

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE 41st ANNUAL MILT INGRAM TROPHY RACE

JULY 12, 2025

Organizing Authority: Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, Ventura, California phone 805-644-6672

1. RULES: This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Deed of Gift for the Milt Ingram Perpetual Trophy takes precedence over any other document in the event of conflict. This race is designated US Nearshore as specified in the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER). See paragraph 16 for modifications to the USSER. This race is designated as a PHRF Random Leg race.

2. ENTRIES: Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with PBYC. Entries close at 1700 Friday, July 11th. The Regatta Network link is <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29789>

2.1 PHRF CLASSES Random Leg Course PHRF ratings with area A adjustments will be used. Entry into the Milt Ingram Trophy Race is governed by the Deed of Gift, which states, "All yachts shall be eligible to compete for trophies within their classes regardless of yacht club membership or handicap certification. However, eligibility to win the MILT INGRAM TROPHY RACE perpetual trophy is limited to those who are members of SCYA or USYRU (sic) member yacht clubs and who have valid handicap certificates." Boats without a valid handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap for this race only by the RC using PHRF ratings as a guideline. Such boats must be eligible to be rated by SoCal PHRF.

2.2 OFFSHORE MULTIHULL CLASS This class is intended for ocean-going catamarans and trimarans. Membership in ORCA is not required. Boats without a valid handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap for this race only by the RC using ORCA TCF ratings as a guideline.

2.3 BEACH CATAMARAN CLASS This class is intended for catamarans such as Hobies, Nacras, Prindles, etc. The Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System will be used to handicap these boats.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be emailed &/or posted on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be emailed &/or posted on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board before 0900 hours on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE: The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

6. CLASSES: Class assignments will be emailed and/or posted on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board prior to 0800 hours on July 12, 2025. There will be no in-person skippers meeting.

6.1 Established Classes: There will be one or more PHRF-handicapped spinnaker, one or more PHRF-handicapped non-spinnaker, one offshore multihull class, and one or more Beach Catamaran classes. Mates' Trophy, Tom Spurgin Memorial, Classic Yacht, and Woman Skipper entrants compete for class trophies within their assigned classes, and are also scored against one another for those special trophies. See para. 18.

6.2 Class Flags: Class flags will be solid color as described below.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
A	red
B	white
C	green
D	yellow
E	blue
F	purple

7. THE COURSE: From the START at the Mandalay Spar Buoy, proceed to Platform Grace then to Anacapa Island, leaving them to port, **leave the Ventura Harbor whistle buoy "R2" to starboard**, and FINISH in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel. The handicap distance is 42 nm. The approximate magnetic bearing from START to Platform Grace is 248°. Mooring buoy(s) associated with Platform Grace are considered marks of the course. Such buoys shall be passed on the same side as Platform Grace.

8. MARKS:

- 8.1. Mandalay Spar Buoy: 34° 12.0' N, 119° 16.5' W.
- 8.2. Platform Grace: 34° 10.8' N; 119° 28.1' W.
- 8.3. Anacapa Island
- 8.4. R2 "Whistle Buoy: 34° 14.4' N, 119° 16.7' W.

9. SHORTEN COURSE:

9.1 THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO ALL BOATS. The Race Committee may shorten the course by displaying code flag "S" on the Committee boat at the start of the race. This changes RRS 32.2. The shortened course is described as follows:

From the start, proceed to Platform Grace. Pass Grace to starboard. Finish. The Ventura Harbor Whistle buoy is not a mark of this course. The shortened course length is 20.6 nmiles.

9.2 THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO THE BEACH CATAMARAN CLASSES. Based on progress of the Beach Catamaran Class and on the sailing conditions, the Race Committee may shorten the course at Platform Grace or at the west end of Anacapa Island. The shortened course will be signaled by a Race Committee boat, which will display the "S" flag (blue square in center of white background) in the vicinity of Platform Grace or the west end of Anacapa Island. If displayed at Platform Grace, the Class shall round the platform, leaving it to port, then proceed to the finish in Ventura Harbor (~054° M, ~11 nmiles). If displayed at the west end of the Island, the Class shall round the RC boat, leaving it to port, then proceed to the finish in Ventura Harbor (~018° M, ~16 nmiles). The RC reserves the right to cancel or abandon the race for the beach cat class for safety reasons. Entry fees will be refunded if the RC cancels the race. All decisions of the RC are final, not debatable, not protestable.

10. CHECK IN: Entrants shall check in with the Race Committee by VHF radio on channel 69 or by hailing as the boat sails past the Race Committee boat prior to their start. Entrants shall inform the RC of the number of persons aboard.

11. THE START:

11.1 The Race will be started using Rule 26. Note: there will be a pre-warning signal consisting of multiple horn blasts 1 minute before the warning signal for the first start. The RC will attempt to start the classes with no delay between the start of one class and the warning for the next class. In this case there will be only one sound signal indicating the start of one class and the warning for the next class.

11.2 The starting line will be located between the course side of the Mandalay Spar Buoy as the port-side mark, and an orange flag mounted on the Committee Boat as the starboard-side mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

12. RECALLS:

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 [code flag "X" and 1 sound signal].

12.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2 [code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals].

