



**Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club
&
Southern California Yachting Association**

Present the
**96th Annual
SCYA Midwinter Regatta**

NOTICE OF RACE
February 21 & 22, 2026
Marina del Rey, Ca

Southern California Yachting Association and Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club
are
Co-Organizing Authorities for the 96th Annual Midwinter Regatta.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except US Sailing Prescriptions to Rule 63.2 will not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 hours on February 20, 2026 at *SMWYC.org* and on *Regatta Network* at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30753>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30753>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the *PHRF and Cruising Classes*
- 4.2 All eligible boats must enter on-line no later than *1800 hours February 20, 2026*
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30753>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted and may result in being scored DNF. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the RC may penalize a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.
- 4.6 Late entries will only be accepted by special circumstances after contacting event chair

5 FEES

- 5.1 Boats 20 – 30' = \$45; Boats 31+ = \$55
- 5.2 A portion of the fees are used to help offset the costs SCYA provides to the yachting community.

6 CLASSES AND CLASS PENNANTS

- 6.1 The following classes will be offered: PHRF and Cruising Classes.
- 6.2 Class pennants will be assigned by colors. Notification of the color for each class will be in the SI or an SI Addendum.
- 6.2 The Organizing Authority retains final authority for a boat's class placement.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration opens up January 22, 2026
- 7.2 Racing is scheduled for February 21 & 22, 2026
- 7.3 Three races are scheduled for all PHRF classes and two races are scheduled for Cruising Classes, if possible on February 21, 2026.
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- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1225 Saturday February 21, 2026 and Sunday February 22, 2026. The warning signal for the subsequent races will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.
- 7.5 Any competitor not finishing after 45 minutes from the first place finisher in their class will be marked DNF.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Santa Monica Bay
- 8.2 The starting area will be in the vicinity of H mark
- 8.3 PHRF fleets will have primarily windward/leeward courses

8.4 Cruising Class will have random leg courses chosen from courses prepared by the Race Committee.^[SEP]

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 shall apply

10 SCORING

10.1 Scoring shall be per Appendix A, except that a boat's total score shall be the total of all races.

10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. ^[SEP]

10.3 Boats will be scored using PHRF Time on distance.

11 AWARDS CELEBRATION

11.1 After race events will occur at SMWYC Bar/Patio area.

11.2 Regatta prizes will be awarded using the listed procedure:

Class Entries	3 to 5	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 20	21+
Trophies	1	2	2	4	5	6

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The race organizers (SMWYC & SCYA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or another organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against SMWYC or SCYA and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

13 INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to Stephen McDonough, event chair at race@smwyc.org