



**Dana West Yacht Club
&
Southern California Yachting Association
present
96th Annual
SCYA Midwinter Regatta**

**February 15 2026
Dana West Yacht Club
24601 Dana Drive Dana Point CA 92629**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). The Dana West Yacht Club (DWYC) Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, by the Notice of Race published for this race, by these Sailing Instructions, and by any class rules that apply.
- 1.2 Spinnakers, gennakers, bloopers, or other free-flying headsails are prohibited.
Mizzen staysails may not be used.
- 1.3 A class recalled by general recall will start after the last scheduled class. This changes RRS 29.2
- 1.4 Part 2 and RRS 31 infractions outside a 3-boatlength course mark zone take a 1-turn penalty or a time penalty instead of a 2 turns penalty. Appendix V will apply.
- 1.5 Arbitration will be used to settle most protests. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.6 Beginner and Intermediate entrants to not have to be a member of a club or World Sailing. This changes RRS 75.

1.7 Where there is a conflict between the rules in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The official notice board is the Regatta Network race website, here.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30610#_home For protests the notice board is at the front wall of the DWYC clubhouse.

2.2 Changes to this document and all others will be posted to the Race Documents section of that website. Oral changes may be given on the water. In this case, the Signal Boat will fly the code flag “L” with one sound signal and verbally notify each boat of the change.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Skipper’s meeting at DWYC at 0900 Sunday. Coffee, donuts, course charts.

3.2 The Race Website is the primary method of communication. The Race Website is https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30610#_home

3.3 Before the skipper’s meeting, all communications with competitors will be either via email or postings on the race website.

3.4 After the skipper’s meeting and until the races are over, all communications with competitors will be over **VHF Channel 68**.

3.5 After the races, the RC will attempt to post protest notices and results on paper documents taped to the front window of the club

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment][or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 The RC will communicate any signals made ashore via VHF radio. This includes but is not limited to postponement due to weather.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There are 3 races scheduled. The RC will attempt to run them as follows (as time and weather allow). It’s possible that Cruise and Race fleets will start together (discussed at skipper’s meeting).

Sunday, February 15

- NOTE FLEETS MAY START TOGETHER. DISCUSSED AT SKIPPER's MEETING

- 1154 First Warning
- 1200 Start of Race 1 for Cruise Fleet
- 1205 Start of Race 1 for Race Fleet

Race 2 Warning as soon as possible following the finish of Race 1.

Race 3 Warning as soon as possible following the finish of Race 2.

7 FLEET FLAGS

7.1 Fleet Flags for Random Leg racers will be letter pennants as follows

Fleet	Flag
Cruise Fleet – A Flag	A
Race Fleet – B Flag	B

If Cruise and Race Fleets start together, both flags will be flown.

8 THE RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the Pacific Ocean just outside Dana Point Harbor as generally shown on the **Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0 (on the race website)**.

9 COURSES

9.1 No later than the Warning Signal, the course number will be indicated on a whiteboard displayed on the RC boat for each race. We will also announce the courses over VHF radio. The courses will be selected from and described on the course chart.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Spars with orange and blue flag(s) will be used to mark the ends of the start and finish lines. Orange flags will be used to mark the start line. Blue flags will be used to mark the finish line.
- 10.2 Racecourse rounding marks are as described on the course chart.

11 CHECKING IN

11.1 Before the Warning Signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC boat when it is on the station in the starting area with code flag "L" being displayed and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the RC. A boat failing to do so will have a 15-minute penalty added to their corrected finish time for their first race of that day.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting area is as described on the race chart, identified as "S/F".
- 12.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A "heads up" signal (several short horn blasts) may be given approximately 1 minute before the first Warning Signal of each race.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between two orange flags; one in the water and one affixed to the port side of the RC boat. Take the RC boat to starboard. See the StartFinishDiagrams on the race website.
- 12.4 A tetrahedron or cooler tied to the back of the RC boat is considered part of the RC vessel, and should not be hit by competitors.
- 12.5 Boats not in their starting sequence, please keep clear of the starting area and avoid boats that are in their sequence.

12.6 Before any start, the RC may use VHF radio to make competitors aware of its intentions and to relay any other information regarding the races.

13 RECALLS

13.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC may, as a courtesy, hail the On-Course Side (OCS) competitors on VHF radio but is not required to do so. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between two blue flags, on the opposite side of the RC boat as the start line. See the StartFinishDiagrams document on the race website.

14.2 The finish may be from either direction; come at the finish line from the direction of the previous mark.

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 A boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first finisher in their fleet (Cruise or Race) shall be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

16 RETIRING FROM A RACE

16.1 Please notify the RC by VHF radio if you retire from a race or retire for the day.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

17.2 A minimum of one race must be completed for this event to constitute a Regatta

17.3 [DP] We will use the PHRF SoCal Area E Random Leg ratings. Boats with no PHRF SoCal rating will be assigned a rating by the RC. The RC-assigned ratings are not up for debate, nor cause for redress.

17.4 Non-spinnaker offsets will be applied to all boats.

17.5 Each boat's total score shall be the sum of her scores for all races, and there are no throw-outs. This changes RRS A2.

18 PROTESTS

18.1 All protests and requests for redress must conform to RRS Part 5 Section A.

18.2 Boats intending to protest shall **notify the RC of their intent to protest, and obtain their verbal acknowledgment, after finishing and before leaving the area.**

18.3 Protest forms are available on the race website, or please see Ed Howie at the club to get a paper copy. Completed forms must be delivered to the Race Chair within 30 minutes of when she enters the club.

18.4 Parties to any protests will be posted by the PRO on the notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the protest time limit. Parties to a protest shall be present at that time.

18.5 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 a short arbitration meeting will be held. Protests not resolved in arbitration or involving rules other than those found in RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 will go to a full hearing of

the Protest Committee.

18.6 For protests not resolved by arbitration, the jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt.

19 TROPHIES

19.1 Please join us on the DWYC patio after the races for some refreshments and camaraderie with other sailors!

19.2 After protests and scoring are done, trophies will be awarded to the day's top racers.

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