



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025 Forefathers Memorial Races Honoring Bob Cooke & Neil Underwood Saturday, August 16, 2025

Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC)
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1. **RULES:** Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30223>) and/or made on the water when necessary and with acknowledgement of the change from each boat.
2. **FLEETS & CLASSES:** The Bob Cooke Memorial race is a Double-Handed race, ie, one skipper and one crew. The Neil Underwood Memorial race is for boats with 3 or more persons aboard. Class options in both races include spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and J24 one-design. The Race Committee (RC) may combine classes with fewer than 3 entries. PHRF Area A Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings will be used for scoring. The RC may assign a temporary rating for boats without a current PHRF certificate, however, they are not eligible for an individual or perpetual trophy award.
3. **SCHEDULE - Saturday, August 16, 2025**
No Skippers meeting is planned
1100 First start in the vicinity of the Mandalay Spar Buoy
1600 (approx) Post race awards and hospitality at CIYC
4. **THE START**
 - a. Prior to her start, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee (RC) by VHF radio (Channel 68) or by hailing the RC while sailing past the stern of the RC boat on a starboard tack.
 - b. Races will be started using Rule 26. The port end of the starting line is the Mandalay spar buoy, and the starboard end is an orange flag on the RC boat. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
 - c. Although not required to do so, the RC *may* attempt to hail a boat if it is On Course Side (OCS) at its starting signal. Any boat that suspects it is OCS should exonerate herself without waiting for a recall flag or to be hailed.
5. **THE FINISH**
 - a. The finish line will be between the Mandalay Spar Buoy and the stack of the Mandalay Power Plant ashore
 - b. Each boat will record her own finish time at the moment when her bow is within 3 boat-lengths and shoreside of the buoy and her bearing to the stack is 72°T (59°M)
 - c. Each boat will report her finish time to the RC by text (415.518.4046) as soon as practical after finishing
 - d. A boat that starts but subsequently retires without finishing is asked to promptly notify the RC

6. HEARING REQUESTS

Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the RC within 1 hour of the finish of the boat requesting a hearing or within 1 hour of her return to her harbor if she retires. An electronically-fillable Hearing Request Form is available online at US Sailing (https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf)

7. THE COURSES

The racing area will be the coastal waters of Ventura County between Channel Islands and Ventura Harbors. The courses will be chosen from the CIYC Forefathers Race Course Chart (page 3), which includes a range of course distances up to 19.5nm. When an oil platform is a mark of the course, its associated mooring buoy(s) are also marks of the course.

8. PROTESTS: A boat's intent to protest shall be signaled by flying a red flag at the finish and providing a brief description of the offense to the RC on VHF Channel 68. Using the US Sailing Request for Hearing online fillable form (https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf), the protesting boat shall provide a written description of the offense to the RC within 2 hours of her finish.