13. THE FINISH:

13.1 The FINISH shall be in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel on a line between the seaward-most palm tree on the starboard (south) shore, and a statue on the port shore. See Figure 1 on page 4.

13.2 The first finisher is requested to notify the RC when approximately 1 hour from the finish to allow the RC time to man the finish line. If the RC is not on station, boats shall record their own finish times and report times to the RC. The finish line will be manned until 2200 hours on July 12th. After that time boats shall record their own finish times and report times to the RC. Boats finishing after dark are advised to illuminate their sail number for identification and hail the RC for acknowledgement. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race.

13.3 **Spinnakers shall be struck at the elbow of the detached breakwater (where it angles out to seaward from its approximately north-south orientation). See Figure 1 on page 4. Any boat sailing beyond this point with a spinnaker set will be scored DSQ by the RC.** This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

14. RETIREMENT: Boats that retire from the Race are required to inform the RC as soon as possible after retiring. PBYC's phone number is 805-644-6672. The RC's cell phone number is 805-444-0223.

15. PROTESTS: Protests shall be prepared on forms available online and emailed to the PRO at rcountess@aol.com within 2 hours of the finish of the protesting boat or within 2 hours of her return to harbor if she retires. The protest committee will hear protests in the order received beginning at 0900 on Sunday July 13th at PBYC.

16. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

16.1 All boats shall carry the equipment specified by the USCG. US Nearshore level Monohull USSERs are modified as follows: add Coastal USSER 2.4.1 - 2.4.7 to require lifelines; coated lifelines are permitted.

16.2 Offshore multihull class boats shall carry safety equipment as specified by the Multihull USSERs for Nearshore races.

16.3 All Beach Catamaran class entries shall meet the following requirements:

- minimum 18 ft. LOA, double-handed, class minimum crew weight (no correctors).
- PFD to be worn by each person aboard
- VHF radio secured to boat or crew
- flares, compass, whistle (smoke flares suggested for day use)
- righting line, boat length painter
- standing rigging less than 3 years old
- flashlight and water

These items are specific to this Race and do not abrogate any class requirement, Racing Rules requirement, or any requirements imposed by the Coast Guard.

16.4 Racers are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.

17. PHRF NON-SPINNAKER CLASS DEFINITIONS:

17.1 No spinnakers or spinnaker-like sails such as flashers, cruising 'chutes, MPSs, gennakers, etc. are allowed. All headsails must meet the measurements of Rule 50.4.

17.2 Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole of maximum length 1.4J shall be used at a time and, when in use, shall be attached to the foremost mast.

17.3 Use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a 6-second per mile penalty unless the boat is already handicapped for such larger sail.

17.4 More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.

18. TROPHIES, etc.: Class trophies will be awarded as follows:

<u>Number of Boats in the Class</u>	<u>Trophies</u>
1-3	1 st Place
4-6	1 st & 2 nd Place
7-or more	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place

There will be no trophy presentation after the race. All Trophies will be awarded after the Tri-point Ocean Race on Sunday, August 10th. In addition to trophies for each class, we have an Endurance award for the boat that sails across the finish line last. The following nine perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with their Deeds of Gift. Two or more entries are required in order to award all perpetual trophies except the Mates' Trophy.

- The **MILT INGRAM TROPHY RACE** Perpetual Trophy, donated by Milt Ingram, to the boat with the lowest corrected time among all monohull boats with valid PHRF certificates.
- The **COMMODORE's** Trophy, donated by S/Cs Richard and Susan Countess, to the PHRF monohull boat that is first to finish.
- The **WOMAN SKIPPER** Trophy, donated by West Marine, to the PHRF boat with the lowest corrected time among all boats that are skippered by women. The guidelines for this category are that the woman shall helm at the start, finish, rounding Platform Grace, and at other tactical points, and shall play a major role in making racing decisions aboard her boat. If you wish to compete for this trophy, please inform the Race Committee before the start if you have not so marked your entry form.
- The **CRAIG ASHBY MEMORIAL** Trophy to the offshore multihull class boat that is first to finish.

- The **MATES' TROPHY** Trophy, donated by Jim and Ellyn Dembowski, to the boat with the lowest corrected time among all monohull boats sailed double-handed in any class. The boat must have a valid PHRF certificate to be eligible. If you wish to compete for this trophy, please inform the Race Committee before the start if you have not so marked your entry form.
- The **A-CLASS** Trophy, initially donated by Walter Pressel then re-deeded by Rod Abbott after his boat, FUNATIC, won the trophy three times, to the boat with the lowest corrected time in the PHRF A Class.
- The **TOM SPURGIN MEMORIAL** Trophy to the non-spinnaker boat with the lowest corrected time.
- The **CATAMARAN CLASS** Trophy to the Beach Cat with the lowest corrected time.
- The **CLASSIC YACHT** Trophy, donated by Dave Decrevel, to the classic yacht with the lowest corrected time.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Racers release PBYC, its officers, agents, committee persons, and sponsors from any and all liability for any illness, injury to crew or damage to vessel arising out of participating in this event to the extent that such release does not discharge the racer's insurance carrier under the provisions of the insurance policies on the vessel. The racers assume any risk of illness, injury or death arising out of participating in this event, failure or breakage of the vessel or any of its equipment, or weather conditions.

20. INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Ventura Harbor Entrance & Finish Line: Figure 1

