



Ventura Yacht Club
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Sailing Instructions

2021 Wet Wednesday, April 13th to Sept 14th

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. This series is rated Nearshore Event. Entrants should comply with the US Sailing SER. The following prescriptions of the USS SER have been modified for this series.
 - 1.2.1. USS SER 2.4.4 is in effect and modified to require lifelines even if they are not uncoated Stainless Steel.
 - 1.2.1.1. Aboard all One Design Boats designed to race without lifelines, all crew must wear PFDs and hike only with feet inboard of the torso.
 - 1.2.2. USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift (non GPS) magnetic compasses with mounted brackets as long as they are tethered so the device may not be lost overboard.
 - 1.2.3. USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is modified to allow a handheld waterproof VHF or a handheld VHF with a waterproof cover. DSC/GPS capability is not required.
 - 1.2.4. USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level (90's and earlier boats).
- 1.3. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
RRS 3.

2. Notice to Competitors and Changes to the SI

- 2.1. Notices will be via email to all competing Skippers/Masters (who are to provide the Race Committee with a current/valid email address) and posted on the Bulletin Board located inside the downstairs patio at VYC.
- 2.2. Oral instructions from the RC on station will be noticed by display of the Code Flag L on the RC boat.

3. Signals made ashore

- 3.1. Signals will be hoisted on the VYC Main flagpole on one of the yardarms accompanied by an audible signal.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. The start signal is scheduled for 1800 each Wednesday
- 4.2. Races are planned for up to 22 Wednesdays from April 13th to and including September 14th.

5. Ratings and Classes

- 5.1. Area A PHRF Windward/Leeward (W/L) ratings will be used. Boats without ratings should apply to the RC in advance of the races.
- 5.2. Boats may enter only one (1) class for the series and must race in that class for each event in the series.
- 5.3. Ratings will be adjusted for places as follows, for the next race. 1st -6, 2nd -3 and last +6, 2nd from last +3.
- 5.4. Classes will not use the PHRF Non Spin Offset.
- 5.5. Class A: 114 and lower Spinnaker class. No Family Cruising adjustments allowed.
- 5.6. Class B: 115 and higher, Spinnaker class. No Family Cruising adjustments allowed.

5.7. Class C: Family/Cruising Non-Spin class, all ratings welcome. Configuration adjustment allowed (use form), Only one main and one headsail allowed off the wind. Staysails are not considered headsails and are allowed.

5.8. Class Flags shall be: A = Red; B = Green; Class C = Purple.

6. Race Area

6.1. The Start Line will be in the vicinity of the R2 entrance buoy.

6.2. Racers are required to check in as soon as the RC signals that it is anchored and on station by sailing past and hailing or by using VHF channel 69.

7. Courses

7.1. The course chart is attached to this document. The course for a race will be chosen from this course chart.

7.2. The RC shall signal the course for a class no later than the warning signal for that class.

7.3. For courses that use an Inflatable tetrahedron as a mark, the distances and direction are left to the discretion of the RC; the latter will be posted on the RC boat no later than the warning for that class.

7.4. Marks are described on the course chart.

8. Obstructions

8.1. The detached Breakwater is an obstruction per the RRS.

9. The Start

9.1. Races shall be started using **RRS 26**.

9.2. The Start will be between the orange Flag on the RC Boat and the Port/Pin end of the Start Line which may be the R2 buoy or an Inflatable Buoy.

9.3. The first start is scheduled for 1800 every Wednesday.

9.4. As a courtesy, the RC may sound a series of horns 1 minute before the start sequence.

9.5. The RC will use VHF Channel 69.

9.6. Recalls

9.6.1. The RC shall as a courtesy attempt to hail boats that are OCS.

9.6.2. The RC is not responsible for hailing boats OCS.

10. Finish Line

10.1. The Finish line is a line between a stationary position on the Upper Deck of VYC and the Green Light standard on the South end of the detached Breakwater.

10.2. When approaching the finish, it is requested that you notify the RC on Channel 69 of your approach.

10.3. Shortly after finishing, and before reaching a line between the two on-shore breakwalls, spinnakers are to be struck in order to maintain safe maneuverability and legal speed in the harbor.

