



August 23, 2025

Moss Landing Challenge



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (rev.8/20/25)

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)
2. The first sentence of RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall meet the obligations of the rule (wear a PFD) regardless of the display of the Y flag and sound.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Hobie Fleet 240 Beach Box located at Harbor Beach until the start of the long distance race on Saturday Aug 23rd. Then notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Elkhorn Yacht Club.
- 2.2. A Mandatory Competitors' meeting will be held at Noon (12:00 PM) Saturday at Harbor Beach in front of the Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz for the Saturday long distance race.
- 2.3. VHF Channel 69 will be used for Saturday Long distance race. Coast Guard monitors channel 16.
- 2.4. ***All boats in the Saturday long distance race must check-in 30 minutes prior to the start time via VHF on Channel 69.***

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.

4. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 4.1. A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 4.2. ***A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.***
- 4.3. Avoid fishing boats. They often have their line cast many feet away from their vessel.
- 4.4. Avoid power lines. Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A mast coming in contact or even near an electrical power line can cause serious injury and/or death to people on or touching the boat.

5. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. On Saturday August 23rd the long-distance race will be from Santa Cruz to Elkhorn (See section 9)
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the start for the Saturday Long distance race is approximately 1:00 PM (12:55 warning signal)

7. SCORING

- 7.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. Class flags will be discussed at both competitor's meeting Saturday and Sunday
- 8.2. All Classes will start together on Saturday for the Long Distance Race

9. SATURDAY LONG DISTANCE RACE

- 9.1. The course shall be from the start in Santa Cruz to the finish in the harbor entrance at Moss Landing.
- 9.2. All Competitors need to be prepared to launch immediately after the Competitors' Meeting on the beach at Noon.
- 9.3. The start is planned to be near the Santa Cruz Harbor entrance. Start details will be finalized at the Competitors' meeting.
- 9.4. The course will either be Course 1 or Course 2. Some classes/boats may sail different courses depending upon entrees and wind conditions. The Course(s) will be announced at the Saturday Competitors' meeting depending upon wind conditions.
- 9.5. Course 1 goes from the start to Schuyler Buoy off of the Santa Cruz Wharf and then to Moss landing Finish
Schuyler Buoy is a Yellow Ball located at approximately N 36° 56.84', W 122° 01.28' W
- 9.6. Course 2 goes from the start straight to Moss Landing Finish..



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- 9.7. Finish will be at Moss Landing Harbor half way up the channel at a location called "The Jaws". Finish details will be finalized at the Competitors' meeting. GPS coordinates are estimated to be approximately 36 48.43' N – 121 47.35' W
- 9.8. Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 9.9. All Boats must carry the following:
1. Each person must wear a PFD
 2. Must carry a VHF Radio and Cell phone on board with contact number on entry form
 3. Carry a whistle for each person
 4. Marine compass or GPS
 5. Suitable charts for piloting
 6. Sailors must be prepared for immersion protection and wear wet/dry suit.
 7. Also recommend bringing sunscreen, water, food, hat, flares, waterproof bag.
- 9.8. All Boats must monitor VHF Channel 69. Coast Guard monitors Channel 16.
- 9.9. A boat retiring before completing a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible by sailing past a Race Committee vessel and hailing, or by hailing the Race Committee on VHF (Channel 69).
- 9.10. if visual contact is lost, Race Committee may call competing boats on channel 69 between 1300 & 1630 to request position. Please be monitoring channel 69 during this time slot and be prepared to report.
- 9.11. After finishing in Moss Landing Harbor entrance, continue up the channel and turn to port (left) up the north harbor channel. Follow buoy's up the channel to boat ramp or beach on east side of channel.
- 9.12. DO NOT beach your boat across from the boat ramp at any time. You will be cited for disturbing the seals and/or other sea life.
- 9.13. Trailers need to be at Moss Landing for boat take out. Saturday's long distance race is a one-way race from Santa Cruz to Moss Landing.
- 9.14. Logistics: Saturday morning all Competitors need to prep your boat, launch at Santa Cruz Harbor or beach and shuttle your trailer to Moss Landing. The drive to Moss Landing usually takes 40 minutes and 40 minutes to return. Each Competitor is responsible for their own ground transportation between Santa Cruz and Moss Landing Harbors.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. ***Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, 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.***
- 12.2. ***It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine his/her level of safety. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the condition safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire.***
- 12.3. ***Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper or "person in charge", of each boat as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.***



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13. MAP OF DISTANCE RACE – Approximate and not to Scale (with approx. 1 mile upwind Course 1)

