

## 2021 BALBOA YACHT CLUB BEERCAN SUMMER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Balboa Yacht Club would like to remind all competitors that boating safety rules applicable to California waterways apply during racing and it strongly urges competitors to verify that there is adequate safety equipment for every person on board.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The use of spinnaker sails, double head sails, and head sails larger than 155% LP are prohibited.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located on the Flag Deck level, in the hallway to the locker room, of Balboa Yacht Club and on the website before 1700 hours PDT on the day of the race when it shall take effect. It is strongly recommended that competitors monitor VHF Channel 69 before and while racing.

### 3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The race and awards dates for each series is as follows:

SERIES	RACE DATES	AWARDS DATE
Ale	May 13, 20, 27	June 3
Lager	June 3, 10, 17, 24	July 1
Pilsner	July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	August 5
Stout	August 5, 12, 19, 26	September 2
Single Malt	September 2, 9	September 9

- 3.2 The first warning signal for each race will be at 1800 hours PDT.

### 4 CLASSES and COURSES

- 4.1 PHRF classes are based on PHRF RLC ratings with your Non-Spin Offset. To receive a rating, call the Southern California PHRF office at (562) 438-6712.
- 4.2 PHRF class breaks may be changed for each series to balance the size of the classes or to provide better competition. Check the Regatta Notice Board before the first race of each series for any changes.
- 4.3 **Classes may be started together but scored separately.**
- 4.4 The classes and courses are as follows:

CLASS NUMERAL PENNANT	PHRF RLC RATINGS (with Non spin offset)	BACKSTAY NUMERAL PENNANT	COURSE TO BE SAILED
#1	Less than 51	#1	Start – 10s – Z – 10 – 8 – K - Finish
#2	51 - 100	#2	Start – 10s – Z- 10 – 8 – K - Finish
#3	101 - 150	#3	Start – 10s – Z – 10 – 8 – K - Finish
#4	151 and above	#4	Start – 10s – Y – 10 – 8 – K - Finish

### 5 MARKS

- 5.1 Marks 8, and 10 are government navigational aids. Mark 8 is located near the southwest side of the BYC mooring field. Mark 10 is located near the southwest corner of Balboa Island.
- 5.2 Marks K, Y and Z are Newport Harbor Racecourse Markers K, Y and Z which are yellow cylindrical buoys with a shaft protruding from the top. Mark K is located near the south east side of the BYC mooring field and Marks Y and Z are located on the north and northwest sides of Lido Isle, respectively.
- 5.3 All marks are to be rounded to port except that Mark 10 shall be passed to starboard when on the first leg of the course.

### 6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Mooring areas are defined as obstructions. No boat shall enter a mooring area while racing. A boat breaking this rule shall retire.

### 7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be in the vicinity of Newport Harbor Racecourse Marker M on the south side of Balboa Island.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange flag on a staff in the water.
- 7.3 The class or classes for each start will be indicated with numeral pennants flown on the Race Committee Signal Boat. See CLASS NUMERAL PENNANT column in the table above.

- 7.4 Races will be started as follows: The warning signal will be given three (3) minutes prior to the starting signal and the preparatory signal given two (2) minutes prior to the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.
- 7.5 The warning signal for each succeeding class is normally made with the starting signal of the preceding class, however delays may occur.

## **8 AVOIDING COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

- 8.1 Boats racing or intending to race shall not impede commercial traffic within Newport Harbor. A boat breaking this rule shall retire.
- 8.2 The Race Committee may hail boats to alter course to avoid commercial traffic. Boats hailed under this rule shall comply with the instructions given in the hail. Failure to do so shall be grounds for protest by the Race Committee against the boat.
- 8.3 A complaint filed with BYC, by either the Newport Beach Harbor Patrol or a captain of a commercial vessel that identifies a boat competing in this regatta as having impeded commercial traffic shall constitute grounds for a protest by the Race Committee against the boat. The time limit to file such a protest is forty eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the applicable race. This changes RRS 61.3.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag displayed from the BYC Race Tower or the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange flag on a staff.
- 9.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course in the vicinity of Bay Island or the vicinity of Newport Harbor Racecourse Marker M between an orange flag on a staff in the water and an S flag flown on the Race Committee Signal Boat. This changes RRS 32.2.

## **10 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit to sail the course (as is described in RRS 28.1) shall be ten (10) minutes after the published sunset time for Newport Beach. Any boat finishing after that time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2

## **11 ALTERNATE PENALTY**

A boat breaking a RRS Part 2 rule may exonerate herself by dropping its head sail(s) to the boat's deck as soon as possible after the infraction and hold it there for a full ten (10) seconds. No other actions are necessary. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **12 PROTESTS**

- 12.1 Boats should notify the Race Committee Signal Boat of their intent to protest a boat.
- 12.2 Protests shall be filed with the BYC Sailing Office within one (1) hour after the protesting boat finishes, the time of which will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 12.3 Protests forms are available at the BYC Sailing Office.
- 12.4 Protest hearings will be heard at a mutually convenient time between races.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply to each of the five (5) Beer Can Series except that a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.2 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply to the overall Beer Can Series except that a boat's score will exclude her two (2) worst scores from all the races of the Ale, Lager, Pilsner, Stout and Single Malt Series. However, if the class breaks for PHRF classes are changed (per SI 4.2), the scoring system for the overall BeerCans Series will be revised by the Race Committee to be as fair an arrangement as possible for all boats affected.
- 13.3 Boats without a sail number or that change their sail number mid series without notifying the OA may not be scored.
- 13.4 For each series, one (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

## **14 SPORTSMANSHIP**

Skippers, crew, and their guests are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and good manners both while racing and at post race festivities at Balboa Yacht Club. Offensive conduct, such as rudeness toward non-racers, foul or threatening language, or fighting is considered "a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship" under RRS 69.1(a).

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