



**2012 UNITED STATES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
FLYING DUTCHMAN CLASS**

**Santa Cruz Yacht Club**

Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor, Santa Cruz, CA

May 25-27, 2012

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) The Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2** RRS 40 is changed by deleting "When flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal,".

**2. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([scyc.org](http://scyc.org)) prior to 0900 hours on May 25, 2012.

**3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** A Competitor's Meeting will be held at Santa Cruz Yacht Club (SCYC) clubhouse Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hours.
- 3.2** Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the northeast corner of the SCYC clubhouse.
- 3.3** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, which will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.4** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the SCYC Deck. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than Sixty (60) minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 3.5** Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.7** Except in an emergency, a competitor shall not communicate or receive communications from any source in any way or by any means other than those communications specifically identified in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### 4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

Eight (8) races are scheduled as follows:

<i>RACE</i>	<i>DAY &amp; DATE</i>	<i>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</i>
1	Friday – May 25 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Hours
2	Friday – May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 1
3	Friday – May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 2
4	Saturday – May 26 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Hours
5	Saturday – May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 4
6	Saturday – May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 5
7	Sunday – May 27 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Hours
8	Sunday – May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 7

#### 5. RACING AREA

The intended race area will be within an area approximately 3.0 miles of the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor in the vicinity of US Gov Red/White Whistle Buoy “SC” located approximately 1.2 nautical miles south of Yacht Harbor entrance.

#### 6. COURSES & ROUNDING MARKS

6.1 The courses and rounding marks are described in Attachment A – “Official Description of Rounding Marks and Courses”. A course diagram is provided in Attachment B – “Course Diagram”

#### 7. THE START

7.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a round red buoy.

7.2 The warning flag will be signal flag “F”.

#### 8. RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by voice or loudhailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 9. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a round red buoy.

#### 10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race will be two (2) hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish” by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

#### 11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 US Sailing Protest Forms are available at the SCYC Regatta Shack and Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee at the Regatta Shack within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. The ending time limit for filing protests and requests for redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 11.2 The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 90 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 11.3 A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the Regatta Shack of SCYC within 60 minutes of the posting of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

## 12. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the waters. Any boat observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 14. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coach/Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during the Registration.
- 14.2 Coach/Support boats shall prominently display a white identification flag at least 600mm hoist by 600mm fly.
- 14.3 Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep their boats at least 100m clear of the course area and all competitors during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee or in the event of an emergency.
- 14.4 Coach/Support boats are required to have a functioning VHF radio on board, turned on, and monitoring Channel 69 at all times. All Coach/Support boats are required to Check In with the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal each Race Day.
- 14.5 Coach/Support boats shall comply with the rules and regulations of Attachment A.
- 14.6 Failure of a support boat to register, 14.1, or a breach of 14.2, 14.3, or 14.4 above shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by the boat(s) associated with the offending support boat, and is subject to protest by the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or a member of the Organizing Authority. The penalty applied to the boat(s) associated with the offending support boat shall be at the discretion of protest committee and may not be excluded from their score. This modifies RRS 64.1c and A2.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded to competitors with the three lowest scores.
- 15.2 First place will also receive the **Proctor Trophy** as National Champion.
- 15.3 The lowest scoring competitor under 21 years of age at the completion of the regatta shall be awarded the **Junior National Trophy**.
- 15.4 The lowest scoring competitor sailing a Classic FD will be awarded the **Carling Trophy**.
- 15.5 The boat with the lowest score without being reduced through the use of a throw-out will receive the **Levinson Trophy**.

**ATTACHMENT A  
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF ROUNDING MARKS, MARKS AND COURSES**

**ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED TO PORT**

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>W*</b>	Inflatable <b>Orange</b> buoy set as a Windward mark
<b>R*</b>	Inflatable <b>Orange</b> buoy set as a Reach mark
<b>L*</b>	Inflatable <b>Yellow</b> buoy set as a Leeward mark
<b>S</b>	<b>Red</b> ball buoy set as one end of the start and finish lines
<b>Signal Boat</b>	Grand Banks 32' – White hulled trawler type power boat

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
<b>1</b>	Start → W → R → L → Finish
<b>2</b>	Start → W → R → L → W → L → Finish
<b>3</b>	Start → W → R → L → W → L → W → R → L → Finish
<b>4</b>	Start → W → L → Finish
<b>5</b>	Start → W → L → W → L → → Finish
<b>6</b>	Start → W → L → W → L → W → L → Finish

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\* Rounding Mark

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**COURSE DIAGRAM**  
(Drawing is NOT to scale)

