

2025-2026 Chili Midwinter Series

Sailing Instructions

Race Dates: November 2nd - December 7th - January 4th - February 1st - March 1st.

1. **SAFETY:** Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the race committee or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of RRS61.1 (a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE);
 - a) Propulsion: To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obligated to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(i)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of 2 places worse than she would have received, however she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.
 - b) Personal safety is the responsibility of each individual while racing. While wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this regatta, it is encouraged. For any particular race in the Series, the race committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors or changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30452>. Notices shall not be posted later than 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
3. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The first warning shall be at 12:00. Fleets may be started in any order and multiple fleets may be started together. The following class flags shall be used:

Fleet / Class Flag	Class
"A"	Spinnaker Boats with PHRF less than 100
"C"	Spinnaker Boats with PHRF greater than 100
"D"	Non-Spinnaker Boats

STARTS WILL NOT BE ROLLED

One race will be run per day. Races abandoned due to conditions on the race course may be rescheduled with a notice to competitors advising of a two-race day.

4. **CHECK-IN & RETIRE:** All boats shall show their sail number to the race committee by sailing past the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

5. **ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS:** RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the race committee and racing boats on VHF channel 72. The race committee may communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for over early or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the race committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on the VHF radio.
6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the SYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the AP flag is lowered.
7. **COURSES AND MARKS:** Temporary (dropped) mark courses and courses using fixed government marks will be used. Courses are described in Attachment A to these Sailing Instructions and will be indicated using numeric code flags on the race committee signal boat.
8. **START AND FINISH LINE:** The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

For courses 4 to 20 only, the Start & Finish line is restricted: after the first leg a boat shall not pass through the Start line, and a boat shall not cross the Finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course. A boat violating this restriction shall retire immediately and be scored DNF.
9. **RESTRICTED AREAS:** For the purpose of RRS 19, 20, 28, the following objects shall be left to shoreward:

Anita Rock and any buoy marking same, vertical 'H' beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of StFYC, bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Above obstructions are not marks of the course. The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge must be left to the South at all times. Any rocks visible at Mean Lower Low water immediately adjacent to Contra Costa County, Marin County or San Francisco shorelines shall be left to shoreward, except for Mile Rock, The Brothers and Red Rock.
10. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for all races will be 1600 hours for all boats. Boats finishing after this time limit shall be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.
11. **SCORING:** "Time on Time" scoring will be used for PHRF divisions.
12. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of each racing day. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each division in each day's racing. Series Trophies for the Midwinter Series and the Winter Series Perpetual Trophy will be presented after the final race of the season.
13. **PROTESTS:** Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or".

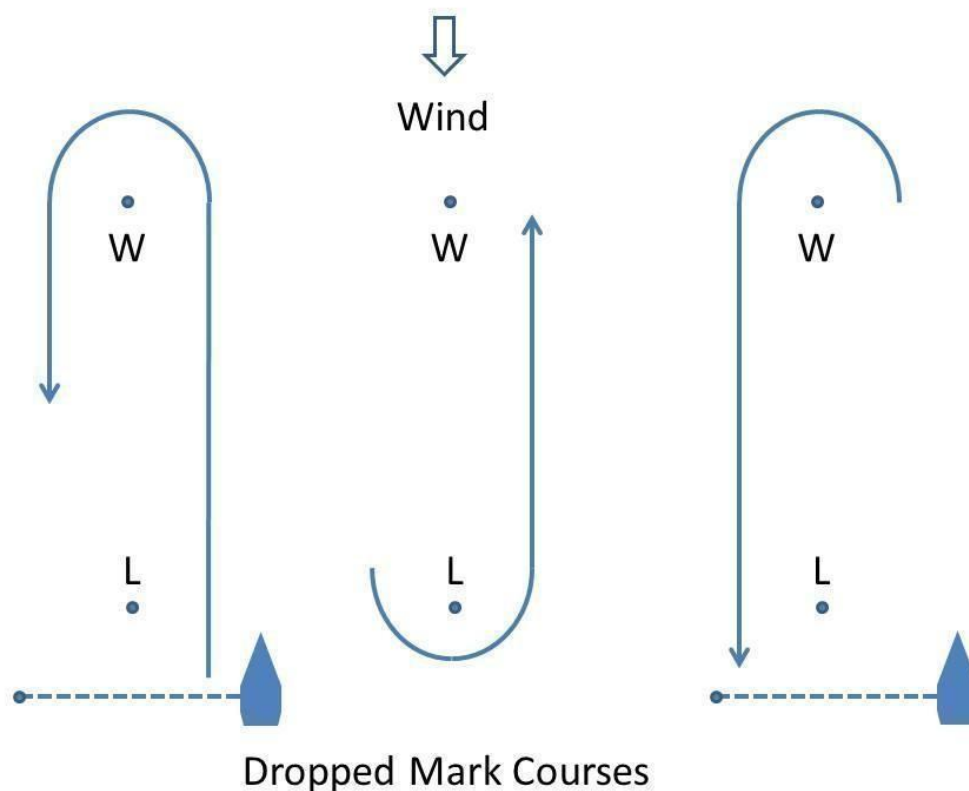
Written protests shall be submitted to the PRO on an official US Sailing form. Protests must be received within one hour of the time the Signal Boat ties up at the SYC dock.

Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following racing at the direction of the appointed Chief Judge, and will be held in person and / or on Zoom. Pending protests will be posted on the SYC official notice board.

Attachment A - Course Descriptions

- All marks are rounded to Port, except as noted otherwise.
- All intermediate marks are Rounding Marks
- Code Flag "R" above the course flag(s) indicates the course is to be sailed in reverse. In this situation roundings shall be performed as normal, unless the course number is marked with an asterisk (*) in which case roundings are also reversed..

Dropped Mark Courses



Course 1	S - W - F
Course 2	S - W - L - W - F
Course 3	S - W - L - W - L - W - F

The Signal boat may be to windward or leeward of the leeward mark

Courses Using Fixed and Temporary Marks

Course 4	S - 15 - F	1.5 nm
Course 5	S - 15 - LM - F	2.9 nm

Course 6	S - 15 - 17 - LM - F	3.5 nm
Course 7	S - 15 - LM - 15 - F	4.9 nm
Course 8	S - 15 - LM - 15 - LM - F	5.8 nm
Course 9	S - 15 - 17 - LM - 15 - LM - F	6.3 nm
Course 10	S - 15 - LM - 15 - LM - 15 - F	7.8 nm
Course 11	S - 15 - 8 - F	6.9 nm
Course 12*	S - 15 - 18 - 8 - F	8.2 nm
Course 13	S - 2 - F	2.0 nm
Course 14	S - 2 - 17 - F	3.5 nm
Course 15	S - 2 - 12 - 2 - F	5.6 nm
Course 16	S - 2 - 6 - F	6.8 nm
Course 17	S - 6 - F	4.8 nm
Course 18	S - 16 - LM - F	5.7 nm
Course 19*	S - 16 - 18 - 12(s) - F	9.6 nm
Course 20*	S - 16 - 8 - 12(s) - F	10.8 nm

* Courses marked with an asterisk that are sailed in reverse shall have their port/starboard roundings reversed.

Mark Descriptions (<http://yra.org/descriptionofmarks/>)

2	(YRA N) Sausalito Channel entrance marker "2"
6	(YRA 6) "Ft. Mason" 200 Yards N of Ft. Mason (may be replaced by inflatable)
8	(YRA 8) R "4" FI Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
12	(YRA 12) G "1" FI G 4 sec - "Little Harding"
15	(YRA "Easom") Large lighted Yellow Column Buoy approx. 0.5 nm east of Yellow Bluff (Sausalito vicinity) west of Harding Rock
16	(YRA 16) known as "Blackaller" 0.5 nm east of Ft. Point
17	(YRA 17) RG "HR" FL (2+1) R 6 sec -- "Harding Rock"
18	(YRA 18) GR "BR" FI (2+1) G 6s Bell "Blossom Rock" 0.9 nm ESE of Alcatraz Island
LM	An orange inflatable mark to leeward of the Signal boat