instruction. A finish, DNF, DNS or a DSQ qualifies as participating in a race but a DNC does not. Should an entrant who

does not participate in four races of a series finish in the top three positions the next racer below them, who participated in 4 races, will move up in the series standings.

17. RACE COMMITTEE

17.1. Staffing of the Race Committee will be provided by club members and guests on a voluntary basis. Interested members and guests must sign-up with the Race Chair and coordinate to receive race committee training/orientation and file a marina volunteer services form.

18. TROPHIES

18.1 During the Club’s “Bring-Your-Own” Wednesday night barbeque, provisional winners from each class will be announced. These winners will be awarded a commemorative winner flag that may be flown in their boat’s rigging throughout the next week’s race. At the end of the next race these flags will be turned in to the Race Chair for distribution to that night’s provisional winners. Final results and scores will be posted on the Club bulletin board and the racing page of the club web site at www.nycsd.club.

18.1. A Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Boats in Class for the series:	Trophies
1-4	1
5-7	2
8-12	3
13-19	4
20+	5

18.2 Following the first or second race of the Summer series, trophies will be awarded to each of the classes for the Spring series during the BBQ following the race. The summer series champions will be awarded following the first or second race of the Fall series and the Fall series champions will be awarded at the fun/makeup race. See 6.1.

18.3 A yacht’s scores from each series will be combined to score the 18 races to determine the overall champion in each class. These winners will receive a “Fargo Cup” award presented at the Opening Day in 2020. In the event of a tie in a class the Final race mentioned in paragraph 6.1 will be used to determine the winner.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 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.

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