



2026 Dana Point Series

March 7 – July 18, 2026

Sailing Instructions

Dana Point Yacht Club
24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC). The Dana Point 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 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 1.3 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply.
- 1.4 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply.
- 1.6 **[DP]** 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 [Race Documents Notice Board](#) by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 As a courtesy, any change to the Sailing Instructions may also be posted on the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.

3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2 As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.4 Racers should monitor VHF69 prior to and during all races for communications from the RC regarding courses, course changes and other pertinent race communications.
- 3.5 Communication Restrictions, RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention to ISAF Case 120 from the US Sailing Appeals Committee, which clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs competitor's actions during the race.

4. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 4.1 There will be a Competitor's Meeting at 0930 Saturday, March 7, 2026 at DPYC.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 **[DP]** 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 flag staff located on the upper deck of the DPYC clubhouse on the West Side of the building.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "*1 minute*" is replaced with "*not less than 60 minutes*" in race signal AP (RRS).

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Once a boat has registered for the Series and its Class has been established, it will remain in its original Class for the entire Series.
- 7.2 For all race days that include only **Random Leg Races** (Races 1, 4 & 7) Classes and Class flags in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
Non-Spinnaker & ORCA	C (white flag with dark letter)
PHRF B	B (white flag with dark letter)
PHRF A	A (white flag with dark letter)

- 7.3 For all race days that include **Buoy Races for the PHRF fleet** (Races 2 & 3 and 5 & 6), Classes and Class flags in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
PHRF A	A (white flag with dark letter)
PHRF B	B (white flag with dark letter)
Non-Spinnaker & ORCA	C (white flag with dark letter)

- 7.4 Class breaks and confirmation of classes will be provided at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 7.5 Non-Spinnaker and ORCA classes will start together but be scored separately.

8. THE RACING AREA

- 8.1 The race area will be as generally shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) included as part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The starting area for Races 1, 4 & 7 will be as described on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0.
- 8.3 The starting area for Races 2 & 3 and 5 & 6 shall be located as determined by the RC, in the general vicinity of C Mark as described on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Random Leg courses will be selected from the [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) included as part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 Windward/Leeward (Buoy) courses will be selected from and are described on the Buoy Race Chart Supplement – Appendix A included as part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3 No later than the Warning Signal, numeral pennants will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat to signal the course for each race.
- 9.4 For windward-leeward courses the approximate compass bearing from the leeward mark to the weather mark will be displayed on a board from the stern of the Race Committee signal boat no later than the Warning Signal for each race.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Starting marks shall be two staffs displaying an orange flag. One staff may be on or near the Race Committee signal boat.
- 10.2 The Finishing marks shall be two staffs displaying a blue flag. One staff may be on or near the Race Committee signal boat.
- 10.3 Both the orange Starting flag and blue Finish flag may be on one staff.
- 10.4 For Windward-Leeward courses Marks 1, 2, & 3 will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 10.5 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.6 For Random Leg courses all marks will be as described on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0.

11. CHECKING IN

- 11.1 [DP] 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 permitted.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between two staffs each with an orange flag. One will be on or near the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the other attached to an anchored buoy at the port end of the line.
- 12.3 The Start/Finish line is restricted for all races, except when starting or finishing.
- 12.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes or 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.

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 10.5.
- 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 finish line will be between two staffs each with a blue flag. One will be on or near the Race Committee signal boat and the other attached to an anchored buoy at the outboard end of the line.
- 14.2 The Start/Finish line is restricted for all races, except when starting or finishing.
- 14.3 [DP] 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 A Race Time Limit of 1530 Hours shall apply to all races in the Series.
- 16.2 Race Finishing Windows are shown below:

Windward-Leeward Races	Random Leg Races
<u>Finishing Window</u> 20 minutes	<u>Finishing Window</u> 45 minutes

- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. RETIRING FROM A RACE

- 17.1 [DP] 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 VHF69.

18. HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The time will be posted on the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.
- 18.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office and [online](#).
- 18.3 The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the times and location for the hearings, on the Secondary Notice Board. Boats are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.
- 18.4 Arbitration as provided in RRS Appendix T will apply.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2 WL ratings shall be used for the windward-leeward races. Random leg races shall be scored using RLC ratings.
- 19.3 Boats shall be scored using PHRF Area E ratings.
- 19.4 Any boat from outside Area E where there is no like Area E rated boat will be scored using their PHRF Regional or OA assigned ratings.
- 19.5 Non-Spinnaker offsets will be used for non-spinnaker classes.
- 19.6 ORCA Class will be scored using the current ORCA PHRF rating.
- 19.7 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Results will be announced at Dana Point Yacht Club as soon as possible after completion of the last race of the day and resolution of all protests.
- 20.2 Overall Series trophies will be presented at the Series Trophy Party following racing on July 18, 2026.

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.

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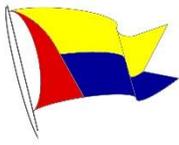
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SERIES TROPHY PARTY

JULY 18, 2026



DANA POINT RACE CHART

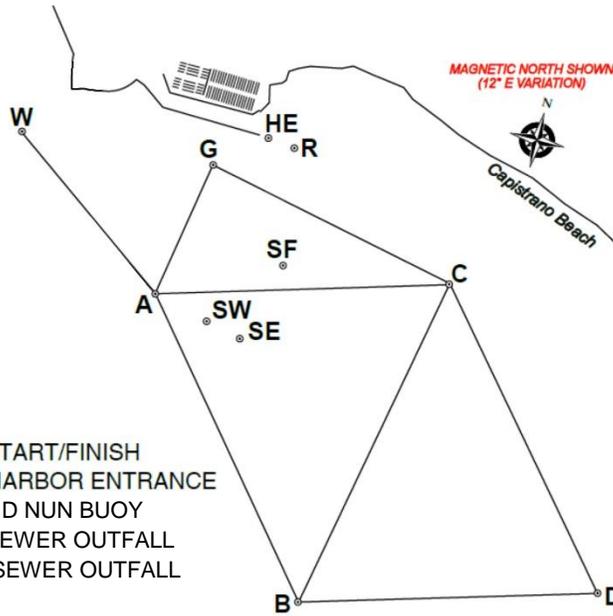


Not Drawn to Scale – Not for Navigation
v.9.0

MARK LOCATIONS

SF	N33° W117	26.480' 41.380'
A*	N33° W117	26.320' 42.320'
B*	N33° W117	24.566' 40.913'
C*	N33° W117	26.380' 40.190'
D*	N33° W117	24.490' 39.100'
G*	N33° W117	27.100' 41.900'
HE	N33° W117	27.250' 41.500'
R*	N33° W117	27.200' 41.300'
W*	N33° W117	27.300' 43.300'
SE	N33° W117	26.043' 41.722'
SW	N33° W117	26.150' 41.958'

SF = START/FINISH
HE = HARBOR ENTRANCE
R = RED NUN BUOY
SE = SEWER OUTFALL
SW = SEWER OUTFALL



LEAVE ALL MARKS TO PORT UNLESS FOLLOWED BY AN 's' IN COURSE DESCRIPTION

Marks A – D are yellow spar buoys
Mark G is a government green lighted buoy
Mark W is a government red lighted whistle buoy

RACE COURSES

#	DESCRIPTION	NM
1	SF A	1.6
2	SF A C	3.6
3	SF A C A	5.2
4	SF A C A C A C	10.7
5	SF A C G A	5.8
6	SF A C G A C	7.8
7	SF A C G W A C	9.4
8	SF A C As G W A C	10.5
9	SF As G W A	5.0
10	SF As Ws Gs A B	8.3
11	SF As G W A C A	8.5
12	SF As G W B C	9.2
13	SF As G W B D C	10.9
14	SF A B C	5.8
15	SF A B C A	7.4
16	SF A B C A C	9.4
17	SF A B C B C	9.7
18	SF A B C A C A C	12.9
19	SF A B D C	7.5
20	SF A B D C A	9.1
21	SF A B D C A C	11.1
22	SF A B D C Bs As	11.3
23	SF A B C G A C	10.0
24	SF A D C	7.2
25	SF A D As	8.1
26	SF A D C A C	10.7
27	SF As W B D As	11.1
28	SF As W B C A C	11.9
29	SF A Ds Bs C W A	12.4
30	SF B	4.0
31	SF B C	4.9
32	SF B C A	6.6
33	SF B C G A	7.4
34	SF B C W A	8.8
35	SF B G A C A	10.0
36	SF B D C	6.7
37	SF B D C A	8.3
38	SF B D C A C	10.2
39	SF B D B D C A	11.3
40	SF D	5.5
41	SF D C A	7.4
42	SF D A B C	11.0
43	SF W A	3.9
44	SF W A Cs Bs C	9.7
45	SF W B C	8.1
46	SF W D	9.1
47	SF W D As	10.4
48	SF W D W A	12.9
49	SF W A G W	7.0
50	To Be Announced By RC	