10.4. If foggy, boats will be required to radio the RC when your bow crosses the finish line.

10.5. The RC may contact the last boat in a fleet to allow it boat to motor in and accept a last instead of a DNF.

11. Penalty System

11.1. The 2 turn Penalty **RRS 44.2** applies.

12. Time Limit The RC will abandon the race for a class if no boat in that class has finished by sunset time limit according to RRS 35. Sunset times for WW Races are listed below.

DATE	SUNSET	DATE	SUNSET	DATE	SUNSET
13-Apr	1928	8-Jun	2009	3-Aug	1958
20-Apr	1933	15-Jun	2012	10-Aug	1952
27-Apr	1939	22-Jun	2014	17-Aug	1944
4-May	1945	29-Jun	2014	24-Aug	1936
11-May	1950	6-Jul	2014	31-Aug	1927
18-May	1956	13-Jul	2012	7-Sep	1917
25-May	2001	20-Jul	2009	14-Sep	1907
1-June	2005	27-Jul	2004		

13. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 13.1. Protest shall be filed on a form available at VYC or online. Protests shall be heard as soon as practicable which may not be the same night that the protest was filed.
- 13.2. Protest shall be filed with the RC within 1 hour the protesting boats finish or entering the harbor.
- 13.3. If Redress is awarded for an incident during a race in this series, only the scores in that race and the race before and after that race in the series may be considered for adjustment. This changes **RRS 62** and **A9**.
- 13.4. These items are not grounds for granting redress.
 - 13.4.1. Failure of a boat to hear a recall hail or broadcast.
 - 13.4.2. A boat's position in the sequence of the recall hail or broadcast.
 - 13.4.3. Failure of the RC to hail or broadcast the recall boats' numbers.

14. Scoring

- 14.1.1. **RRS A.4** Low Point Scoring will apply.
- 14.1.2. **RRS A.5.3** applies to the Wet Wednesday Series.
- 14.1.3. **RRS A.2.1** is modified to allow one discard every 5th race completed per RRS.
- 14.1.4. **RRS A.2.2** is modified to provide that in order to be included in scoring for the entire series, a boat must compete in at least seven (7) races.

15. Safety Regulations

- 15.1. All Owners, Skippers or Charterers shall be responsible for following all US Coast Guard safety regulations and the Safety Equipment Requirements of the National Authority or Class Association unless otherwise modified in these Instructions.
- 15.2. A boat that retires prior to the finish of the days racing and does not intend to continue, shall radio the RC on VHF Channel 69 or call the VYC Race Chair, Jim Dembowski @ 8052560770 or the Office at 1-805-642-0426.
- 15.3. A minimum of 2 people on board is required.
 - 1.1. Each participating boat must have 3rd party insurance that provides for a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.
- 15.4. Documentation must be provided upon request.
- 15.5. The RC may require all participants to wear PFD's by flying the Code Flag Y, prior to the start.

16. Post-Race and Trophies After each race, there will be a dinner and trophy presentation at Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, guests and Yacht Club Members are welcome.

2. Questions? Contact VYC Race Chair Jim Dembowski at (805) 256-0770 or dembowje@pacbell.net.

2022 VYC Wet Wednesday Course Chart

#	Approximate Course Length	Approximate Heading To First Mark	Course
1	5.51	257	S Ap F
2	5.38	161	S Mp R2s F
3	9.23	257	S Ap Mp R2s F
4	9.12	161	S Ms As F
5	Varies	Posted on RC boat	S Tp R2s F
6	Varies	Posted on RC boat	S Tp R2p Tp R2s F
7	Varies	Posted on RC boat	S Ts Cs R2s F
8	8.72	257	S Ap Cp Ap F
9	2.37	252	S Cp F
10	4.37	252	S Cp R2p Cp F
11	6.37	252	S Cp R2p Cp R2p Cp F
12	7.55	257	S Ap R2p Cp F
13	6.55	161	S Ms Cs F

MARKS		APPROXIMATE LOCATION	
A	Fish Sticks spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 19.9'W
C	Chips spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 17.9'W
M	Mandalay spar buoy	L: 34° 12.0'N	Lo: 119° 16.5'W
R2	Vta Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4'N	Lo: 119° 16.7'W
T	Tetrahedron	Bearing, Distance Posted on RC boat	
S	Start in vicinity of Mark R2; see Sailing Instructions		
F	Finish near Ventura Harbor Entrance; see Sailing Instructions		