

# THREE MARK FIASCO



**Southwestern Yacht Club**  
San Diego, California  
**Saturday, July 22, 2023**



## Notice of Race

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) including US Sailing Prescriptions*, except [US Sailing Prescription](#) to Rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.2 The regatta will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 5:00pm on Thursday, July 20, 2023, on the online official notice board.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#), or through the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:00am on the day of the event.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 The race is open to all sailboats of 20 feet LOA or greater.
- 4.3 Entry shall be submitted at [the online event site](#) no later than 5:00pm Thursday, July 20, so that pursuit starting times may be published. Late entries may be taken at the discretion of the organizing authority (OA).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted, and may result in being scored DNF. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The required fee is \$35 per boat.

## **6 CLASSES AND CLASS PENNANTS**

- 6.1 **Open Classes (Spin and Non-Spin)** will be determined by SWYC based on the number of entries. Boats entered in the SWRF, SGHF, or SDCatA Classes are not permitted to also enter the Open Class. Class colors are TBD, but may be **PURPLE**, **ORANGE** or **BLACK**.
- 6.2 **SWRF**: Members of Southwestern Racing Fleet (SWRF) are eligible to race in the SWRF class and may also enter the SDCatA class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. Class color is **GREEN**.
- 6.3 **SGHF**: Members of Silvergate Yacht Club Handicap Fleet (SGHF) are eligible to race in the SGHF class and may also enter the SDCatA class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. Class color is **BLUE**.
- 6.4 **SDCatA**: Members of San Diego Catalina Association (SDCatA) are eligible to race in the SDCatA class and may also enter the SWRF or SGHF class, if eligible for that class, by adhering to its rules and signing up for each class. Class color is **YELLOW**.
- 6.5 **Other**: Upon request, other classes with five or more entries may be formed at the sole discretion of SWYC. The deadline for such a request is 5:00pm on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.
- 6.6 [DP] A class color streamer, or “something”, must be flown from the backstay of all boats, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own streamer.
- 6.7 The Organizing Authority retains final authority for a boat’s class placement.

## **7 SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 One race is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023.
- 7.2 The first warning is scheduled for 11:55am.
- 7.3 The time limit for racing is 4:30pm.

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the San Diego Bay. (NOAA Chart 18773).
- 8.2 The starting/finishing line will be in the vicinity of San Diego channel buoy 19.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The RC will choose one of three possible “courses”. “Courses” list three marks to be rounded in any order, in any direction.
- 9.2 Each boat will decide its start direction and sequence of marks.
- 9.3 Course lengths will range from 7 - 12nm.
- 9.4 Marks of the course may include FM19, SD buoys 12, 15, 16A, 17, 23 and 24, and the Coronado Bridge Piers 18, 19, or 20.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 RRS Appendix V: *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Open Classes will be scored using their PHRF San Diego “RLC” ratings. Boats without a PHRF San Diego rating will be assigned one by the OA.
- 11.2 The SWRF, SGHF and the SDCatA class will be scored using their corresponding fleet ratings.
- 11.3 Boats will be scored using Time-on-Distance.

## **12 RISK STATEMENT**

- 12.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **13 INSURANCE**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third-party liability insurance.

## **14 AWARDS**

- 14.1 SWYC will host an after-race party and awards presentation. All are invited to attend.
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded in each class. The number of prizes awarded in each class will be based on the number of entries.
- 14.3 The Overall Open Spinnaker Winner and the SWRF Winner will be etched on the *Three Mark Fiasco* perpetual trophy.

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Questions may be addressed to the RC chair, Ian Trotter, [ian@chulavistaphoto.com](mailto:ian@chulavistaphoto.com).