



Navy Yacht Club San Diego
Quicker/Tarantino Invitational
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Saturday, 4 April 2026



Principal Race Officer: Jeff McNicholl

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of PHRF SoCal Rules and By-Laws, the rules of the competing classes (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by the USCG Navigation Rules Inland.
- 1.2 No vessel has the right of way over a large ship in the channel.
- 1.3 **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500-yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect.
- 1.4 RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (RC) may disqualify without a hearing a yacht infringing SI 1.2 and 1.3.

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the front window of the NYCSD clubhouse. Any notice will also be posted on the [NYCSD Regatta Network event page](#).

3. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Changes to sailing instructions made ashore will be posted no later than 1800 on the day prior to the event on the [NYCSD Regatta Network event page](#).

4. **SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT**

- 4.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions made afloat will be communicated by the RC boat displaying code flag L over code flag A with one sound signal. Come within hail of the RC boat to receive the change. The RC will also attempt to broadcast the change via VHF channel **63**.
- 4.2 The RC will monitor VHF Channel 63. All yachts should monitor Channel 63 from the time the boat checks in with the RC until she finishes.

5. **CHECK-IN**

- 5.1. Boats shall check-in with the RC by sailing past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack after the hoist of the L code flag and before the first warning signal. Boats shall report their sail numbers and class. **No radio check-ins will be acknowledged.**

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. All races in this regatta will be conducted on 04 April 2026.
- 6.2 3 races are scheduled.
- 6.3 The warning signal for the first class of the first race will be at 1155.
- 6.4 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the last boat finishes the previous race.

7. **CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS, AND STARTING ORDER**

7.1 The class starting order will be as follows: See Notice of Race (hereafter “NOR”) for class breaks.

Start Order	Class	Numeral Pennant
1st	Spinnaker	2, 3, 4 and 5
2nd	Non-Spinnaker	6 and 7
3rd	Multi-Hull	8
4th	One Design	9

7.2 The RC may combine classes by displaying several Class flags at the warning. A class may be skipped if there are no entries. **If fleets are combined or skipped, subsequent fleets will move up in the starting order.**

7.3 Competitors’ pennants shall be displayed from the yacht’s backstay. Boats without a backstay shall display their pennants in the next most visible position.

8. **RACING AREA**

8.1 Racing shall take place in San Diego South Bay.

8.2 The start and finish area will be in the vicinity of San Diego channel buoy 30.

8.3 Start/Finish line shall be restricted to starting and finishing boats only.

9. **THE COURSE**

9.1 Courses will be selected from the attached course chart. Marks A and B shall be rounded to port.

9.2 The approximate magnetic heading and distance to the windward mark shall be displayed by the RC boat by code flags or display board.

10. **MARKS**

10.1 Marks A, B shall be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 A buoy or dinghy may stream from the RC boat and shall be considered part of the RC boat.

10.3 Generally, the RC will not move a mark in the middle of a race except in extraordinary situations. The RC may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

11. **STARTS**

11.1 The start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a floating pin with an orange flag.

11.2 The start of one class will be the warning for the subsequent class.

11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with those boats within 5 minutes of start.

11.4 Boats not starting within 10 minutes of their class start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

12. **RECALLS**

12.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail boats “On Course Side” (OCS) as soon as possible over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 63, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

12.2 Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

12.3 In the case of a General Recall, the recalled class shall start after the last scheduled class starts. Their warning shall be the start of the last class. If the recalled class is the last scheduled class, their warning signal shall be one minute after their First Substitute code flag is removed with a sound. This changes to RRS 29.2.

13. **FINISH**

13.1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of a floating pin with a blue flag.

14. **TIME LIMIT**

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15. **PENALTIES**

15.1 Appendix V1 – PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply. This changes RRS 44.1 two turn penalty.

15.2 Scoring Penalty 44.3 shall apply.

16. **PROTESTS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat within 60 minutes upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. Radio reports of protests are only accepted from boats that are retiring from the race. This modifies RRS 61.

16.2 Protests shall be filed electronically to the Principal Race Officer, Jeff McNicholl, (fstatck@yahoo.com or text 619-405-1463), within 2 hours of the last boat finishing.

16.3 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the [NYCSD Regatta Network event "Notice Board"](#) and protests will be heard as soon as practicable, which will be at a later date and likely via ZOOM. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, Time and Place of the Hearing.

16.4 Arbitration hearings may be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving violations of Part 2, RRS at the discretion of the Principal Race Official (PRO). This changes RRS 60.1 (b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

17. **WITHDRAWAL**

17.1. A yacht that retires from the race must notify the RC by hail or VHF 63 before leaving the course. Failure to do so shall result in a score of DSQ. This modifies RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5.

18. **SCORING**

18.1. Scoring will occur as stated in the Notice of Race

18.2 Non-Spinnaker offsets will **NOT** be used.

19. **CLEAN REGATTA**

19.1 This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of RRS 47, which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water." Temporary bow numbers shall not be used.

Course Chart

Course #	Rounding order	Approx. course length (nm)
1	Start, A, B, Finish	2
2	Start, A, B, A, B Finish	4
3	Start, A, B, A, B, A, B Finish	6

The course diagram is not to scale and does not include any navigational features.