* USCG Reg. Coordinates

APPROXIMATE MAGNETIC BEARINGS AND DISTANCES

TO FROM	SF	A	B	C	D	G	HE	R	W	SE	SW
SF		248° 0.8 nm	156° 2.0 nm	083° 1.0 nm	124° 2.8 nm	314° 0.8 nm	343° 0.8 nm	354° 0.7 nm	286° 1.8 nm	201° 0.5 nm	223° 0.6 nm
A	068° 0.8 nm		135° 2.1 nm	077° 1.8 nm	112° 3.3 nm	013° 0.9 nm	025° 1.2 nm	032° 1.2 nm	308° 1.3 nm	107° 0.6 nm	107° 0.4 nm
B	336° 2.0 nm	315° 2.1 nm		005° 1.9 nm	081° 1.5 nm	330° 2.7 nm	337° 2.7 nm	341° 2.7 nm	312° 3.4 nm	323° 1.6 nm	319° 1.8 nm
C	263° 1.0 nm	257° 1.8 nm	185° 1.9 nm		142° 2.1 nm	285° 1.6 nm	297° 1.4 nm	300° 1.2 nm	278° 2.8 nm	244° 1.3 nm	249° 1.5 nm
D	304° 2.8 nm	292° 3.3 nm	261° 1.5 nm	322° 2.1 nm		306° 3.5 nm	312° 3.4 nm	314° 3.3 nm	297° 4.5 nm	293° 2.7 nm	293° 2.9 nm
G	134° 0.8 nm	193° 0.9 nm	150° 2.7 nm	105° 1.6 nm	126° 3.5 nm		055° 0.4 nm	067° 0.5 nm	268° 1.2 nm	160° 1.1 nm	171° 1.0 nm
HE	163° 0.8 nm	205° 1.2 nm	157° 2.7 nm	117° 1.4 nm	132° 3.4 nm	235° 0.4 nm		099° 0.2 nm	260° 1.5 nm	178° 1.2 nm	188° 1.2 nm
R	174° 0.7 nm	212° 1.2 nm	161° 2.7 nm	120° 1.2 nm	134° 3.3 nm	247° 0.5 nm	279° 0.2 nm		261° 1.7 nm	185° 1.2 nm	196° 1.2 nm
W	106° 1.8 nm	128° 1.3 nm	132° 3.4 nm	098° 2.8 nm	117° 4.5 nm	088° 1.2 nm	080° 1.5 nm	081° 1.7 nm		122° 1.8 nm	124° 1.6 nm
SE	021° 0.5 nm	287° 0.6 nm	143° 1.6 nm	064° 1.3 nm	113° 2.7 nm	340° 1.1 nm	358° 1.2 nm	005° 1.2 nm	302° 1.8 nm		287° 0.2 nm
SW	043° 0.6 nm	287° 0.4 nm	139° 1.8 nm	069° 1.5 nm	113° 2.9 nm	351° 1.0 nm	008° 1.2 nm	016° 1.2 nm	304° 1.6 nm	107° 0.2 nm	

