



56th Annual
Seal Beach to Dana Point Race
Saturday, July 12, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this Regatta is Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC) and Seal Beach Yacht Club (SLBYC). The Race Committees (RC) of both clubs will manage this race jointly.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply, except as modified by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 For boats competing in a PHRF Fleet, the rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply and PHRF is the Rating Authority (RA).
- 1.5 For boats forming a One-Design class (of five or more boats), the rules of the relevant One-Design class will also apply, and they shall compete in the PHRF Fleet.
- 1.6 [DP] RRS 64.2, Penalties is modified by adding: (c) When the protest committee decides a boat that is a 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. RULES CHANGED

- 2.1 RRS 54 Forestays and Headsail Tacks, is modified to allow the temporary removal of the forestay to facilitate a gybe. The forestay shall be reattached at the first opportunity after the gybe is complete.
- 2.2 RRS 51 (Movable Ballast) and RRS 52 (Manual Power) are modified as follows:
 - 2.2.1 The movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed, however all gear, and sails not being flown must remain within a boat's lifelines.
 - 2.2.2 RRS 51 Movable Ballast and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to permit the positioning of hull appendages, specifically adjustable keels, or water ballast by hydraulic or electric power on boats so designed and so rated by the applicable RA. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 2.3 For the purpose of RRS 47 – Biodegradable material used to band spinnakers is not trash if lost overboard during a spinnaker launch.
- 2.4 RRS 61.4 (b) is modified to add (6) interruption of a boat's progress by a government authority.

- 2.5 RRS 60.5(c) is modified to add (5) when the protest committee (PC) decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule outside of RRS Part 2, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time.
- 2.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 will not apply.
- 2.7 [DP] RRS 29 Recalls – The penalty for OCS shall be 20 minutes of elapsed time added to a boat's elapsed time on the course in lieu of being scored OCS.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Joint Race Committee and will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2 As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the Secondary Notice Board at SLBYC only, by 1800 hours Friday, July 11, 2025.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 4.2 Secondary Notice Boards are located upstairs at DPYC and outside the main entrance in an enclosed case at SLBYC.
- 4.3 After the race, notices to competitors will be posted on the Secondary Notice Board at DPYC only.
- 4.4 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69. Racers should monitor VHF69 prior to and during the race for communications from the RC regarding any pertinent race communications.
- 4.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Classes and Class flags in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SCHEDULED WARNING SIGNAL</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
CRUISING & ORCA	1055	NUMERAL PENNANT "4"
PHRF C	1100	NUMERAL PENNANT "3"
PHRF B	1105	NUMERAL PENNANT "2"
PHRF A	1110	NUMERAL PENNANT "1"

- 6.2 The Cruising and ORCA fleets will start together but be scored separately.
- 6.3 The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1055 hours.
- 6.4 While not mandatory, boats are requested to fly their appropriate Class Flag from the stern of the boat at a height no lower than the boom while racing.

7. THE RACING AREA

- 7.1 The race area is the Pacific Ocean nearshore between Seal Beach and Dana Point and as generally shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) included as part of these Sailing Instructions.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 This is an Offwind Course race (OWC) as defined by PHRF.
 - 8.1.1 Dependent on race day prevailing true wind direction, this race may be changed to an RLC race as defined by PHRF.
- 8.2 All boats shall leave the San Juan Whistle Buoy to port and then sail to finish.
- 8.3 The handicap course length is 28 nautical miles.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The Starting marks shall be two orange flags on a staff or marks adjacent to the SLBYC RC Signal Boat and will be located off the Seal Beach Pier. The starboard mark may be on the Signal Boat.
- 9.2 The San Juan Whistle Buoy is described as Mark W on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) included as part of these sailing instructions.
- 9.3 The Finishing marks are as described in SI 12.

10. CHECKING IN

- 10.1 Before the first Warning Signal, a boat shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area with code flag "L" being displayed, and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to do so will have a 15 minute time penalty added to their corrected finish time.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between two orange flags on a staff or marks adjacent to the SLBYC RC Signal Boat and will be located off the Seal Beach Pier.
- 11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 As a courtesy, the RC will hail any boat it identifies as OCS on VHF 69. Failure to make a hail, failure of communications equipment, or the timing of a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line shall be approximately 200 yards off the Dana Point jetty at the green lighted buoy G'1' (FLG 2.5 sec.) at approximately 33° 27.10' N by 117° 41.90' W. **DO NOT CONFUSE this buoy with the entrance light to Dana Point Harbor.**
- 12.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on or near the Race Committee boat and the green lighted buoy G'1'.
- 12.3 A proper finish will leave the Race Committee boat to starboard.
- 12.3 [DP] Boats who have finished shall stay clear of the finish area.

