



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – WINDWARD-LEEWARD FLEET

SCYA 96th Annual Midwinter Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22, 2026

Organizing Authorities: Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) and
Channel Islands Yacht Club (CIYC), 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard, CA 93035 (805) 985-2492

1. **RULES** - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Note that J/24 Class rule J.2, Spare Spinnaker, is in effect. This changes Class rule C.10.2. Written changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted online by 0930 on the day of the event at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30832>.

On the water, changes to a sailing instruction may only be made by hailing all applicable competitors on VHF channel 68 and/or displaying signal Flag L, informing them of the change, and receiving confirmation from each competitor that they have heard and understood the change.
2. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** – Each day the **first start** for the **Windward-Leeward fleet** is planned for **1130**, approximately 30min after the first start for the Random Leg fleet in the same area. No races will start after **1500**. Up to 4 Windward-Leeward races are planned for the Windward-Leeward fleet over the 2-day regatta. At least 1 race is required to complete the regatta.
3. **CLASS FLAGS** – One-design or numeral pennants will be employed as Class Flags. The classes, order of starts, and pennants will be determined at the Skippers Meeting based on entries in the Windward-Leeward fleet.
4. **RACING AREA, COURSES, AND MARKS** - The racing area will be the coastal waters of Ventura County in the vicinity of the Mandalay spar buoy (approximately 34°12.0'N 119°16.5'W). Windward-leeward course options range from 1.5nm-5.0nm and will be selected from the CIYC 2025 Regatta Course Chart (Attachment A). Marks W2, W1, and L will be inflatable racing buoys.
5. **THE START** - Races will be started according to *Rule 26*. The port end of the starting line is the Mandalay spar buoy and the starboard end is an **orange flag** on the Race Committee (RC) boat. The Class, Course, and Bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the stern of the Race Committee (RC) boat. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The RC *may* attempt to hail a boat if it is On Course Side (OCS) at its starting signal but is not required to do so. Any boat that suspects it is OCS should exonerate itself without waiting for a recall or being hailed.
6. **THE FINISH** - The finish line will be the reverse of the start line, ie, between the Mandalay buoy at the starboard end and an **orange flag** on the RC boat at the port end.

If the RC boat is not present, boats will record their own finish times. The finish line is an imaginary line from the Mandalay buoy to the Stack of the Mandalay Power Plant (34°12.39'N 119°15.08'W). A boat has finished when her bow is within 3 boat-lengths and shoreside of the Mandalay buoy, and the bearing from her bow to the Stack is 72°T (59°M). Skippers will report their finish times by text (PRO 415.518.4046) as soon as practical after finishing.

7. **SCORING** – Area A buoy ratings will be used for PHRF class scoring (time-on-distance). Time-on-time scoring will be used for ORCA and SCRHS (beach cat) classes. One design racers will be ranked in their order of finish. Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races with no throw-outs or exclusions; this modifies *RRS A2.1*.
8. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** - All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 68 and shall check in with the RC at the beginning of each race day on VHF **Channel 68** or by hailing the RC when sailing past the RC boat's stern. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible by VHF or text (PRO 415.518.4046).
9. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT** - Each skipper is responsible for compliance with applicable US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore
10. **HOSPITALITY AND AWARDS** - Skippers and Crew are invited to ChIYC after racing, approximately **1600** each day, for hot food, no-host bar, and race results. Race Awards will be presented at approximately **1700, Sunday, February 22**.

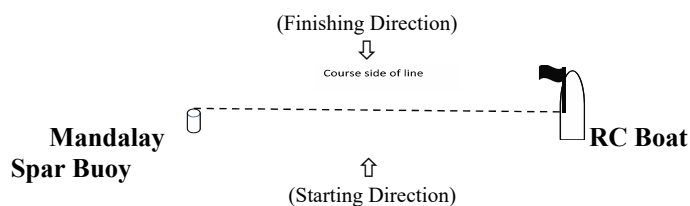
ATTACHMENT A CIYC 2025 REGATTA COURSE CHART

↓ WIND

W2

W1

L



COURSES:

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|---|-------|
| 1. Start, W1p, Finish | 1.5nm |
| 2. Start, W2p, Finish | 2.0nm |
| 3. Start, W1p, Lp, W1p, Finish | 2.5nm |
| 4. Start, W2p, Lp, W1p, Finish | 3.0nm |
| 5. Start, W2p, Lp, W2p, Finish | 3.5nm |
| 6. Start, W2p, Lp, W1p, Lp, W1p, Finish | 4.0nm |
| 7. Start, W2p, Lp, W2p, Lp, W1p, Finish | 4.5nm |
| 8. Start, W2p, Lp, W2p, Lp, W2p, Finish | 5.0nm |

The distance from the Start/Finish line to L will be approximately	¼nm
The distance from the Start/Finish line to W1 will be approximately	¾nm
The distance from the Start/Finish line to W2 will be approximately	1nm

The course chart above is not to scale - not for navigational purposes