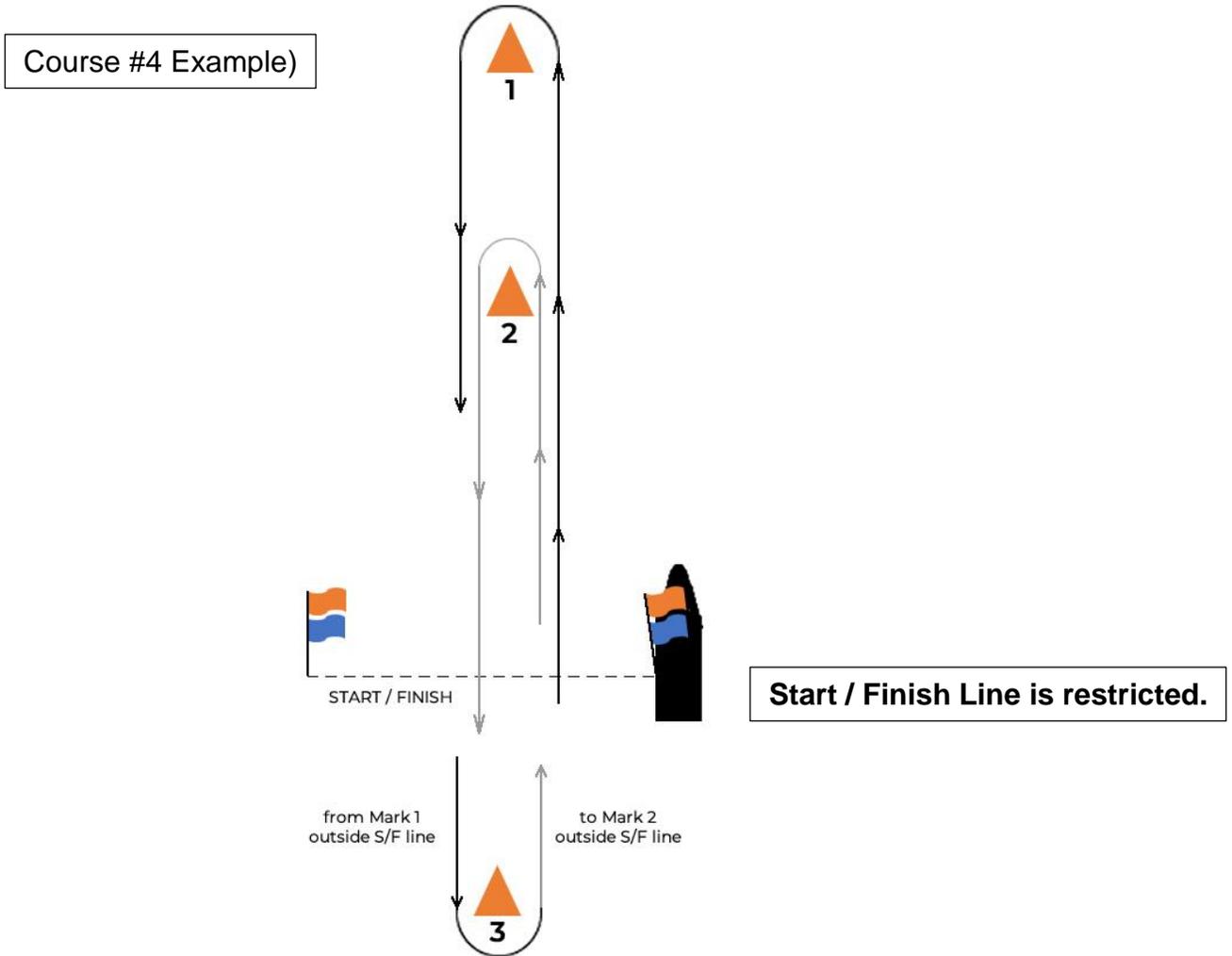
Table based on magnetic variation of 12° E

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APPENDIX A – BUOY RACE CHART SUPPLEMENT

WINDWARD/LEEWARD - BUOY RACE COURSES

V4.0.2



Course #	Mark Rounding Order (all marks passed to port)	Distance*
1 (2 legs)	Start – 1 – Finish	2.00 N.M.
2 (4 legs)	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish	4.50 N.M.
3 (6 legs)	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish	7.00 N.M.
4 (4 legs)	Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – Finish	4.00 N.M.
5 (6 legs)	Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – Finish	6.00 N.M.
6 (6 legs)	Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish	6.50 N.M.
7 (2 legs)	Start – 2 – Finish	1.50 N.M.
8 (4 legs)	Start – 2 – 3 – 2 – Finish	3.50 N.M.
9 (6 legs)	Start – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – Finish	5.50 N.M.

* Distances

Start / Finish to Mark 1 is 1.00 N.M. but may be adjusted.

Start / Finish to Mark 2 is 0.75 N.M. but may be adjusted.

Start / Finish to Mark 3 is 0.25 N.M. but may be adjusted.

Course Example NOT drawn to scale