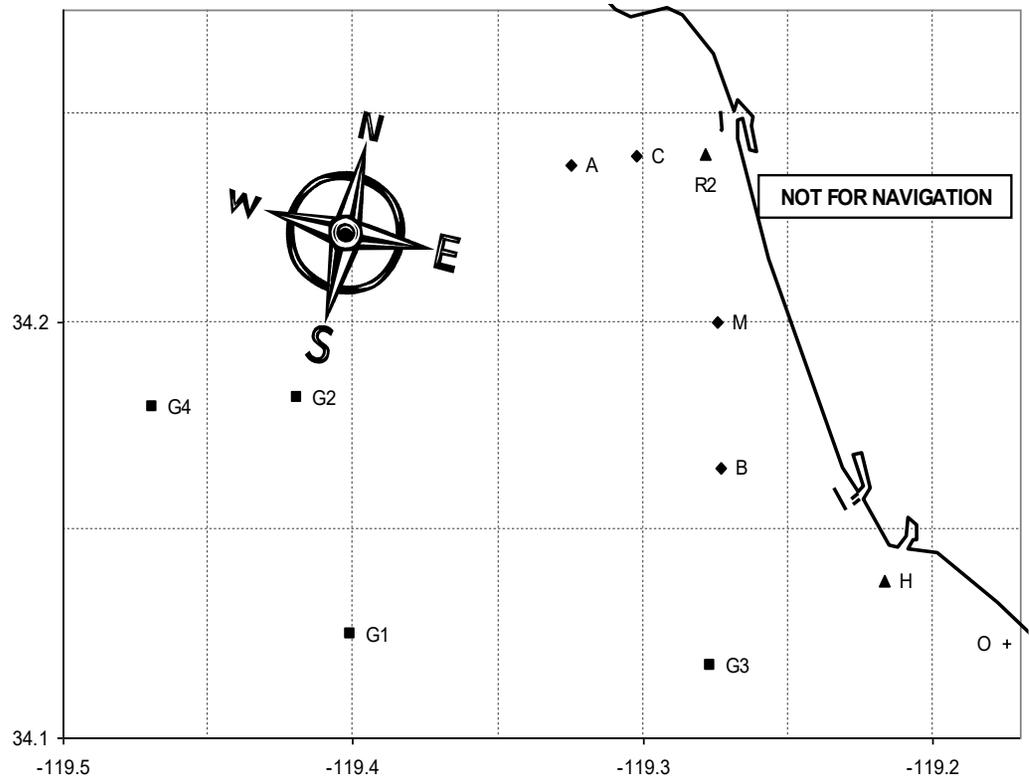
9. SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Each skipper is responsible for compliance with applicable US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore. The RC reserves the right to disqualify nonconforming boats. All boats shall carry a VHF radio with Channels 16 and 68. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68 throughout the race.

10. HOSPITALITY: Skippers and crew are invited to Channel Islands Yacht Club for a hot snack, no-host bar, and race awards presentation.

11. PRIZES: After racing, individual prizes will be awarded among boats with current PHRF ratings. The Bob Cooke and Neil Underwood Memorial Perpetual Trophies will be engraved with their respective winning boat and skipper names and shall be displayed at Channel Islands Yacht Club.

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Course Chart: Channel Islands Harbor Start (S_M) & Finish (F_M)

Course	nm	Waypoints (see Mark Codes below)	Approx Bearing to 1 st Mark
1	9.34	S _M Hs F _M	143°T (130°M)
2	10.03	S _M Hs Bs F _M	143°T (130°M)
3	12.80	S _M Hs G3s F _M	143°T (130°M)
4	13.95	S _M Hs R2s F _M	143°T (130°M)
5	4.20	S _M Bp F _M	180°T (167°M)
6	9.90	S _M G3s F _M	181°T (168°M)
7	12.08	S _M Bp Hp F _M	180°T (167°M)
8	11.15	S _M Bs As F _M	180°T (167°M)
9	12.80	S _M G3p Hp F _M	181°T (168°M)
10	15.20	S _M G3s Cs F _M	181°T (194°M)
11	15.33	S _M G1p F _M	234°T (221°M)
12	14.40	S _M G2p F _M	261°T (248°M)
13	16.48	S _M G2p Bp F _M	261°T (248°M)
14	19.45	S _M G4p F _M	263°T (250°M)
15	7.40	S _M Ap F _M	313°T (300°M)
16	8.66	S _M As R2s F _M	313°T (300°M)
17	11.15	S _M Ap Bp F _M	313°T (300°M)
18	6.41	S _M R2p Cp F _M	355°T (342°M)
19	8.66	S _M R2p Ap F _M	355°T (342°M)
20	14.76	S _M R2p G3p F _M	355°T (342°M)



Mark Code	Marks	Approximate Location (N Lat, W Long)
S _M /F _M	Start and Finish at the Mandalay Spar Buoy	
A	Fish Sticks (spar buoy)	34°14.5' 119°19.8'
B	Wes Mark (spar buoy)	34°09.9' 119°16.5'
C	Chips (spar buoy)	34°14.4' 119°18.2'
H	Hueneme buoy	34°08.3' 119°13.1'
M	Mandalay spar buoy	34°12.0' 119°16.5'
R2	Ventura Red #2 Whistle Buoy	34°14.4' 119°16.8'
G1	Platform Gail	34°07.5' 119°24.0'
G2	Platform Gilda	34°10.9' 119°25.1'
G3	Platform Gina	34°07.1' 119°16.6'
G4	Platform Grace	34°10.8' 119°28.2'

