

# SCYA Midwinter Regatta 2024



February 17-18, 2024

## Sailing Instructions Mercury, I14 and Melges 15 Classes

This event is organized by Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) and hosted by Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club (CBYC). Event information and registration are available at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27255>

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Mercury, International 14 and Melges 15 Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is SCYA.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. **This changes RRS rule 63.7.**
- 1.5 Individual classes shall be responsible for administering any procedures or documents required by Class Rules.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official Regatta Notice Board is in the portico at the main entrance to the CBYC clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the above Regatta Network event site and on the Regatta Notice Board at CBYC before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Code flag Lima will be hoisted from the Club's flagstaff to signal the change.
- 3.2 In the event that oral instructions are needed on the water per **RRS rule 90.2(c)**, prior to the warning signal the RC signal boat shall hoist code flag Lima and boats shall pass near the RC signal boat to acknowledge receipt of instructions.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagstaff.

### 5. COMPETITORS' MEETING

A competitors' meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 17, 2024 at **1030 hours** adjacent to the Dry Storage Yard.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES – 3 or more races Feb.17 and 2 or more races Feb. 18:**

- 6.1 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday, February 17 will be at 1225 hours. The warning signals for additional races on Saturday will be approximately 20 minutes after the first boat finishes the prior race.
- 6.2 The warning signal for the first race on Sunday, February 18 will be at 1225 hours. The warning signals for additional races on Sunday will be approximately 20 minutes after the first boat finishes the prior race.
- 6.3 No races will start after 1500 Hours on Sunday, February 18.

**7. Class Flags:**

Class	Flag
Mercury	Mercury Class logo
I14	I14 Class logo
Melges 15	Melges 15 Class logo

**8. ORDER OF STARTS**

The order of starts for the first race each day will be posted on the RC signal boat and/or will be hailed on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee may change the starting order of classes for subsequent races by posting on the RC signal boat or by hailing on VHF channel 72.

**9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be behind the San Pedro upper breakwater, approximately (0.7) nautical mile SE of Cabrillo Marina.

**10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The course diagrams and descriptions are detailed on the Course Appendix A attached.
- 10.2 Mark W will be rounded to port.
- 10.3 When rounding the gate marks (L/S and L/P; D/S and D/P) boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. In the event that one of the gate marks is not set or missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 10.4 The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled by numeral pennant below the class warning flag on the Race Committee (RC) signal boat.

**11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Marks W, L/S, L/P, D/S and D/P will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 11.2 New Mark W, as described in instruction 13.1, will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 11.3 The Starting marks, as described in instruction 11.2, will be staffs displaying orange flags.
- 11.4 The Finishing marks, as described in instruction 14, will be staffs displaying blue and orange flags.

**12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using **RRS rule 26**.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag located on the PORT side of the RC signal boat.
- 12.3 Signals will be made from the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 12.4 To inform boats that a starting sequence is about to commence, multiple sound signals may be made approximately one minute before the warning signal for each race.

**13. RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be handled in accordance with **RRS rule 29.1**. The RC may attempt to hail boats prematurely on course side on VHF channel 72. Boats may be hailed by SAIL NUMBER or BOAT NAME. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given shall not be grounds for redress. **This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).**

**14. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

14.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC will lay a new mark and MAY remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg toward the new mark, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

14.2 A change of course will be signaled near the mark or gate beginning the leg being changed by a RC boat that will display code flag "C" and sound a horn periodically.

14.3 When a subsequent change of course is signaled and a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

**15. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag located to PORT of the RC signal boat.

**16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V - Alternate Penalties **RRS rule V1** (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) will apply.

**17. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and shall be scored one more point than the number of boats that came to the starting area. **This changes RRS rules 35, A4, and A5.**

**18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

18.1 A boat intending to protest **shall** notify the race committee of her intentions and the boat(s) to be protested promptly after finishing that race or retirement. **This changes RRS rule 61.1(a).**

18.2 Protests and redresses shall be written and filed with the CBYC front desk. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes after the time the race committee boat docks. Protest/Redress Request for Hearing forms are available in the race documents box inside the ground floor lobby of CBYC. Hearings will take place in the CBYC first floor board room.

18.3 Within 15 minutes after the expiration of the protest filing period, a notice of filed protests will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board in the portico at the main entrance to the CBYC clubhouse.

**19. SCORING**

The Low Point System of **RRS Appendix A** will apply, except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races completed. **This changes RRS rule A2.1.**

## 20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall, on starboard tack, pass close behind the stern of the race committee boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. A boat failing to do so will be notified of her first infringement and for any subsequent infringement may be scored "DNS" without a hearing. **This changes RRS rules A4, and A5.1.**
- 20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 20.3 Boats that hamper ocean going commercial or naval vessels, causing a dangerous situation while racing shall be subject to protest. All boats shall also stay clear of designated restricted dangerous construction areas, dredging, or other hazards and shall comply with restrictions placed on the use of any navigable waters by local governments and the U.S. Coast Guard. Such a protest may be made by the Race Committee or another yacht.

## 21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and Amateur (Ham) radios.
- 21.2 Radio communication to the boats racing will be on VHF Channel 72.

## 22. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the regatta, based on the entries, in the CBYC dining room.

## 23. DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, personal injury, and death. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race*. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against SCYA, CBYC and their respective officers, directors, members, volunteers, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

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## APPENDIX A - COURSES

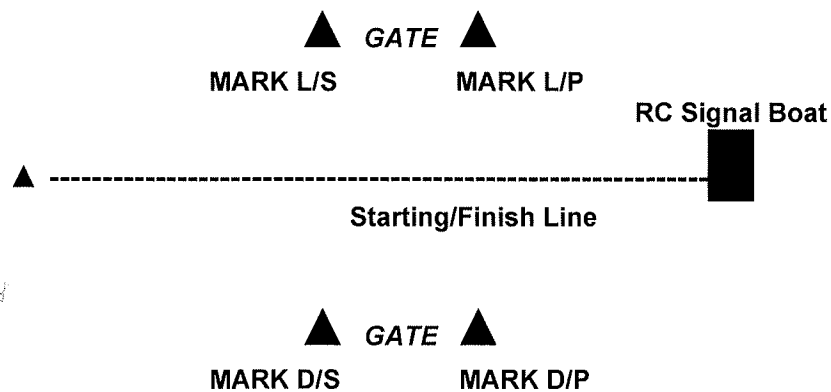
The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled by displaying a numeral pennant below the class flag on the RC signal boat. (Sailing instruction 10.4)

### **COURSES**

#1	Start	W	Finish						
#2	Start	W	LS/LP	W	Finish				
#3	Start	W	LS/LP	W	LS/LP	W	Finish		
#4	Start	W	LS/LP	W	LS/LP	W	LS/LP	W	Finish
#5	Start	W	DS/DP	W	Finish				
#6	Start	W	DS/DP	W	DS/DP	W	Finish		
#7	Start	W	DS/DP	W	DS/DP	W	DS/DP	W	Finish



*Mark W*



**DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE**