

# 2020 SCYA Midwinter Regatta

Host ALYC: PHRF, Nearshore, Spin and Non-Spin

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### BASIC PRINCIPLE

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty which may be to retire.

### 1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including US Sailing Prescriptions, and the Class Rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) of Southern California.

1.2. US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) apply, Category US Nearshore. The USSER can be found at: [https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US\\_SER\\_2019.0\\_Categories.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf)

1.3. In addition to USSER, all boats shall carry a functioning GPS. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of each owner or charterer to insure that his yacht is fit for sea, properly equipped for any emergency, and properly manned by an experienced crew.

### 2. ENTRIES

2.1. An entry form must be filed with the American Legion Yacht Club or by web-entry at Regatta Networks. The individual signing the entry or web-entering will be regarded as responsible for the boat throughout the event.

2.2. An entrant must be a member of a yacht club recognized by US SAILING or, in the case of a foreign club, by its national authority.

2.3. Entries must include the sail number and class (spinnaker or non-spinnaker) for each entry to be accepted.

2.4. The Race Committee will group the boats into separate starting classes based on their **Area D RLC** PHRF rating. Class breaks will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the ALYC Hut no later than 9 am, and be announced at the Skipper's Meeting, scheduled for 8:30am Saturday 2/15/20 in the ALYC clubhouse Hut.

### 3. PENALTIES

3.1. RRS 44.2 is changed to a One Turn Penalty.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the American Legion marina ramp.

4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP flag is lowered.

4.3 Flag L flown ashore indicates a change has been made to the Sailing Instructions. A numeral pennant will fly with the L flag if more than one change has occurred for that day.

4.4 Race Committee may also issue verbal changes to the sailing instructions during check-in while code flag LIMA (Come Within Hail) is displayed.

4.5 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the race.

## **5. COURSES AND MARKS**

- 5.1. The Racing Area will be the coastal waters off of Newport Beach; CA. Courses will be Random Leg on Saturday February 15th and Sunday February 16th, 2020 (as shown in Appendix A (TBA)).
- 5.2 The anchored marks are orange, yellow or red tetrahedrons. An Oil Island or government Nav Aid may be also used as a mark of the course.
- 5.3 Any alternate or changed marks will be orange, yellow or red tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 5.4. All marks will be left to port unless otherwise indicated.
- 5.5 All marks are rounding Marks except: specified gate Marks, any Marks forming the Start or Finish line and Marks shown in brackets (e.g. [K]) on the course list or chart.
- 5.6 The course will be designated by number signal pennants flown from a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat as depicted in the Appendices.

## **6. CHECK-IN**

- 6.1. Prior to the first Warning Signal for the first race, each boat shall:
  - a) Sail past the Race Committee boat on starboard tack;
  - b) Announce her sail number; and
  - c) Obtain the recognition of her sail number by the Race Committee.
- 6.2. The Race Committee may penalize a boat for failure to check in.
- 6.3 NO late entries will be accepted at the RC boat on the water, unless a boat has been sent to our race by another R/C.

## **7. START/FINISH, RETIRING CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1. The first warning signal each day is scheduled for 1155 hours.
- 7.2. The Start and Finish lines will be a line between an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and an orange flag on a staff located as described in Appendix A for Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.3. Races will be started using RSS standard 5 minute rolling starts with an attention signal approximately one (1) minute before the 1st class' Warning signal.
- 7.4 The Competitors class breaks will be shown in Appendix B (TBA). Classes, as per 2.4, will be:
  - a) PHRF A will be indicated by a white flag with the large black letter: "A"
  - b) PHRF B will be indicated by a white flag with the large black letter: "B"
  - c) NON-SPIN PHRF all indicated by a white flag with the large black letter: "C"
- 7.5. Upon elimination of a class, the starting times of succeeding classes will advance accordingly. Competitors must be alert for the display of their class flag at the warning signal for each race.
- 7.6. Boats whose Warning Signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats starting and finishing. When not racing, a boat interfering with any boat that is racing is subject to protest.
- 7.7 No spinnakers or loose luff headsails may be hoisted more than 3 feet above the deck centerline prior to Starting.
- 7.8 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 72. Neither the occurrence of this hail, timing of this hail, equipment failure or failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).
- 7.9 Boats retiring from the race shall notify the race committee prior to leaving the race area on VHF Channel 72 or by Cell Phone 949-922-1926.

## **8. TIME LIMIT**

8.1. Boats failing to finish within forty (40) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35.

8.2 The time limit for the last race on Saturday for all Classes will be 1700. Boats that have not finished by this time limit will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35.

8.3 The time limit for the last race on Sunday for all Classes will be 1600. Boats that have not finished by this time limit will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35.

## **9. PROTESTS**

9.1. RRS 61.1 is changed by adding this sentence: "When a boat intends to protest, she shall notify the Race Committee at the finishing line and inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident."

9.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the prize-giving presentation area of ALYC and completed forms shall be delivered to the prize-giving presentation area table no later than sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Boat has returned to the dock.

9.3. Protests will be heard, in the order determined by the Protest Committee.

9.4. Only the helmsman at the time of the incident or the responsible individual that registered the boat for the race (see 2.1) may represent the boat in a hearing. No other party may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.

9.5. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

9.6. Protest hearings will be conducted as "Time-Limited Protest Hearings", at a time determined by the Race Committee, with the following format: Each party will be allowed three (3) minutes to present its own version of the incident. Each party will then be allowed two (2) minutes to question other parties. Providing no party has suffered serious damage, following testimony and questions, any party may accept a 20% scoring penalty, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). If a party accepts a scoring penalty, then the relevant protest shall be dismissed and the party may not be penalized further in that hearing (except for an infringement of RRS 2). If the protest is not resolved, then the parties may call witnesses. Witnesses shall have two (2) minutes to present relevant and non-redundant testimony. Each party then will be allowed two (2) minutes to question each witness. Each party will then be allowed one (1) minute to summarize its position. The Protest Committee will then reach its decision.

## **10. SCORING**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS will apply.

10.2. Two (2) races may be held on Saturday. Two (2) races may be held on Sunday.

10.3. If four (4) races are run, one (1) race will be excluded from the total of the scoring.

10.4. Three races shall constitute a series.

## **11. AWARDS/PRIZE-GIVING**

11.1 A prize-giving presentation for all Classes, without pending Protests, will begin at ALYC at 1830 or sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks at ALYC, whichever occurs last.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or American Legion Yacht Club will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with the regatta.