



## **2025 Howl At The Moon Series**

### **4 Friday Sails at Dusk**

**July 11 – Aug 8 – Sept 5 – Oct 3**

## **Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**

### **1. Organizing Authority**

- The Organizing Authority for this regatta is the Dana West Yacht Club. The Dana West Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

### **2. Rules**

- The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- The [rules of the PHRF of Southern California](#) will apply. If a boat does not have a valid PHRF certificate, the RC will assign a rating and nonspin offset, which are not subject to redress.
- Only mainsails and headsails may be used. Spinnakers, Gennakers or double-headsails are not allowed. Whisker poles are allowed.
- Non-Spin Offsets will be used.
- Appendix V Alternative Penalties will apply. This is a USS [prescription](#).

### **3. Entry**

- Skippers must complete an [Online Entry Form](#) and pay the entry by the entry deadline.

- The entry deadline is 5PM Thursday before each race.

#### **4. Fees**

- The entry fee for the series is \$40 and for individual races is \$15.

#### **5. Communications**

- The official notice board is the [Regatta Network event website](#). The official notice board will contain all race documents and race results.
- The RC will communicate with racers on VHF CH 68 during each race.

#### **6. Schedule of Races and Class Flags**

- The warning signal will be at 5:55PM.
- There is only one start group (class) for all boats, and the class will be identified by the “A” flag.

#### **7. Racing Area and Course Marks**

- The racing area is the ocean near Dana Point Harbor.
- We will use the Dana Point Course Chart v9.0 which is attached. Note that Course 50 is an ad-hoc course as designed by the RC.
- Courses will be announced over VHF radio and displayed on a whiteboard on the RC Boat.

#### **8. Start and Finish Lines**

- The start will be in the vicinity of location “SF” on the Course Chart.
- The finish will be in the same location, unless racers are instructed otherwise.
- The start line will be between an orange flag on the RC Boat and an orange pin in the water.
- The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC Boat and a blue pin in the water.

#### **9. Time Limit**

- The time limit for each race will be 8:00PM.

## **10. Safety First**

- All boats should have a working VHF radio, running lights, and appropriate PFD's and safety gear onboard.
- It is never OK to hit another boat. Boaters should be prepared to start their engines and maneuver out of harm's way at all times. This includes potential collisions with buoys.

## **11. Protests**

- Protests are discouraged.
- Protests forms are at DWYC and should be turned in within 45 minutes of when the RC Boat docks.
- Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race is completed.

## **12. Scoring**

- Races will be scored using Appendix A4.
- Boats will be scored using their RLC rating and nonspin offsets (PHRF or assigned).
- A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There are no throw-outs.

## **13. Awards and Festivities**

- All racers and crew are invited to DWYC after each race to participate in post-race analysis and award presentations. A white board will be made available for those wishing to draw stuff.
- There may be something Really Special for the series winner(s).

## **14. Risk Statement**

- 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.

#### **15. Disclaimer of Liability**

- The OA, RC and PC 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 competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **16. Insurance**

- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

For Questions, Suggestions, or Complaints Please Contact:

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# DANA POINT RACE CHART

Not Drawn to Scale – Not for Navigation

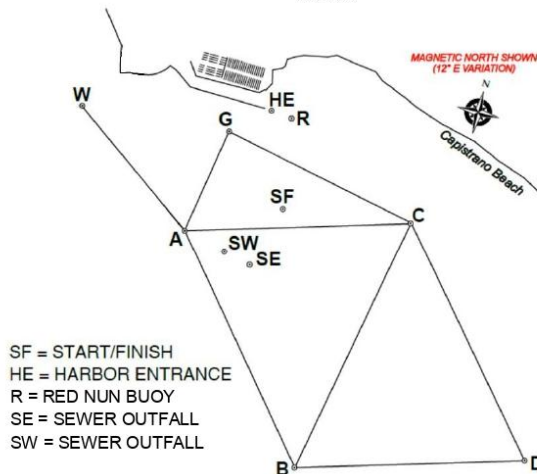
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## MARK LOCATIONS

SF	N33°	26.480'
	W117	41.380'
A*	N33°	26.320'
	W117	42.320'
B*	N33°	24.566'
	W117	40.913'
C*	N33°	26.380'
	W117	40.190'
D*	N33°	24.490'
	W117	39.100'
G*	N33°	27.100'
	W117	41.900'
HE	N33°	27.250'
	W117	41.500'
R*	N33°	27.200'
	W117	41.300'
W*	N33°	27.300'
	W117	43.300'
SE	N33°	26.043'
	W117	41.722'
SW	N33°	26.150'
	W117	41.958'

\* USCG Reg. Coordinates



SF = START/FINISH  
HE = HARBOR ENTRANCE  
R = RED NUN BUOY  
SE = SEWER OUTFALL  
SW = SEWER OUTFALL

LEAVE ALL MARKS TO PORT UNLESS  
FOLLOWED BY AN 'S' IN COURSE DESCRIPTION

Marks A – D are yellow spar buoys  
Mark G is a government green lighted buoy  
Mark W is a government red lighted whistle buoy