13. SCORING PENALTY

- 13.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 There is no time limit in this race.
- 14.2 If there is no RC Finish Boat on station at the finish, a boat shall log her finish time in UTC-7 hours (PDT) by taking a photo or screen shot of her navigation equipment, clearly showing her finish time and position simultaneously. This image must be emailed to race@dpyc.org as soon as possible but no later than 30 minutes after finishing.

15. RETIRING FROM A RACE

- 15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race prior to finishing shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity and **obtain their acknowledgment** before leaving the race course area by coming within hail, making contact on VHF69 or by text to 949.637.5004.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 1800 July 12, 2025 or 30 minutes after the RC boats docks, whichever is later. The time limit will be posted on the Secondary Notice Board upstairs at DPYC.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the DPYC race officer and [online](#).
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the times and place(s) for the hearings, on the Secondary Notice Board. Boats are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.
- 16.4 Arbitration as provided in RRS Appendix T will apply.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 17.2 Results will be calculated using a boat's PHRF OWC rating, RC assigned rating or ORCA rating dependent upon which fleet the boat is entered.
- 17.2.1 If the race is determined to be a RLC race, then results for the PHRF Fleet and Cruising Non-Spinnaker boats will be calculated using a boat's PHRF RLC rating or RC assigned rating.
- 17.3 Non-spin offsets will be used for boats that entered as Cruising Non-Spinnaker.
- 17.4 The Overall Winner will be the PHRF Fleet boat with the lowest corrected time.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophy presentations are scheduled for 1930 at DPYC following racing.
- 18.2 The Keith Morgan Memorial Dana Point Race Best PHRF Corrected Time Trophy will be awarded.
- 18.3 Take home trophies will be awarded in customary numbers to all classes, as well as, to the Overall Winner.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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 an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (OA, RA, RC, PC, host clubs, 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 this race, 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.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1 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.

21. SLIP AVAILABILITY

- 21.1 After finishing, boats that have received confirmation of slip availability in Dana Point should contact the DPYC Port Captain on VHF 68 or by text to 949.637.5004. You will be provided directions to your assigned slip or directed to meet an escort boat.



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DANA POINT RACE CHART

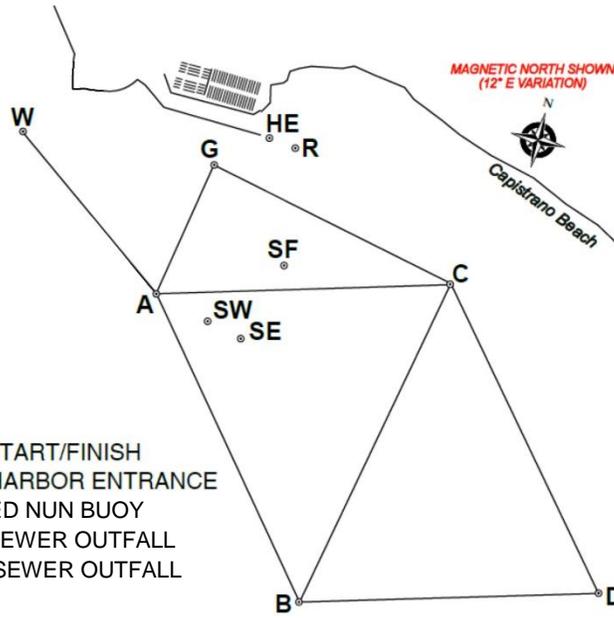


Not Drawn to Scale – Not for Navigation
v.9.0

MARK LOCATIONS

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

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

* USCG Reg. Coordinates

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 As G W A C	10.5
9	SF As G W A	5.0
10	SF As Ws Gs A B	8.3
11	SF As G W A C A	8.5
12	SF As G W B C	9.2
13	SF As 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 Bs As	11.3
23	SF A B C G A C	10.0
24	SF A D C	7.2
25	SF A D As	8.1
26	SF A D C A C	10.7
27	SF As W B D As	11.1
28	SF As W B C A C	11.9
29	SF A Ds Bs 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 Cs Bs C	9.7
45	SF W B C	8.1
46	SF W D	9.1
47	SF W D As	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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