



**Seal Beach Yacht Club
&
Southern California Yachting Association**

Present the
96th Annual
SCYA Midwinter Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE
February 28 & March 1, 2026

Southern California Yachting Association and Seal Beach 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 on February 27th at Seal Beach Yacht Club race notice board, SLBYC.com and on Regatta Network at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30783>.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30783>.
3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class(es).
- 4.2 All eligible boats must enter on-line no later than 0800 on February 28, 2026.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30783>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 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 disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.
- 4.6 Late entries will not be accepted.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Boats 20 to 30 feet - \$45.00; Boats over 30 feet - \$55.00
- 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: Farr 40, J-109, Schock 35, PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker.
- 6.2 The class flags must be flown from the backstay of all yachts, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.
- 6.3 The Organizing Authority retains final authority for a boat's class placement.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration is open at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30783>
- 7.2 Dates of racing: February 28 & March 1.
- 7.3 Three races are scheduled for all classes. Two races on Saturday and one race on Sunday are planned.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:55 each day. The warning signal for the subsequent races will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The racing area will be inside the Long Beach Breakwater.
- 8.2 The starting area will be as shown on SIBYC Course Chart SCYA 2025.
- 8.3 Race Courses will be chosen from SIBYC Course Chart SCYA 2025.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

Racing Rule 44 is changed so that the 720 degree turn is replaced by a 360 degree turn. A post-race penalty will be a 30% penalty which will be calculated on the number of boats racing in that race. UFD, BFD, DNE & DPI results are not excludable for series results. A yacht shall be scored DNE (Disqualification not excludable) when they are disqualified as the results of a protest committee hearing and finding. A yacht scored DSQ (Disqualified) as a result of a mediation or arbitration may exclude that result.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A4 shall apply.
- 10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 There will be no throw outs.
- 10.4 Boats will be scored using Time-on-Distance.
- 10.5 Any competitor not finishing by 30 minutes after the first finisher in their class will be scored DNF.

11 AWARDS CELEBRATION

- 11.1 After race events will occur at Seal Beach Yacht Club each day with trophy presentations as soon as possible following the last race on Sunday.

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 (SIBYC & 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 SIBYC 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

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