



2020 Rookie Regatta

January 18, 2020

Sailing Instructions



Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC) and Dana West Yacht Club (DWYC) are the Organizing Authority for this Regatta.

1. Rules

1.1 This race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and by the rules of PHRF of Southern California. This regatta is classified as a U.S. Sailing Near Shore Race and all boats shall comply with current USCG safety regulations and, except as noted in this Section, with current US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER).

1.2 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read as follows:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

1.4 USSER requirement 3.8.2 is modified to strongly recommend, but not require, DSC/GPS capability.

2 Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the bulletin board of the Horizon Bar in the DPYC clubhouse and on the Events Board on the front patio of the DPYC clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions for race one will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the skippers meeting. For each of the remaining races, any changes will be posted online and on the Events Board on the front patio of the DPYC clubhouse by 1000 hours each race day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the DPYC flagstaff on the south side of the building near the clubhouse entrance and parking lot, or from the DPYC flagstaff at the upstairs patio near the northwest corner of the building.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” as indicated under the RRS, Race Signals, Postponement Signals.

5 Schedule Of Race

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first practice start will be at 1155 hours.

5.2 There will be two practice starts, followed by a single random-leg race. The second practice start and the race will begin as soon as practical after the completion of the preceding event.

5.3 Each practice start will be preceded by a complete starting sequence per RRS 26.

5.4 Trophies will be awarded at Dana Point Yacht Club following the race.

6 Fleets, Classes, and Class Flags

6.1 The race will be conducted with one fleet, designated ‘Non-Spinnaker’ (or ‘Non-Spin’).

6.2 The Non-Spinnaker fleet will be grouped into one class, labeled ‘A’. The class flag shall be a White flag with a dark letter ‘A’.

7 Safety

7.1 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. Those failing to do so will be assessed a Scoring Penalty of 30% for all races that day. Competitors who do not check in before the start of their class will be scored DNC for that race, without a hearing.

7.2 To constitute a valid check-in, competitors must

7.2.1 sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat from the starboard side, and

7.2.2 *hail their sail numbers* until they are acknowledged by a Race Committee signal boat member as ‘checked- in’.

7.3 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, by making contact by cell phone

to the Principal Race Officer at (949) 607-7968. Such notification shall be made upon retiring 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.

8 Racing Area, Courses, and Marks

8.1 All courses will be signaled from the Race Committee boat using International Code Flag numeral pennants.

8.2 The current version of the Dana Point Race Chart ver. 7.1 will be used for the race. Mark 'C' on the Dana Point Race Chart ver. 7.1 will temporarily be replaced with an inflatable orange tetrahedron in the location as shown on the Dana Point Race Chart ver. 7.1. This changes the description of Mark 'C'. This mark replacement will remain in effect until further notice.

8.3 The Start/Finish Line will be restricted, which means that a boat may not sail through the Start/Finish line except when that boat is starting or finishing. Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ for that race.

8.3.1 A restricted line is, in its entirety, designated as an obstruction as defined in the RRS.

9 Starting Lines, Finishing Lines, And Starting System

9.1 The race will be started using RRS 26. The Race Committee will sound a series of horn blasts as a courtesy signal approximately 1 minute before the Warning Signal for each practice start and the race of the day.

9.2 Start and Finish Lines

9.2.1 The starting line for all races will be designated by an orange flag on or near the Race Committee signal boat (at the inshore end of the line) and an orange flag on the floating mark (at the offshore end of the line).

9.2.2 The finishing line for Random Leg races may not be in the same position as the starting line, but will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange flag on a floating mark in a location visible to competitors when approaching from the previous mark on the race course.

9.2.3 The location of the Start line is as described in Dana Point Race Chart ver. 7.1. The finish line for Random Leg races is described in 9.2 (b) above.

9.3 A boat in a class whose warning signal has *not* been made shall stay clear of the starting area and all boats in a class whose warning signal has been made.

9.4 A floating mark may be attached to the Race Committee signal boat and shall be part of the Starting and Finishing Mark for the purposes of RRS28 and 31.

9.5 As a courtesy to racers, The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 68 to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, postponement and other information regarding the races. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

9.6 A solid blue flag will *not* be displayed on the RC signal boat to announce that the Race Committee vessel is in position at the finishing line. This changes RRS 'Race Signals'.

10 Recalls

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

10.2 The Race Committee signal boat may attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) competitors on VHF 68. The failure of the Race Committee signal boat to hail a boat, or of any boat to hear the hail, or the order of hailed boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10.3 A Race Committee mark-set boat, if stationed at the port end of the line, is authorized to identify boats which have violated RRS 29.1.

11 Scoring

11.1 Scoring will be as stated in the Notice of Race.

12 Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for all classes for each day's race(s) will be 1700 hours.

13 Protests and Penalties

13.1 All protests and requests for redress must conform to RRS Part 5, Section A, and specifically Rule 61.1.

13.2 Protests shall be written on a form ('Protest Form') available from a representative of the Race Committee at the Race Committee table or from the bulletin board located in the upstairs Horizon Bar of DPYC. Any Protest Form submitted under this section shall be deemed to comply with Rule 61.2, so long as all relevant sections of the form are completed, the form is signed and dated as required, and the form is properly submitted.

13.3 The protest time limit is one hour from the official posted docking time of the Race Committee signal boat, which shall be posted on the bulletin board located in the upstairs Horizon Bar of DPYC. Written Protest Forms must be submitted to the Principal Race Officer before the expiration of the one-hour time limit.

14.4 The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the time(s) and place(s) for the hearing(s) on the bulletin board located in the upstairs Horizon Bar of DPYC. Contestants are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.

14.5 The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order received. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the protest time limit stated in 14.2 above.

15 Arbitration

15.1 Protests 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.

15.2 Arbitrations will be conducted under the guidelines set forth in RRS Appendix T, except as modified by Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or cell phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or cell phone communications not available to all boats.

17 Trophies

17.1 Trophies will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

18. Disclaimer Of Liability

18.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (DPYC) will not accept and hereby disclaims any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in connection with or prior to, during, or after any racing activity.

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Appendix A: Protest Arbitration

RRS 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty (determined as provided in RRS 44.3(c) for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear, together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed.

The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will announce one of the following conclusions:

1. No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
2. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
3. The protest should be submitted to the protest committee in the normal way. When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest but may be called as a witness to verify the consistency of the testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

The 40% penalty shall be calculated on the number of boats racing in that race. This changes RRS 44.3(c).