

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

***2021***

***VENTURA CUP***

***Team Competition***

***July 17 & 18, 2021***

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## 1 THE RULES:

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) of Southern California, the Ventura Cup Notice of Race (Rev 5/27/21) and these Sailing Instructions (Rev 6/17/21), the last of which shall prevail in cases of conflict.

1.2 All boats shall conform to USCG and USSailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a USSailing Nearshore Race as modified below. The entire list of USSERs is available online at [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org) (click on Safety).

1.2.A USS SER 2.4.4 is in effect for this event and is modified to require lifelines even if they are not uncoated stainless steel. However, one-design class boats designed to race without lifelines are eligible to participate as long as all crew wear PFDs and hike only with feet inboard of the torso.

1.2.B USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow (non-GPS) magnetic compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift provided, however, they must be mounted/ tethered to prevent the device from being lost overboard.

1.2.C USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is in effect for this event but modified to allow a hand-held water-proof VHF or a hand-held VHF with a waterproof cover. DSC/GPS capability is not required.

1.2.D USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level (common on '90's and earlier boats).

1.2.E A minimum of two (2) crew is required.

1.2.F Each participating boat shall have valid, third-party liability insurance that provides for a minimum coverage of \$300,000/incident.

1.2.G Area A PHRF Windward/Leeward (W/L) Ratings shall be used. All boats must have a valid PHRF rating certificate. However, current valid one-design Class certificates may be substituted for PHRF certificates for boats in well-established one-design classes (e.g. J/24, J/70) that don't normally sail in races requiring PHRF certificates (this changes Paragraph 6.4 of the PHRF class rules). For scoring purposes, one-design boats without a PHRF Rating but holding a valid one-design Class Certification shall be rated as if rated by PHRF in Area A.

1.3 There shall be only one (1) PHRF class.

1.4 Yacht Club teams formed to compete for the Ventura Cup Team Trophy, will be composed of three (3) monohull entrants. The sum of PHRF ratings for all three (3) boats on a team must be at least 300. No boat may rate more than 198. A yacht club may enter up to two (2) teams.

1.5 No boat may compete without being a member of a team

1.6 While the Designated Skipper of each boat must be a club member, helmspersons and other crew need not be club members.

- 2     **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located on the downstairs patio at VYC.
- 3     **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted ashore before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect or afloat orally per RRS Rule 90.2 (c), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Oral instructions from the Race Committee (RC) on station will be signaled over radio Channel 69. Code flag “L” will be displayed until the start of the next sequence to signal an oral change has been made.
- 4     **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff adjacent to the VYC clubhouse.
- 5     **SKIPPER'S MEETING:** A skipper's meeting will be held promptly at 0830 hours on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, on the second floor of the VYC clubhouse.
- 6     **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The warning signal for the first race on **Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** is scheduled to sound at approximately **1125**. The warning signal for the first race on **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** will sound at approximately **1155**. Conditions/Time permitting, the RC shall attempt to provide a “break” of at least ten (10) minutes between the time the last boat of a race finishes and commencement of a new start sequence. There may be a multi-horn courtesy “alert” signal approximately one (1) minute before the start sequence of each race.
- 7     **THE RACING AREA:** Racing on both days will start approximately ½ to ¾ of a mile south of the Ventura Harbor “R2” whistle buoy.
- 8     **THE COURSES:** The approximate course configurations for all races are illustrated in the 2021 Ventura Cup Regatta Course Chart, which is hereby made part of these Sailing Instructions. The designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal.
9.    **THE MARKS:** Other than the RC signal boat, all primary marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoys. New marks, when used in accord with RRS Rule 33, will be orange inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 10    **CHECK IN BEFORE THE START:** After the RC signal boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal for the first start of each day, boats are required to check in by radio on VHF 69 or by hailing her sail number while sailing (on starboard tack) close astern of the RC signal boat. Check in is not complete unless/until affirmation is given by the RC signal boat.
- 11    **THE START**
  - 11.1   Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. There may be a multi-horn courtesy “alert” signal one (1) minute before the warning signal. The Class flag will be PINK.
  - 11.2   The start/finish line for all races will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an inflatable buoy at the other end of the line.

11.3 A boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

## **12 RECALLS**

12.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29. As a courtesy, the RC *may* attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS any boat(s) on VHF channel 69.

12.2 The following shall not be grounds for granting redress [this changes RRS Rule 62.1(a)]:

- (A) Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
- (B) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed or broadcast numbers.
- (C) Failure of the RC to hail or broadcast numbers.

**13 THE FINISH:** Boats are to clear the start/finish line (see 11.2) in as expeditious a manner as possible so as to not interfere with subsequently finishing boats.

**14 TIME LIMIT:** Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boats in the class. This modifies RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.

**15 PROTESTS:** Protests shall be written on forms available at the VYC office and must be filed there within one (1) hour after the RC signal boat docks at the end of racing for the day.

**16 RETIREMENT:** A boat that retires from a race after checking in is to notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race. If contact via VHF is impossible, boats may notify Jim Dembowski, VYC Race Chair, @ (805) 256-0770.

## **17 SCORING**

17.1 Scoring for individual competitors shall be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A Low Point System, except there will be no throw-outs; this changes Appendix A2. Seven (7) races are planned; four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 Scoring for yacht club teams competing for the Ventura Cup Team Trophy shall be low point scoring.

