



# **THE OKTOBERFEST REGATTA**

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**  
**SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. NOTICES/CHANGES** Notices to competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Network Event Webpage at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28622> and may also be posted at [www.smwyc.org/racing](http://www.smwyc.org/racing) by 0900 hours on the day of the regatta.

**2. SCHEDULE OF RACES** Three (3) races are scheduled for the buoy racing classes and two (2) random leg races are scheduled for the cruising class. The race committee may reduce the number of races. One completed race shall constitute a regatta. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race. The order of starts may change on subsequent starts. Boats must check in at with the Race Committee Boat while the "L" Flag is displayed prior to first Warning Signal of the day.

**3. CLASSES** Classes will be established for PHRF, One-Design and Cruising Fleets based on entries received by 1800 hours on Friday, September 27, 2024. Classes, class flags and order of starts will be posted by 1800 hours on Friday September 27, 2024. Three boats are required to establish a class. One-Design classes may be a subset in a PHRF class.

**4. COURSES** One-Design and PHRF Class courses are on OKTOBERFEST Course Chart on Appendix A. Courses for Cruising classes are indicated below using Santa Monica Bay marks found on the Marina del Rey Course Chart 17, [http://www.calyachtclub.com/files/Course\\_Chart\\_17.0.pdf](http://www.calyachtclub.com/files/Course_Chart_17.0.pdf) and may also be chosen from OKTOBERFEST Course Chart on Appendix A.

Cruising courses

No. 7: Start, D to starboard (1.4), E to starboard (.5), H to starboard (1.5), S to starboard (1) to finish (.9) 5.3 nm

No. 8: Start, V to port (1) 2ES to port (2.9), S to Starboard (2.8) to finish (.5) 7.2 nm

No. 9: Start, DD to port (2), 2ES to port (3.4), S to Starboard (2.8) to finish(.5) 8.7 nm

**5. START/FINISH** Races will be started in accordance with *Racing Rule 26*. The Warning Signal for the first start of the day will be at 1225 hours. An Alerting Signal of multiple sounds will be made approximately one minute before the first Warning Signal of a start sequence. The Start Signal of a class will be the Warning Signal for the next class unless otherwise indicated by Race Committee. Course signals will be displayed at or shortly after the class's Warning Signal until the Start Signal for that class. This changes *RRS 27.1*. The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat anchored in the vicinity of 'H' mark (33°57.439'N • 118°28.668'W) and an orange inflatable shape to port of the committee boat. The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat and a PINK inflatable shape off the starboard side of the committee boat. All boats must keep clear of the start and finish lines.

**6. MARKS.** As indicated in Appendix A windward marks (W 1 & W2) will be inflatable tetrahedrons. Both W1 & W2 will be orange tetrahedrons. Gate marks LS and LP will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

**7. RECALLS** Any recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The race committee will attempt to notify boats "On Course Side" (OCS) at the start by verbal hail or announcement on **VHF channel 71**. Failure of RC to make a radio announcement or failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This *changes RRS 62.1(a)*.

**8. PENALTIES** RRS Appendix V1 shall apply, which changes the first two sentences of rule 44.1 to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

**9. TIME LIMIT** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first place finisher in a PHRF or One Design or within 45 minutes in the cruising class for each race will be scored DNF for that race. This changes RRS 35.

**10. PROTESTS** Boats must inform the Race Committee on station and file a protest at SMWYC within one hour after the committee boat has docked. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after filing but can be delayed if any potential result will not change the awarding of trophies. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

**11. SCORING** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply but A2 is modified so that all scores in each class will count. The regatta will be scored on the races completed by each class.

**12. RADIO COMMUNICATION** The RC may use VHF channel 71 and/or a loudhailer to broadcast information such as location of the RC signal boat, notification of upcoming starting sequences, the class starting, the course to be sailed, and as provided under SI 8. Failure of the RC to transmit, mistaken transmissions, or failure of a competitor to receive this information shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**13. TROPHIES** SMWYC Oktoberfest trophies will be awarded based on entries in each class. *The winners in the PHRF classes will be recognized on the Glenn Thorpe Sail perpetual trophy. The winner in the largest One-Design class will be recognized on the Duke Jones One Design perpetual. The Cruiser class winner will be recognized on the Crommelin Oktoberfest Keg perpetual trophy.*

**After the races join us at SMWYC for the *Oktoberfest* Party, Trophy Presentation and Costume Awards**