

# 2013 ALYC Whale Regatta

## Sailing Instructions

Saturday & Sunday, March 23-24, 2013

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC) is the Organizing Authority for the Whale Regatta.

### 2. RULES

2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF), and the Notice of Race, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2.2. Boats are subject to inspection by the appropriate fleet coordinator to ensure conformity to the applicable class rules, bylaws and/or measurement certificates.

2.3. Racing yachts shall not interfere with deep draft vessels or their tow within Long Beach/Los Angeles harbor or their approaches or commercial traffic lanes. It is recommended that all competitors monitor Channel 14 when in commercial traffic lanes.

2.4. All yachts entered shall comply with USCG regulations as well as the equipment requirements of Category 3 as defined by the Class Rules and By-Laws of PHRF of Southern California. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of each owner or charterer to insure that his yacht is fit for sea, properly equipped for any emergency, and properly manned by an experienced crew.

2.5. In addition to complying with their class and equipment rules, all boats shall carry a functioning GPS.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located at the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut") at 215 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA, 92663 or on the website at [www.americanlegionyachtclub.com](http://www.americanlegionyachtclub.com).

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any written change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the ALYC hut bulletin board or on the website at [www.americanlegionyachtclub.com](http://www.americanlegionyachtclub.com) before 0900 on Saturday March 23 or on the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB) Notice Board before 0900 Sunday March 24.

4.2 Oral changes may be made on the water (RRS 90.2). Code flag LIMA will be displayed and signaled by air horn. Participants will sail by the Race Committee Boat to receive oral instructions when code LIMA is displayed with several short blasts of an air horn. Participant's failure to do so will not be subject to redress.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**5.1** On March 23, 2013 signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at ALYC. On Sunday March 24, 2013 signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach (NYCLB).

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing is postponed. First Warning will be no less than 1 Hour after AP is removed.

## 6. SCHEDULE

**6.1.** There is one race scheduled on March 23, 2013 and one race scheduled on March 24, 2013. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**6.3** The scheduled time of the first warning signal for March 23, 2013 is 1100 hours. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for March 24, 2013 is 1000 hours.

## 7. RACING ROUTE

**7.1** Saturday, March 23 – The start will be between an orange flag on the ALYC committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, positioned approximately ¼ mile SSW of the Balboa pier. The approximate coordinates of the end of the Balboa pier are - in [degrees and decimal seconds: N33° 35.75' W117° 54.20'](#)

Competitors are to:

- leave Oil Island Emmy to Starboard
  - [Degrees Minutes Seconds: Latitude: 33-39'44" N Longitude: 118-02'43" W](#)
  - [Decimal Degrees: Latitude: 33.6622416 Longitude: -118.0453394](#)

The finish will be between the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach flagpole and a mark with a staff, bearing an orange flag, with a heading of approximately 110 degrees to the flagpole.

**7.2** Sunday, March 24 – The start will be between an orange flag on the NYCLB committee boat SE of the Island Chaffee and Spar Buoy 38, 400 yards SE from the south Marker Horn on Island Chaffee. (Lat/Lon 33 deg 44.138 min by 118 deg 08.145 min) located in the Long Beach Outer Harbor, competitors are to:

- pass through Queens Gate,
- leave Oil Island Emmy to Port
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The finish line will be between an orange flag on the ALYC committee boat and a staff, bearing an orange flag, approximately ¼ mile SSW of the Balboa pier. The approximate coordinates of the end of the Balboa pier are - in [degrees and decimal seconds: N33° 35.75' W117° 54.20'](#)

### 7.3 Restrictions

- a) Second (double) headsails, spinnakers and loose luff headsails shall have their headboards below the boom gooseneck (down) before passing the Alamitos Bay Jetty.
- b) The center-of-channel markers at the Alamitos Bay Jetty entrance and the buoys at one or both ends of these markers as well as all water to their port shall be considered a Continuing Obstruction in accordance with RRS rule 19.
- c) Competitors are reminded that LA Oil Islands and their work boats moored nearby are to be given 200 feet of sea room; protested competitors may be disqualified at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

**7.4** In the absence of a Race Committee at NYCLB or the Newport finish, a boat shall take her own time when she crosses an imaginary line perpendicular to the NYCLB dock at the NYCLB clubhouse flagpole and at Newport an imaginary line parallel to the center line of the Balboa pier and approximately 1/4 mile SSW of the Balboa Pier. Skippers shall report the time to the Race Committee ashore as soon as possible.

**7.5** Handicap distances for these races are: Newport to Alamitos Bay 22 NM, Long Beach to Newport 21 NM.

**7.6** Prior to first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee signal boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area and displaying code flag "L". She shall hail her sail number until the Race Committee acknowledges by hailing "*sail # checked in*".

**7.6** Races will be started by using RRS 26. Non-Spinnaker boats will likely start first using Class Flag C (a white flag with a black letter C, or a letter C signal pennant). PHRF spinnaker boats will likely start subsequently using Class Flag B (a white flag with a black letter B, or a letter B signal pennant). A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of racing boats in the starting area.