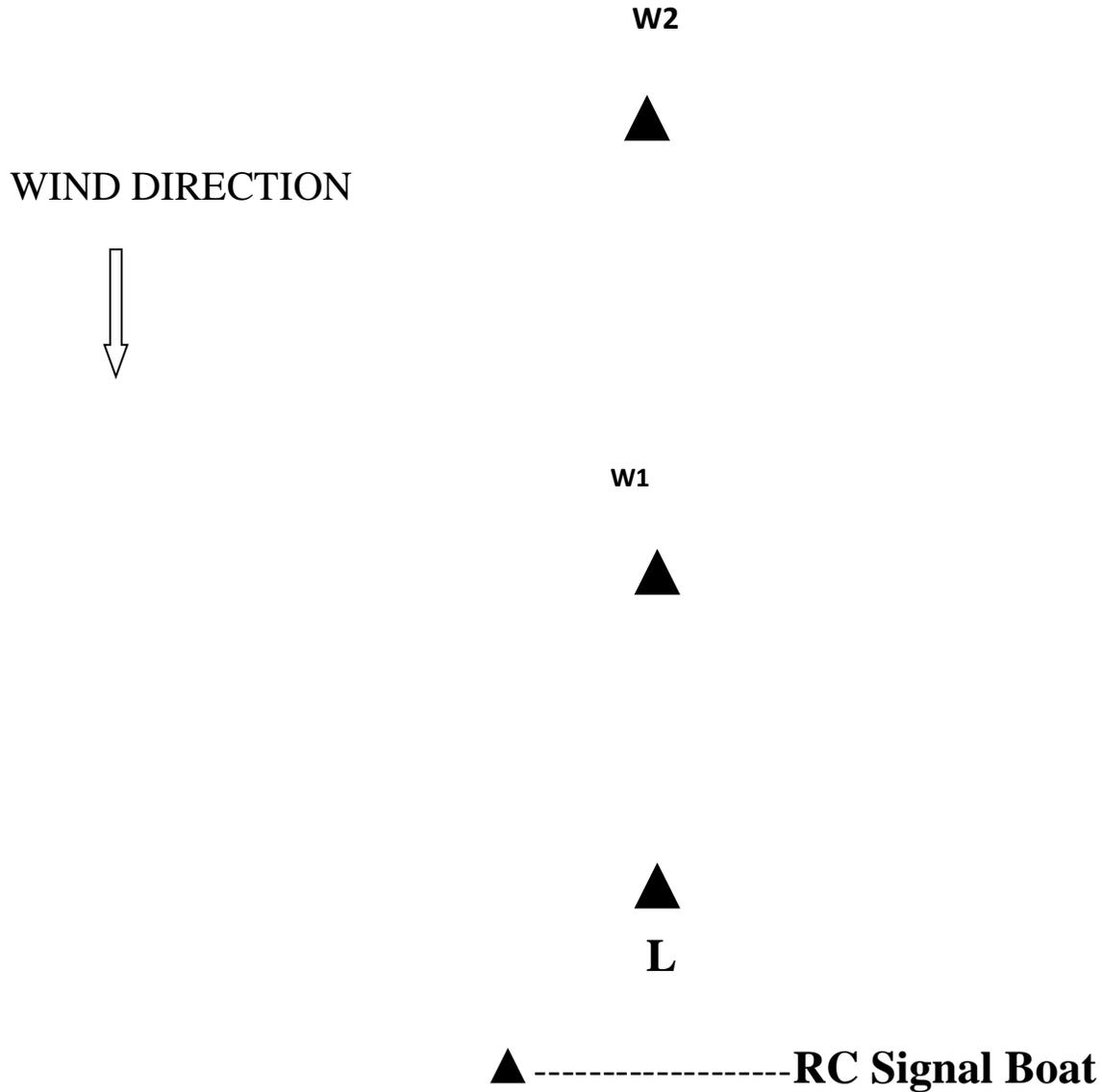
17.3 In the event that a tie should occur among teams the following tie-breaking formula, based on RRS A8, will be used to determine the team competition winner:

- (1) If there is a series score tie between two or more ( $\geq 2$ ) teams, each team's race scores will be listed in order of best to worst and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the team with the best scores.
- (2) If a tie remains between two or more ( $\geq 2$ ) teams, they shall be ranked in order of the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied teams' scores in the next to last race and so on until all ties are broken.

- 18 INSPECTION:** The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any participating boats. Boats not in compliance with appropriate USSailing Safety Equipment Requirements (See Par 1.3) and/or their PHRF Rating Certificate (or Class Certificate, if substituted), shall be subject to protest by the RC or other competitors.
- 19 TROPHIES:** The winning team will have their sponsoring yacht club's name inscribed on the Ventura Cup perpetual trophy. This trophy will then be entrusted to the care of the winning yacht club for display in their club's trophy case until the next Ventura Cup Team Competition is held. Individual trophies for the skippers of the first, second and third place teams will be awarded. Individual trophies for the top three boats shall be awarded.
- 20 DISCLAIMER and WAIVER**  
Competitors in this event understand and agree they are participating entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3 Decision to Race. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors' participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# 2019 VENTURA CUP REGATTA

## COURSE ILLUSTRATION FOR BUOY RACES (Not to Scale)



Marks W1, W2 and L are to be taken to port.

The approximate distance from Start/Finish to L will be 0.10 NM.

The approximate distance from the Start/Finish line to W1 will be one (1) mile.

The approximate distance from the Start/Finish line to W2 will be one and a half (1.5) miles.

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- 1 S-W1-F
2. S-W2-F
3. S-W1-L-W1-F
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