



WINTER WARMUP REGATTA

January 10, 2026

SANTA MONICA WINDJAMMERS YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES 1.1 The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as changed herein or by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) "Marine Industry Racer Rule" will not apply.

2. NOTICES/CHANGES Notices to competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30635> and at smwyc.org/racing by 2000 hours Friday January 9, 2026.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES Three (3) races are scheduled for PHRF A, B/One Design and two (2) races for Cruising Class and PHRF C. The race committee may reduce the number of races. One completed race shall constitute a regatta. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race. The order of starts may change on subsequent starts. Boats must check in with the Race Committee Boat while the "L" Flag is displayed prior to first Warning Signal of the day.

4. CLASSES Classes will be established for PHRF, One-Design and Cruising Fleets based on entries received by 900 hours on Saturday, January 10. If there is not 3 or more One Design boats to form a class then those competitors shall be entered and scored in either the PHRF or cruiser handicapped class with a PHRF SoCal rating equivalent whether or not this boat has a valid PHRF SoCal certificate

Classes, class flags and order of starts will be posted by 0900 hours on Saturday, January 10. Three boats are required to establish a class.

5. COURSES Courses will be selected from the **S.I. ADDENDUM #1 2026 SMWYC Winter WarmUp Race Course**

and for Cruising Courses see MdR Course Chart 17 for location of fixed marks for random leg courses.

6. START/FINISH Races will be started in accordance with *Racing Rule 26*. The Warning Signal for the first start of the day will be at 1225 hours. An Alerting Signal of multiple sounds will be made approximately one minute before the first Warning Signal of a start sequence. The Start Signal of a class may be the Warning Signal for the next class. Course signals will be flown at or shortly after the class's Warning Signal until the Start Signal for that class. This changes RRS 27.1. The immediacy of a rolling start will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. An alerting signal will be made prior to a class start if it is not in a rolling sequence.

7. START/FINISH (cont'd) The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee boat anchored in the vicinity of H mark and an orange inflatable shape to port of the committee boat. The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat and a yellow inflatable shape.

The Start Line and Finish Lines are restricted. All boats must avoid sailing through the start and finish lines while racing. Penalty is DSQ

8. RECALLS Any recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The race committee will attempt to notify boats "On Course Side" (OCS) at the start by verbal hail or announcement on **VHF channel 71**. Failure of RC to make a radio announcement or failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. PENALTIES RRS Appendix V1 shall apply, which changes the first two sentences of rule 44.1 to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

10. TIME LIMIT Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF for that race. This changes RRS 35.

11. PROTESTS Boats must inform the Race Committee on station and file a protest at SMWYC within one hour after the committee boat has docked. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after filing but may be delayed if any potential result will not change the award of trophies. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply but A2 is modified so that all scores in each class will count.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION The RC may use VHF channel 71 and/or a loudhailer to broadcast information such as location of the RC signal boat, notification of upcoming starting sequences, the class starting, the course to be sailed and as provided under SI 8. Failure of the RC to transmit, mistaken transmissions, or failure of a competitor to receive this information shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14. TROPHIES will be awarded based on entries in each class.

**After the races
Join us at SMWYC for the Trophy Presentation
and a complimentary glass of champagne**