



THE OUTLAW REGATTA

Marina Del Rey to Seal Beach Race



Saturday August 30, 2025
Santa Monica Windjammers and Seal Beach Yacht Clubs

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
RRS 51 is changed for boats whose PHRF rating certificate includes a movable water ballast system or a canting keel to allow the boat to use the movable water ballast system or allow the keel to be adjusted while racing.
RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of electric winches.
2. **CLASSES:** The classes include **PHRF** and **CRUISING CLASSES**. Four boats are required to establish a class. Boats entered in a class with less than 4 entries may be assigned to another appropriate class.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES in SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Notices including classes and class signals, and any changes will be posted at smwyc.org/racing and at Regatta network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30116> no later than 2100 hours on Friday, August 29, 2025.
4. **EQUIPMENT:** All boats must meet USCG and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore races. Boats must carry a working VHF radio, charts of the race area, and the RRS. A USCG Type III, or better PFD must be worn on deck on all boats that do not have lifelines, except for brief periods when changing clothing, this changes RRS 40.
5. **RATINGS:** For PHRF Classes and Cruising Classes Off-Wind Course Base (OWC) rating will apply.
For Cruising Non-Spinnaker Classes, the PHRF So Cal Rating will apply with the non-spinnaker offset.
6. **[DP]PRE-START CHECK IN:** All boats must check in with the Race Committee boat during the period that the RC boat is flying the L flag. Acknowledgment is essential. Any boat that has not been properly checked in may be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS). The L flag will be removed 1 minute prior to the first warning signal.
7. **Communication:** Race committee will be transmitting on VHF Channel 71 at the start and at the finish.

8. **START:** The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1125 hours. An attention signal of multiple horn blasts will be sounded approximately 1 minute before the Warning. The starting line will be in the vicinity of Marina del Rey **H** mark. The line will be between and an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable shape. Start signals will be in accordance with *RRS 26*.

- **H** mark is located at approximately N 33° 57.367', W 118° 28.655'
- A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9. **RECALLS:** The RC will attempt to hail sail numbers and/or boat's names verbally and/or on **VHF channel 71**. Failure to hear a notification or the order of recalls shall not be grounds for redress. Boats not returning to make a proper start will have 20 minutes added to their elapsed time.

10. **COURSE:** Leave all course marks to port

- From Start Line (in the vicinity of **H** mark)
- El Segundo buoy "2ES"
- PV buoy R "10PV"
- Point Fermin buoy "R6".
- A line connecting the Alamitos Bay Jetty mid channel buoys is a continuing obstruction not to be crossed and shall be left to port.

"2ES", R "10PV" and R "6" are bell buoys. The Alamitos Bay mid channel buoys are small cans. Handicap distance is **30.3** nm.

11. **RETIREMENT:** Boats retiring before finishing must notify the Seal Beach Race Committee on **VHF 71**, or 562-822-4504. If a boat fails to make this notification it may be liable for search and rescue expenses and fines that may result from the boat's unexplained absence.

12. **FINISHING COMMUNICATIONS:**

12.1. The lead boat(s) shall call the Seal Beach Race Committee on **VHF Channel 71** when passing "Queens Gate", (Long Beach Harbor Entrance).

12.2. All boats shall alert the Seal Beach Race Committee of their imminent finish by calling the committee on **VHF Channel 71** as soon as practical after entering the Alamitos Bay Jetty. Please make this transmission on low power.

13. **FINISH:**

13.1. Only a single headsail may be flown within the Jetty and Alamitos Bay.

13.2. The head of any spinnaker or second headsail must be at or below deck level when a boat crosses an imaginary line connecting the Alamitos Jetty **entrance lights**.

13.3. The finish line will be between a 5 MPH buoy off the Alamitos Bay gas dock and a blue "On Station" flag at the Navy Yacht Club Facility near the SW end of the gas dock.

13.4. The Race Committee may be on land or on a boat in the channel below the parking lot. The responsibility for being recognized at the finish rests entirely with the entrant.

14. **TIME LIMIT:** Each class must have one finisher by 1900 to constitute a race for that class. All racers must finish by 1930. This changes RRS 35.
15. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee at Seal Beach Yacht Club by the earlier of 45 minutes after the protesting boat finishes, or 2000 hours on Saturday.
16. **SCORING:** Time on distance scoring will be used.
17. **PIRATE COSTUME CONTEST.**
 1. Sign in to get a number at SLBYC.
 2. Wear number for duration of party to be judged.
 3. Winner divisions are *she, he and crew* and will be announced before trophies.