### 8. Recalls

**8.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 29.1*. The Race Committee will hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 69. Neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall be cause for redress from the Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).

### 9. Time Limits

**9.1** The Time Limit for Saturday, March 23 is 1900 hours. The Time Limit for Sunday, March 24 is 1800 hours.

**9.2** All boats finishing after the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

## **10. Penalty System**

**10.1** The Two-Turn penalty (*RRS 44.1*) is modified to a One-Turn Penalty, when a boat may have broken a rule of *RRS Part 2*.

**10.2** Breaking a rule in the RRS other than a *RRS Part 2* rule may result in disqualification (DSQ) or a time penalty added to the infringing boat's elapsed time at the discretion of the protest committee hearing the protest. This changes *RRS 64.1(a)*.

## **11. Protest and Requests for Redress**

**11.1** A boat intending to protest shall comply with *RRS 60 & 61.1* and notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and identify the other boats involved.

**11.2** Protest shall be on written forms, which are available at the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut"). Completed protests shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit to the NYCLB clubhouse on Saturday 3/23/13 or for protests in Sunday's race, within the Protest Time Limit, to the ALYC hut on Sunday 3/24/13.

**11.4** Notice of Protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board near the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut") to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Official Notice Board.

**11.5** Protest hearings will be held in approximately the order received and will commence at 1900 hours on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut").

## **12. Scoring**

**12.1** Scoring will be according to *RRS A4.1* Low Point System.

**12.2** PHRF spinnaker boats will be scored using the Base Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating.

**12.3** Non-spinnaker boats will be scored using, at the discretion of the ALYC Race Committee, either

- the Base Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating plus the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offset or
- the ALYC Cruising Class Adjustments (attached as Appendix A) including the non-spinnaker offset. The completed Cruising Class Adjustments needs to be submitted to the ALYC "Hut" prior to 0900 on Saturday March 23rd.

## **13. Retirements**

**13.1** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16 or 69 or by phone: 949-360-8448 as soon as possible after retiring.

## **14. Official Boats**

**14.1** Official boats will be identified with Race Committee Flags.

## **15. Radio Communication**

**15.1** A competitor shall not make radio transmissions while racing except in an emergency or a safety-related situation. Boats racing shall only receive radio transmissions freely available to other racing boats. These restrictions also apply to mobile and satellite telephone and other forms of wireless data communication.

**15.2** Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies as well as VHF Channel 69.

**15.3** It is recommended that contestants monitor VHF Channel 14 when in the area of the commercial traffic lanes.

## **16. Prizes**

**16.1.** Take Home Trophies will be given out at 1830, Sunday March 24 at ALYC.

**16.2.** There will be a perpetual trophy for the PHRF fleet.

**16.3.** Take home trophies will be awarded as follows: Up to 4 boats in a class = one trophy; 5 to 6 boats in a class = two trophies; Greater than 6 boats in a class = three trophies

## **17. Disclaimer of Liability**

**17.1.** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See *RRS rule 4*, 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 race.

## **18. Insurance**

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

## **19. Class Break and Starting Assignment**

**19.1** Class Break and Starting Assignment list will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting at 0830 Sat March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the ALYC Hut.

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**20.1** For further information please check the ALYC website at [www.americanlegionyachtclub.com](http://www.americanlegionyachtclub.com) or contact ALYC by telephone at 949-673-5002.

# Appendix A

## ALYC Cruising Boat Adjustments

Complete and submit this form to receive the Cruising Boat Adjustments if racing non-Spinnaker Class

SAIL # \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. To enter the Cruising Class you must satisfy the Eligibility Requirements in the NOR.
2. Boats entering Cruising Class are eligible for Adjustments to the boat's RLC Rating. Circle the value in each column that applies to your boat (circle one value only) and record the Adjustment in the far right column of the following table. Total the Adjustments below the table. The Total Adjustment will be added to the RLC Rating.

*(Example: If your boat's mainsail is 5 years old, circle ">3" in the Mainsail Age row and write "+3" in the Adjustment column)*

	<b>0</b>	<b>+1 sec/mi</b>	<b>+2 sec/mi</b>	<b>+3 sec/mi</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>
Largest Headsail	155%	121-154	120-100	<100	_____
Headsail Age	1	2	3	>3	_____
Mainsail Age	1	2	3	>3	_____
Furniture	Standard			Full Cruising	_____
Bottom Paint Age yrs	1	2	3	>3	_____
Propeller	Folding		2-blade	3-blade	_____
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENT</b>					_____

3. I certify that the Adjustments I have circled apply to my boat. If requested, I will provide the Race Committee access to my boat to verify the Adjustments I have circled.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Owner/Charterer**

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**Date**

**Amendment Number 1**  
**Dated Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013**

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The following Sections are amended as shown in yellow and underlined below.

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