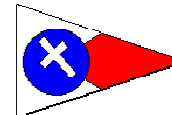


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2009-2010 MIDWINTER SERIES



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1. Rules

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the 2008-2009 SCYC Minimum Equipment Requirements (MER) as they apply to category 4 races.
- 1.2 All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while racing, regardless of whether or not the "Y" flag is displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3 RRS 62.1(a) is changed as per Sailing Instruction 6.
- 1.4 RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed as per Sailing Instruction 8.
- 1.5 RRS A2 is changed as per Sailing Instruction 9.

2. Entries and Eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible boats may register by completing the 2009 SCYC Entry Form and presenting it, together with the required entry fee to the race committee. Early entries (\$60) are due at SCYC by 1800 December 18, 2009. Regular entries (\$70) will be accepted at the SCYC Club House between 1000 and 1025 hours on December 19, 2009, between 1000 and 1025 on January 16, 2010, between 1000 and 1025 on February 20, 2010 and between 1000 and 1025 on March 20, 2010.

3. Notices to Competitors, Signals made ashore

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the SCYC Official Notice Board, located in the window opposite the bar at the northeast corner of the SCYC clubhouse.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the SCYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than sixty minutes (60) after AP is lowered.
- 3.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted no later than 1030 hours.
- 3.4 On the water the Race Committee may use VHF channel 68 for communication.

4. Schedules and Class Flags

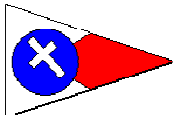
- 4.1 A competitors meeting will be held at 1030 hours on December 19, 2009 at the club house of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.
- 4.2 The Schedule of races will be as follows:

<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>First Warning Signal</u>
Saturday December 19	1155 hours
Saturday January 16	1155 hours
Saturday February 20	1155 hours
Saturday March 20	1155 hours

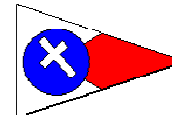
- 4.3 Two races are scheduled each race day for a total of eight races.

- 4.4 The class flags will be:

Division A (PHRF <90)	Code Flag "F"
Division B (PHRF >89)	Code Flag "E"
Doublehanded Division	Code Flag "D"
Jib & Main Division 1 (PHRF<182)	Code Flag "G"
Jib & Main Division 2 (PHRF>181)	Code Flag "J"



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5. Courses, Race Area

- 5.1 Course numbers will be signaled with a numeral pennant from the RC boat. Courses are described in Appendix A.
- 5.2 The racing area will be within a two and one half (2.5) mile radius from the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor west jetty.

6. The Starting and Finishing Lines,

- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and mark S.
- 6.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee signal boat and mark S. An orange ball may replace the committee boat if the RC boat is not on station.
- 6.3 After the starting signal, the race committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line by loud hail and/or VHF radio. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a)
- 6.4 Between a boat's preparatory signal and her start, she shall not hoist any part of her spinnaker higher than the main-boom gooseneck.

7. Check-In and Boats Retiring Before the Finish

- 7.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number.
- 7.2 A boat retiring before finishing a race shall notify the RC as soon as reasonably possible.

8. Time Limit

- 8.1 Boats having not finished within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish and comply with RRS 28.1 will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. A4 and A5.

9. Scoring

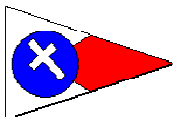
- 9.1 Three races shall constitute a series.
- 9.2 If less than five races are completed, there will be no throwouts. When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

10. Protests

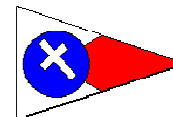
- 10.1 Protest forms will be available at the SCYC regatta shed. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee within 60 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. The docking time of the race committee signal boat will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 10.2 The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, the boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the official regatta notice board within 120 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

11. Prizes

- 11.1 Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 11.2 Winners of divisions with three or more entries in the series will be eligible for the Champion of Champions Regatta.



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APPENDIX A – RACE AREA & COURSES

Courses:

Division A, Division B, Doublehanded Division

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Start, W (port), L(port) , Finish
2	Start, W (port), L(port), S/F*, W(port), L(port), Finish
3	Start, W (port), L(port), S/F, W(port), L(port), S/F, W(port), L(port), Finish

Jib & Main Divisions

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Start, Y(port), L(port), Finish
2	Start, Y(port), L(port), S/F, Y(port), L(port), Finish
3	Start, Y(port), L(port), S/F, Y(port), L(port), S/F, Y(port), L(port), Finish

* **S/F** means S to port, F to starboard (i.e. the boat must cross the S/F line)
The S/F line is not restricted.

Marks

- W – inflatable orange tetrahedron
- Y – inflatable yellow tetrahedron
- L – inflatable yellow tetrahedron
- F – Race committee boat
- S – red round buoy

W

Y

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