

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
THE 44th ANNUAL TRI-POINT OCEAN RACE
AUGUST 9, 2025

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, Ventura, California

1. **RULES:** This race will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. This race is designated US Nearshore as specified in the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER). See paragraph 14 for modifications to the USSER. In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
2. **ENTRIES:** Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration via Regatta Network. Entries close at 1700 Friday, August 8th <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29790>
 - 2.1 **PHRF CLASSES** Random Leg Course PHRF ratings with area adjustments will be used. In order to be eligible to win trophies, boats must have valid PHRF ratings. Boats without valid PHRF ratings will be assigned a temporary rating for this race only by the race management team.
 - 2.2 **OFFSHORE MULTIHULL CLASS** This class is intended for ocean-going catamarans and trimarans. ORCA TCF ratings will be used to handicap these boats.
 - 2.3 **CATAMARAN CLASS** This class is intended for the “beach cat” type of catamaran such as Prindles, Nacras, Hobies, etc. The Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System will be used to handicap these boats.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted online via email and on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board.
4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board before 0900 hours on Saturday, August 9, 2025.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACE:** The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours on Saturday, August 9, 2025.
6. **CLASSES:** Class assignments will be posted on the Regatta Network Official Notice Board and/or emailed after 1700 hours on August 8, 2025. There will be no in-person skippers meeting. Depending on entries, 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.
 - 6.1 **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 offshore from the Mandalay Power Plant, proceed to Platform Gina; (approximate course from the START: 168° M), then to Anacapa Island, leaving both to starboard, and FINISH in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel. The handicap distance is 34 nm. Mooring buoys associated with Platform Gina are to be considered marks of the course. Such buoys shall be passed on the same side as Platform Gina.

8. MARKS:

8.1. Start: Mandalay Spar Buoy: 34° 12.0' N, 119° 16.5' W.

8.2. Platform Gina: 34° 07.0' N, 119° 16.6' W

8.3. Anacapa Island

9. SHORTEN COURSE: THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO THE BEACH CATAMARAN CLASS(ES).

Based on progress of the Beach Catamaran Class(es) and on the sailing conditions, the Race Committee may shorten the course at Platform Gina or at the east end of Anacapa Island. The shortened course will be signaled by a Race Committee boat, which shall display the "S" flag (blue square in center of white background) in the vicinity of Platform Gina or the east end of Anacapa Island. If displayed at Platform Gina, the Class(es) shall round the platform, leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finish in Ventura Harbor (~349° M, ~8 nmiles). If displayed at the east end of the Island, the Class(es) shall round the RC boat, leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finish in Ventura Harbor (~002° M, ~14 nmiles). The RC reserves the right to cancel or abandon the race for the beach cat class(es) for safety reasons. Entry fees will be refunded if the RC cancels the race before the start. 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 prior to their start.

11. THE START:

11.1 The Race will be started per 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 a permanent mark offshore from the Mandalay power plant as the port-side mark, and an orange flag or shape mounted on the Committee Boat as the starboard-side mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. THE FINISH:

12.1 The finish will 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 diagram on page 4 of these SIs.

12.2 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. The finish line will be manned until 2200 hours. If the RC is not on station, boats shall record their finish times and report them to the RC. It is suggested that boats finishing after dark illuminate their sail number for identification and hail the RC for acknowledgement. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race.

12.3 **Spinnakers shall be struck at the elbow of the detached breakwater. Any boat sailing beyond this point with a spinnaker set will be scored DSQ by the RC.** This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

12.4 Boats that retire from the Race are required to inform the RC as soon as possible after retiring by VHF channel 69, or phone PBYC at 805-644-6672, or the PRO at cell number 805-444-0223.

13. 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 either in person or via Zoom teleconference. The Zoom link will be communicated to protestor and protestee.

14. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

14.1 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.

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

14.3 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. VHF radios must be on at all times during the race. The RC will monitor VHF channel 69.
- Flares, compass, whistle (smoke flares suggested for day use)
- Righting line, boat length painter
- Standing rigging less than 3 years old
- Flashlight and water
- All beach cats shall check in with the safety boat as directed by the safety boat and shall inform the safety boat if they retire.

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.

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

15. PHRF NON-SPINNAKER CLASS DEFINITIONS:

15.1 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.

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

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

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

16. TROPHIES: Trophies for all 3 races of the Island Series will be presented on Sunday, August 10th at an event starting at 10 am. There will be a breakfast buffet, tickets \$10, RSVPs strongly encouraged, plus auctions and raffles.

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

The **Spinnaker Class Perpetual Trophy** and the **Non-spinnaker Class Perpetual Trophy** will also be awarded. The **Pacific Sailing Perpetual Trophy** for the boat with the lowest corrected time among all boats skippered by women will be awarded provided there are two or more entries. The guidelines for the Pacific Sailing Perpetual Trophy are that a woman shall helm at the start, finish, rounding Platform Gina, and at other tactical points, and shall play a major role in making racing decisions aboard her boat. For purposes of deciding the winner of this trophy, if there are both spinnaker and non-spinnaker class entrants, boats that compete in a non-spinnaker class shall be scored using PHRF non-spinnaker offsets. 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 Tri-Point Ocean Race is the final race of the Island Series. The Island Series perpetual trophies will also be awarded at the Sunday event.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

18. 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.

FINISH LINE DIAGRAM

