



# OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB ELIZABETH HOSPICE CHARITY REGATTA August 2 & 3, 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT

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

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2. [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3. The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply.
- 1.5. The rules of any established One-Design Class will apply.
- 1.6. [DP-Discretionary Penalty] 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#) by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located in the onshore event venue.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#).
- 3.2. Notices will also be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located in the onshore event venue.
- 3.3. On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4. Racers should monitor VHF68 prior to and during all races for communications from the RC regarding courses, course changes and other pertinent race communications.
- 3.5. [DP-Discretionary Penalty] From the first warning signal until the end of each 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.

#### 4. COMPETITORS MEETING

- 4.1. Competitor's meeting will be held at 1000 on Saturday, August 2 at the OYC Bar.
- 4.2. Any questions with respect to the conduct of the regatta must be addressed in writing to the Race Committee by 1000 Saturday, August 2.

#### 5. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

#### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the OYC flagpole.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS

### 7.1. PHRF & One Design Classes

Three (3) Windward/Leeward races are scheduled for Saturday and two (2) Windward/Leeward races on Sunday for a total of five (5) races. The RC reserves the right to have additional or fewer races each day dependent upon weather and in the best interest of the regatta. Two races will constitute a regatta.

### 7.2. Non-Spinnaker Class

Two (2) random leg races are scheduled for Saturday and one (1) random leg race for Sunday for a total of three (3) races. The RC reserves the right to have additional or fewer races each day dependent upon weather and in the best interest of the regatta. One race constitutes a regatta.

7.3. Class breaks for all classes will be announced at the Competitors Meeting and posted by 1000 on Saturday August 2.

7.4. The anticipated starting order is as listed in 7.5. The RC reserves the right to alter this order as needed.

7.5. The anticipated order of the first start is as follows, or as indicated by the RC. Subsequent starts will be as designated by the RC.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Non-Spinnaker	E	(white flag with dark letter)
Beneteau 36.7	D	(white flag with dark letter)
PHRF C	C	(white flag with dark letter)
PHRF B	B	(white flag with dark letter)
PHRF A	A	(white flag with dark letter)

7.6. The First Warning Signal is scheduled for 1155 on each day of racing.

7.7. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1. Races will be sailed in the Pacific Ocean outside of Oceanside Harbor.

## 9. COURSES

### 9.1. Windward/Leeward Courses

9.1.1. The course will be selected from the Windward/Leeward Course Chart – Attachment 1, included as part of these Sailing Instructions.

9.1.2. The course number will be displayed on a placard from the stern of the RC boat no later than the Preparatory Signal for each class. This changes RRS 27.1.

9.1.3. Approximate compass heading to the windward mark will be displayed on a white board on the port side of the RC boat no later than the Warning Signal for each race.

### 9.2. Random Leg Courses

9.2.1. The course will be selected from the OYC Course Chart – Attachment 2, included as part of these Sailing Instructions.

9.2.2. The course number will be displayed on a placard from the stern of the RC boat no later than the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

9.2.3. The approximate compass heading of marks is indicated on Attachment 2.

## 10. MARKS

### 10.1. Windward/Leeward Courses

10.1.1. The start mark is a tall yellow spar buoy.

10.1.2. The finish mark is a yellow inflatable.

10.1.3. Windward mark W and leeward mark L will be tall orange inflatables.

10.1.4. New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be yellow inflatable marks.

## 10.2. **Random Leg Courses**

10.2.1. The start mark is a tall yellow spar buoy

10.2.2. The finish mark is a yellow inflatable.

10.2.3. All other marks of the course will be permanent yellow spar buoys as described in Attachment 2.

## 11. **CHECK-IN**

11.1. Before the first Warning Signal, a boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee 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 10 minute time penalty added to their corrected finish time for their first race of the day.

11.2. Radio check-in is not allowed.

## 12. **THE START**

12.1. Races will start in accordance with RRS 26 using 5-minute intervals.

12.2. **There will be a one minute delay between Non-Spinnaker Class and the Beneteau Class.**

12.3. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and a yellow spar buoy.

12.4. [DP-Discretionary Penalty] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.6. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.7. A distance buoy may be streaming off the RC boat and if present shall be considered part of the RC boat.

## 13. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1. For Windward-Leeward courses, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2. New marks will be as described in Instruction 10.1.4.

13.3. For Windward-Leeward courses any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

## 14. **THE FINISH**

14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and a yellow inflatable on the starboard side of the RC boat.

14.2. A boat intending to protest shall notify the RC immediately upon finishing.

14.3. [DP-Discretionary Penalty] Boats who have finished shall stay clear of the finish area.

## 15. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1. US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

## 16. **TIME LIMIT**

16.1. For PHRF and One-Design Classes, any boat not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored DNF. This alters RRS 35.

- 16.2. For the Non-Spinnaker Class, any boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored DNF. This alters RRS 35.

## **17. RETIREMENT**

- 17.1. [DP-Discretionary Penalty] A boat that retires from a 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 or making contact on VHF 68.

## **18. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 18.1. A boat shall have notified the RC immediately upon finishing.  
18.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks. The time will be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located in the onshore event venue.  
18.3. Hearing request forms are available from the RC.  
18.4. The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the times and location for the hearings, on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board. Boats are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.  
18.5. Arbitration as provided in RRS Appendix T will apply.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.  
19.2. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No races will be discarded.  
19.3. Buoy ratings with area adjustments shall be used for the windward-leeward races.  
19.4. Random leg races shall be scored using RLC ratings with area adjustments or RC assigned ratings.

## **20. PRIZES**

- 20.1. Trophies for all classes will be awarded after the last race of the regatta on Sunday, August 3.

## **21. RISK STATEMENT**

- 21.1. 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 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.**

## **22. INSURANCE**

- 22.1. 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.

**Oceanside Yacht Club**  
Race Committee