## RACE COURSES

#	DESCRIPTION	NM
1	SF A	1.6
2	SF A C	3.6
3	SF A C A	5.2
4	SF A C A C A C	10.7
5	SF A C G A	5.8
6	SF A C G A C	7.8
7	SF A C G W A C	9.4
8	SF A C A s G W A C	10.5
9	SF A s G W A	5.0
10	SF A s W s G s A B	8.3
11	SF A s G W A C A	8.5
12	SF A s G W B C	9.2
13	SF A s G W B D C	10.9
14	SF A B C	5.8
15	SF A B C A	7.4
16	SF A B C A C	9.4
17	SF A B C B C	9.7
18	SF A B C A C A C	12.9
19	SF A B D C	7.5
20	SF A B D C A	9.1
21	SF A B D C A C	11.1
22	SF A B D C B s A s	11.3
23	SF A B C G A C	10.0
24	SF A D C	7.2
25	SF A D A s	8.1
26	SF A D C A C	10.7
27	SF A s W B D A s	11.1
28	SF A s W B C A C	11.9
29	SF A D s B s C W A	12.4
30	SF B	4.0
31	SF B C	4.9
32	SF B C A	6.6
33	SF B C G A	7.4
34	SF B C W A	8.8
35	SF B G A C A	10.0
36	SF B D C	6.7
37	SF B D C A	8.3
38	SF B D C A C	10.2
39	SF B D B D C A	11.3
40	SF D	5.5
41	SF D C A	7.4
42	SF D A B C	11.0
43	SF W A	3.9
44	SF W A C s B s C	9.7
45	SF W B C	8.1
46	SF W D	9.1
47	SF W D A s	10.4
48	SF W D W A	12.9
49	SF W A G W	7.0
50	To Be Announced By RC	

## APPROXIMATE MAGNETIC BEARINGS AND DISTANCES

TO FROM	SF	A	B	C	D	G	HE	R	W	SE	SW
SF		248° 0.8 nm	156° 2.0 nm	083° 1.0 nm	124° 2.8 nm	314° 0.8 nm	343° 0.8 nm	354° 0.7 nm	286° 1.8 nm	201° 0.5 nm	223° 0.6 nm
A	068° 0.8 nm		135° 2.1 nm	077° 1.8 nm	112° 3.3 nm	013° 0.9 nm	025° 1.2 nm	032° 1.2 nm	308° 1.3 nm	107° 0.6 nm	107° 0.4 nm
B	336° 2.0 nm	315° 2.1 nm		005° 1.9 nm	081° 1.5 nm	330° 2.7 nm	337° 2.7 nm	341° 2.7 nm	312° 3.4 nm	323° 1.6 nm	319° 1.8 nm
C	263° 1.0 nm	257° 1.8 nm	185° 1.9 nm		142° 2.1 nm	285° 1.6 nm	297° 1.4 nm	300° 1.2 nm	278° 2.8 nm	244° 1.3 nm	249° 1.5 nm
D	304° 2.8 nm	292° 3.3 nm	261° 1.5 nm	322° 2.1 nm		306° 3.5 nm	312° 3.4 nm	314° 3.3 nm	297° 4.5 nm	293° 2.7 nm	293° 2.9 nm
G	134° 0.8 nm	193° 0.9 nm	150° 2.7 nm	105° 1.6 nm	126° 3.5 nm		055° 0.4 nm	067° 0.5 nm	268° 1.2 nm	160° 1.1 nm	171° 1.0 nm
HE	163° 0.8 nm	205° 1.2 nm	157° 2.7 nm	117° 1.4 nm	132° 3.4 nm	235° 0.4 nm		099° 0.2 nm	260° 1.5 nm	178° 1.2 nm	188° 1.2 nm
R	174° 0.7 nm	212° 1.2 nm	161° 2.7 nm	120° 1.2 nm	134° 3.3 nm	247° 0.5 nm	279° 0.2 nm		261° 1.7 nm	185° 1.2 nm	196° 1.2 nm
W	106° 1.8 nm	128° 1.3 nm	132° 3.4 nm	098° 2.8 nm	117° 4.5 nm	088° 1.2 nm	080° 1.5 nm	081° 1.7 nm		122° 1.8 nm	124° 1.6 nm
SE	021° 0.5 nm	287° 0.6 nm	143° 1.6 nm	064° 1.3 nm	113° 2.7 nm	340° 1.1 nm	358° 1.2 nm	005° 1.2 nm	302° 1.8 nm		287° 0.2 nm
SW	043° 0.6 nm	287° 0.4 nm	139° 1.8 nm	069° 1.5 nm	113° 2.9 nm	351° 1.0 nm	008° 1.2 nm	016° 1.2 nm	304° 1.6 nm	107° 0.2 nm	

Table based on magnetic variation of 12° E

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