



Dana Point Yacht Club Thirsty Thursday Series 2025

May 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21, 28

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for this regatta is the Dana Point Yacht Club. The DPYC Race Committee will manage this regatta and shall appoint a protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 These races shall be governed by the 2025-2028 [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS)
- 1.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) will apply.
- 1.4 Only mainsails and headsails may be used. Spinnakers, Gennakers or double-headsails are not allowed. Whisker poles are allowed.
- 1.5 Non-Spin offsets will not be used.
- 1.6 [DP] RRS 64.2, penalties are modified by adding: (c) When the protest committee decides a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 To become an entrant skippers must complete an [Online Entry Form](#) and pay all fees by the entry deadline.
- 2.2 The entry deadline for the Series is 3PM Wednesday, May 15, 2025.
- 2.3 The entry deadline for individual races in this Series is 3PM of the Thursday race date.
- 2.4 Any boat entered without a rating will be assigned a rating by the OA whose decision is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 78.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The early entry fee for the Series is \$75 for entries received by May 1, 2025.
- 3.2 The entry fee for the Series is \$100 for entries received after May 1, 2025.
- 3.3 Individual Series Race entry fee is \$15.

4. COMPETITORS MEETING

- 4.1 There will be no competitors meeting.

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#).

- 5.2 As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the flag staff located on the upper deck of the DPYC clubhouse on the west side of the building.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP (RRS).

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES and CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 **Seventeen** races are scheduled every Thursday from May 8, 2025, through August 28, 2025 (See dates at top of this NOR/SI)
- 7.2 The first Warning Signal for each day's race will be 6:00PM with **rolling three-minute** interval starts.
- 7.3 It is the intention of the RC to start the highest-rated, slowest boats first.
- 7.4 Classes and Class flags, in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
DIVISION B: 101 and above	B
DIVISION A: 100 and below	A

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the ocean and harbor as generally **shown** on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0

9. COURSES and MARKS

- 9.1 Numeric code flags or written course numbers displayed from RC Signal Boat will signal courses corresponding to the [Dana Point Race Chart – pg. 2 Inside Finish v2.0](#)

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 10.1 The Start line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal boat (starboard end of the line) and an orange flag on a floating mark (port end of the line).
- 10.2 Finish line will be **between the SW corner of the DPYC Clubhouse and the yellow channel marker “G”** (designating Federal Anchorage) in the west basin, approximately .75 NM from the harbor entrance. (See illustration below)



- 10.2.1 Be cautious navigating past severe shoaling in the outer channel.
- 10.2.2 Be considerate of the boats at anchor after passing the finish line.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for each race will be 'sundown' as defined and determined by the RC.
- 11.2 If for any reason a boat abandons the race or is not meeting the time limit, **please notify the RC on VHF Ch. 68.**
- 11.3 If the RC has determined the time limit has expired they will hail the fleet on VHF Ch. 68 and sound multiple horns.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 Protests are HIGHLY DISCOURAGED except in cases of personal injury or damage.
- 12.2 Protests shall conform to RRS 61 and must be filed within 30 minutes of the last boat in your class finishing the race.
- 12.3 Hearing request forms are available from the RC and [online](#).
- 12.4 The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.
- 12.5 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the day's racing.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 13.2 Boats shall be scored using **RLC ratings** or RC assigned rating.
- 13.3 Series scoring will exclude each boat's four (4) worst scores.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

15. TROPHIES

- 15.1 Individual trophies will be presented as soon as possible following each race upstairs in the DPYC Horizon Bar.
- 15.2 Overall trophies will be presented following the last race on August 28th.
- 15.3 Number of trophies in each class shall be determined by the RC based upon the number of competitors in each race and number of overall series entries.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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.**

17.DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 The Race Organizers (OA, RC, PC, sponsors or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in these races, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors' participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18.INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid watercraft liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$300,000 personal injury and personal property damage of \$100,000.

FURTHER INFORMATION

DPYC plans to have drink and meal specials and first-come first-serve seating on Thursdays; so please bring your crew up and enjoy the food, drinks and camaraderie.

We look forward to seeing you out on the racecourse!

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