



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Westlake Yacht Club
Shamrock Regatta, Mar 12, 2023
Westlake Village, CA

1. Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The start/finish line, which is delineated as that area between and including the two marks in front of the yacht club, is restricted to sailing except when starting or finishing a race and during each fleet's relevant "starting sequence" period which begins 3 minutes prior to the start of each race. Keep clear of the start/finish area when you are not racing. The start/finish line is to be treated as an obstruction of the race course per RRS rules 19 and 20.
- 1.3 Any competitor colliding with a docked boat is automatically disqualified from that race and shall promptly inform the Race Committee of the collision and retire from that race.
- 1.4 WYC reserves the right to disqualify any boat involved in a collision.
- 1.4 Each competitor under 21 years of age must wear a personal flotation device. RRS 40.1 is always in effect in this race venue for under-age competitors.

2. Safety

- 2.1 Competitors are reminded that they participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 2.2 Competitors are reminded that RRS 1 requires you to help any boat or person in danger. Outside help may be given to an injured person or person in danger, or among boats involved in a collision without penalty (RRS 41). Capsized boats may decline help from a WYC chase boat if not in danger and thereby avoid penalty. WYC reserves the right for the organizing authority and its chase boat operator(s) to determine whether a capsized competitor is in danger.

3. Entry

- 3.1 Entrants must be members of a yacht club or sailing association affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), or current member in good standing with the U.S. Sailing organization.
- 3.2 At least two entries are required to establish a fleet/class.
- 3.3 Competitors are encouraged to enter the event online through the WYC website. Entry may be made at the WYC clubhouse on the day of the race between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- 3.4 Competitors bringing a boat from outside the lake must comply with Quagga/Zebra mussel inspection procedures and requirements, as described in the Notice of Race and as directed by the WYC Rear Commodore. A request to bring a boat from outside must be filed with the Rear Commodore at least 48 hours before the start of the 1st race. Boats must be at the launch gate ready for inspection by 10:00 AM the day of the race.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 The event schedule is shown in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Order of class starts and changes to the sailing instructions, if any, will be given at the competitors meeting at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event.
- 4.3 The 1st race start sequence is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

4. Courses and Signals

4.1. The race course starts and finishes in front of the clubhouse deck and runs in the main channel as shown on the WYC course chart below. A 5-beep warning horn will be sounded 30 seconds before the beginning of the first fleet's 3-minute start sequence. Rolling start sequences for all subsequent fleets will commence immediately at the previous fleet's start. The class flag is raised at the beginning of the start sequence of each class. At 1 minute into a 3-minute sequence, the blue and white Preparatory flag is raised. At 2 minutes into the sequence, the preparatory flag is lowered. At 3 minutes, the start horn is sounded and the 3-minute sequence for the next class begins. Sound signals are a courtesy. The flag signals are official. The flags are listed on the course chart below.

5. Scoring, Protests and Awards

5.1 A low point scoring system will be used for each regatta based on accumulated finish scores.

5.2 The protest time limit is 20 minutes after completion of the last race. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Committee within the time limit. The protest committee may extend the time if there is good reason to do so. A protest hearing will be held as soon as practicable.

5.3. Trophies will be awarded approximately 30 minutes after the final race is completed. There will be 2 trophies awarded for each class of 3 or more, and 3 trophies for each class of 4 or more. Participatory awards may be given out at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6. Contact

6.1 For more information, contact the WYC Race Committee Chair, Gary Hughes, at (805) 295-0051, or gwhughes@gmail.com